



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Community Room, NW Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN
August 2, 2019

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Members present: Jeff Bisek, Bradley Bergstrom, Brittney Bimler, Randy Bruer, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Chris Kujava, Shauna Reitmeier

Absent: Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Sarah Kjono, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae, Aaron Cook – Superintendent, Ada-Borup

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman.
2. **Congratulations:** Bruer congratulated Catherine Johnson on being selected as a recipient of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation's 2019 Ruth Edevold Excellence in Leadership Award.
3. **Introductions:** Two persons were introduced. 1) Brittney Bimler: the new representative for Pennington County to replace retired Ken Yutrenzka. Bimler works in the behavioral health inpatient unit and serves as the clinical supervisor for the Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS) program. Brittney provides outreach services with the CTSS program at Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls, Minn., which offers a unique approach from traditional outpatient therapy. 2) Aaron Cook, Ada-Borup superintendent, as guest.
4. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Reitmeier/Kujava) to approve the agenda with two additions: System of Care and July 20, 2019 *Star Tribune* editorial on the Department of Human Services.
5. **Approval of minutes of June 19, 2019:** **M/S/C:** (Johnson/Kujava) with one correction: Johnson and Kujava are both alternates, so when they do not attend their names should not be included in the list of Absent members.
6. **Financials and Bills:**
Action: **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Bisek) to approve July 2019 facilitator invoice and NW Mental Health Center for School Climate Change grant writing services (\$6,000). Reitmeier abstained.
7. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **Whole Family:** We were not awarded this grant. It appears that DHS was not thinking of a rural model.
 - **Youth Homelessness:** ICCC is doing prep work for getting started on November 1st.
 - **School Climate Transformation:** MacRae and Reitmeier submitted a complex proposal that met both the grant intent and our regional needs: a multi-tiered approach that will impact mental health and safety and improve education. It includes 18 school districts and 13 community/service agencies in 7 counties. The National Council for Behavioral Health Care will provide coaches to individual schools. Chris Green, trauma expert at NWMHC, will also be available for training and Maureen Hams can be the child care liaison. This is a five-year grant opportunity for which the maximum budget amount was set at \$750,000/year with up to 80 awards anticipated. Stephen-Argyle Central school district will be the fiscal agent. Total budget request: \$3,688,240.
 - **System of Care:** Family Partners in Win-E-Mac and Ada are working more with parents than the students, helping to bridge difficult conversations. They are providing mainstream services right now like housing and domestic violence.
7. **County Resource Website translations:** Tabled. MacRae will have information for our September meeting.
8. **Collaborative Messaging:** Kujava requested that all members be notified whenever writing of grant applications has been approved, so that they are kept in the loop and not taken off guard when asked if they would like to participate. Auchenpaugh and MacRae will work on a one-page quarterly newsletter.
9. **Star Tribune Editorial:** Brief discussion on current situation at DHS following this July 20th editorial.
10. **Collaborative Dues:** Bisek asked on behalf of Mahnomen collaborative members why, if all agencies are paying individual dues, do the local collaboratives also have to pay dues? MacRae responded that it has been a two-tiered approach to keep individual member dues down. If the local collaboratives don't pay dues, then individual agency dues will need to be raised. We will begin conversation on this actionable item at our September meeting.
11. **Next Meeting:** Friday, September 6th, 9:30am, in the Community Room of the NW Mental Health Center, Crookston.
12. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.** **M/S/C** (Bergstrom/Bisek)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator