



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – March 1, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Brad Bergstrom, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates, Ken Yutrzecka

**Absent:** Jeff Bisek, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Andrew Larson

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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman. Bruer remarked that it was nice to see such a large number of attendees.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Yates) to approve the agenda with the addition of "School Resource Officers."
3. **Approval of minutes of January 4, 2019:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Bergstrom).
4. **Financials and Bills:**  
**Action:** **M/S/C:** (Yates/Carlson) to approve February facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
  - **System of Care/Family Partner:** Family Partners began working this week at both Ada and Win-E-Mac. Both districts are extremely pleased with the persons they have hired; background checks have been done, they are digging right in, have sent letters to all staff that were very uplifting, and are moving their families into the Ada and Erskine communities. The board thanked Maureen Hams for the major role she played in finding these persons. Wilder has still not come back with an evaluation plan, so Family Partners are tracking for baseline data and can do more if the Collaborative desires so. DHW is open to having the training opened to all communities. Reitmeier said that NWMHC is holding peer specialist training that the Family Partners may wish to sit in on. Carlson stated that this family partner project is a pilot, so we expect it to evolve.
  - **Suicide Prevention:** The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has released a RFP for Community-Based Suicide Prevention. Up to nine grantees will be selected and the grant period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 for four program areas. Of the four, Reitmeier feels that two would be best for our region:
    1. Comprehensive community approach to suicide prevention in a high risk geographic region (\$100,000 per year for 4 years); and
    2. Community Readiness Assessments (\$10,000 per year for 4 years).Northwest Minnesota's death by suicide rate is 10% higher than that of the state overall. Farming's current, precarious position only increases the risk. This grant would serve Mahnomon, Norman and Polk counties.  
**M/S/C:** (Kujava/Bruer) to approve up to \$2,000 to write the Suicide Prevention proposal.
  - **21<sup>st</sup> Community Learning Centers:** The RFP was released at 5:25 pm on March 1<sup>st</sup> with a deadline of April 17<sup>th</sup>. The total amount available is \$5,000,000 and the term of the grant is three years with an extension of another three years. Starting date is anticipated to be September 1, 2019. Auchenpaugh will notify all superintendents of this opportunity and ask if they wish to be included.  
**M/S/C (online):** (Bruer/Guetter) to approve up to \$6,000 to write the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC proposal.
6. **School Safety:** Bruer and Guetter gave a brief overview of the presentation they made to about 400 people at the Minnesota Governor's Conference in February, and 30-40 at each of two breakout sessions. Bruer asked if we could make a concerted effort to look for grant opportunities that focus specifically on school safety.
7. **Marshall and Roseau County Joint Collaborative:** Kujava said they are now passing the agreement around for signatures. Each county will do some things together and some separately. He would like direction on how to approach the Roseau Collaborative on joining the NW MN Council of Collaboratives. Specifically, can he invite them to sit in on a governing board meeting? He suggested that if they join, dues would begin in 2020 or be pro-rated for 2019. **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Reitmeier) to approve Kujava moving forward as outlined: invite them to a governing board meeting, pay dues as every other county member does, and be allowed two voting members on the governing board.

8. **Forum with Governor Walz and Congressman Peterson:** Auchenpaugh said she saw LeRoy Stumpf this week and they talked about a possible forum this fall with Walz and Peterson. Reitmeier said she would like to know what we would get out of it. Auchenpaugh suggested the board just think about it over the next month.
9. **Homeless Youth Grant Update:** Catherine Johnson gave a brief update, including the distressing news that tribes are not eligible for this funding, even though a federal meeting and press conference was held at White Earth. An invitation will be forthcoming for a March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at which they will present funding opportunities and how to identify at-risk youth.
10. **Affordable Housing:** Carlson gave a brief explanation on Tri-Valley Opportunity Council's and local community investment in affordable housing. He invited everyone to the open house this afternoon for one of these houses in Warren.
11. **Next meeting: April 5, 2019.**
12. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am. M/S/C (Kujava/Carlson)**

**Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator**