



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
NW Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – December 6, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Karla Langaas, Shauna Reitmeier, , Shawn Yates

**Absent:** Brad Bergstrom, Brittney Bimler, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Lon Jorgensen, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Frances Tougas

**Others present:** Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:38 am by Randy Bruer, Chair.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Bisek) to approve the agenda.
3. **Approval of minutes of November 1, 2019:** **M/S/C:** (Bisek/Yates) to approve.
4. **Financials and Bills:**
  - **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Langaas) to approve payment of November 2019 facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
  - **Suicide Prevention:** NW Mental Health Center is working with the Hope Coalition in response to serious farming/ agriculture issues, e.g. flooding, lower crop quality and agriculture rental property complications. Reitmeier and Brenda Mack are hosting “live coffee chat” sessions in Crookston and East Grand Forks where farmers can gather to discuss their struggles, find support and learn about available resources. They are identifying host farmers and piggybacking to do something similar in all eight counties. FEMA offers a Flood Mitigation Assistance grant to strengthen preparedness and resilience with a short deadline. Minnesota’s Department of Human Services has to apply and NW Mental Health Center is having conversations with them.
  - **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers:** All four superintendents and Jackie Chwialkowski, grant coordinator, had a Skype meeting recently with Eric Billiett, MDE. He will be here January 16 and discussions will center around how to spend about \$300,000 before the end of the first three years of the project. Likely expenditures will be STEM resources, staff development and student transportation.
  - **System of Care:** Carlson says that in a meeting with DHS they were shocked that we have moved ahead so far with our Parent Navigator program. We are clearly ahead of the rest of the state in many ways. DHS gave lip service to sustainability and mentioned continued partnership, but DHS is not sure they will apply again. In summary, we received high marks. Still nothing with Wilder.
  - **SAMHSA 2020 National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative:** NW Mental Health Center is working on this grant proposal and would serve as fiscal host for this initiative that would provide \$2 million over 5 years. They are working in partnership with school districts, public health and Tri-County Community Corrections. Actual letters of commitment are required, so they are looking for two or three schools to include in the group.
6. **Budget for 2020:** **M/S/C** (Cook/Carlson) to approve budget as presented by Auchenpaugh. Reitmeier abstained.
7. **Contracts for 2020:** **M/S/C** (Yates/Kjono) to approve service contracts for Faye Auchenpaugh and NW Mental Health Center (Colleen MacRae). Reitmeier abstained.
8. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Reitmeier/Carlson) to adjourn.

**Next meeting: Friday, February 7, 2019 from 9:30 – 11:30 am.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator