



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2021

Hybrid: Via Zoom and In person at Community Room—Alluma Inc., Crookston

Members present: Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Chris Mills, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates

Absent: Brittney Bimler, Randy Bruer, Aaron Cook, Kathleen Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Donita Stepan, Kirk Thorstenson, Frances Tougas, Lisa Weber

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:33=5 am by Shauna Reitmeier, temporary chair.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Reitmeier) to approve the agenda with additions of Personnel Contracts, Unpaid Dues, and Polk/Norman suicide prevention program.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Guetter) to approve the October 1, 2021 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Yates/Kujava) to approve payment of the October 2021 facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Project is moving along. There have been a few administrative issues with the Dept. of Justice: Auchenpaugh as contractor cannot have authority to enter information on the JustGrants website. Carlson has appointed Amy Theis at Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to enter the data the Auchenpaugh provides. Carlson talked with the Northwest Service Cooperative and Laurie Engelking is getting out and about. She is working with the Win-E-Mac school district on updating their crisis plans. Auchenpaugh has been trying, with no success, to get an answer from Navigate360 on how to schedule the training slots remaining from Summer 2021. As soon as she gets an answer, she will convene an Advisory Committee meeting.
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Mills said we are in the 5th of 6 years of programming. The superintendents and Jackie Chwialkowski are leading a breakout session on 21st Century Community Learning Centers programming in rural schools at the MREA convention on November 15. Beginning this fall, attendance must be tracked in 15-minute increments and Fall and Spring participant numbers are combined now for the federal Performance Reports. Auchenpaugh said numbers are very good at all four districts.
 - **Family Partners:** Hams said that while 4th year funding has been approved, we have not received it yet. We do, however, have a great strategy for sustaining the project by working with Alluma peer support specialists who work with families, not the school districts, and can bill for families that qualify under medical assistance. Current Family Partners have taken this training and plans are to expand into the entire service area, doing some meetings virtually realizing it may not be feasible to always drive from location to location and quarantining at different times. Families are having difficulty adjusting to back-to-school. We currently have two Family Partners on staff and will be hiring more. The conundrum is what we do if we hire 2-3 more and get no referrals; conversely, if none are hired and we get a lot of referrals. Plans are to hire one at a time and see how it goes. This is not exactly like our original vision, but parents will be able to self-refer and these are steps toward that vision.
 - **DHS Youth e-Cigarettes:** MacRae said Polk/Norman/Mahnomen did a lot of work on the RFP and determined that guidelines did not suit Northwest Minnesota and did not pursue it further.
 - **Public Health Suicide Prevention:** Reitmeier said that as we head into the third year of Alluma partnering with Polk/Norman/Mahnomen Public Health, they are using the Hope Coalition to take information coming out of this grant to feed the entire region. One core component was to do an evaluation and to start homing in on key interventions. Big piece is the student surveys to know what is happening in schools. Shannon Abrahamson is working to gather information, e.g. are schools doing social/emotional learning or curriculum, other suicide prevention training, etc. If so, are schools interested in responding to a survey so we can gather this information? Yates commented that if you don't do a survey, you won't know what is going on with the schools. There have been a fair number of suicides in the

Warroad community over the last several years, so they have partnered with the Max Foundation through Marvin Windows and have done a lot of work on suicide prevention. This year, their focus is on social-emotional learning with staff and are helping them realize that this works for adults as well as students. Warroad is also using Project 11, which begins at the elementary level. Guetter said they are in the second year of a grant program with junior high students to build assets and strengths to avert disasters. Reitmeier said this is exactly the information they are looking for. Langaas is excited about building the culture that takes care of our needs. If we create safe spaces for kids, they will begin sharing their stories with people they think can handle those stories. We need to teach them to be self-aware and communicate with those who know the kids' situations, e.g. bus drivers know where kids are getting off the bus.

6. **Personnel Contracts:** MacRae and Auchenpaugh asked if the Board would be open to a 5% increase in each of their contracts for 2022. They have not had raises in contracts since Auchenpaugh began over 10 years ago. The Board has consensus to entertain this at the December meeting. Reitmeier had no opinion due to MacRae's contract with Alluma.
7. **Unpaid Dues:** Polk County Collaborative, Norman County East and Roseau schools have not paid their 2021 dues, even with repeated contacts from Auchenpaugh. MacRae is checking into the Collaborative payment. Kiono will follow up with Norman County East and Langaas will follow up with Roseau.
8. **Fall 2022 Meetings:** Auchenpaugh would like to tour Ireland next September, which could conflict with our October meeting. We will hopefully be able to have our "annual" meeting in 2022, which is customarily held the third week of October and we hold a governing board meeting after the annual meeting closes. Thus, it shouldn't be a problem if Auchenpaugh is not back the first week of October.

Adjournment: **M/S/C** (Yates/Kujava) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, December 3, 2021, 9:30 – 11:30, hybrid in-person at the Alluma Community Room or via Zoom.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator