



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thief River Falls, MN – October 7, 2022

Members Present: Randy Bruer, Brittney Bimler, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Sarah Kjono, Chris Mills, Kristi Nelson, Fran Tougas, Shawn Yates

Members Absent: Aaron Cook, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Kayla Jore, Karla Langaas, Tom Loberg, Shauna Reitmeier, Lisa Weber

Others Present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Randy Bruer, chairman

Agenda: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Yares) to approve the agenda.

Minutes: **M/S/C** (Yates/Guetter) to approve minutes of the October 7, 2022 meeting.

Financials and Bills: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Guetter) to approve payment of the October 2022 facilitator invoice.

Grant Opportunities and Reports

1. BJA STOP School Violence – Tri-Valley Opportunity Council will be invoicing for CSTAG training participation by outside district staff at the rate of \$150 per participant. Auchenpaugh will check with Bruce Jensen to see if we can offer another implementation course with Lisa Weber on the afternoon of the Martin Luther King workshop day. She will also check with Dr. Cornell to see if he or one of his staff members could be present. Public health and school nurses are eligible for this training, as are all persons who work with youth. BOSA and POST certificates have been emailed to those with administrative or law enforcement licenses.
2. 21st CCLC – This six-year project ends August 31, 2023. Bruer said that Win-E-Mac is making preparations to continue it for several years through Community Ed. Staff pay through the grant is higher than usual, so that could be a problem. Hopefully, the Full Service Community Schools grant will come through and offset what we're doing. Auchenpaugh said the State Department issued tally numbers that we needed to match for the first time in the grant project – the Friday before the last APR was due on a Monday in October. Jackie Chwialkowski, project director, and Auchenpaugh never wait until the last minute to complete these reports, so this created a bit of stress. Mills said the changes in how attendance is recorded is supposed to be progress but is more of a pain. However, we will follow the guidance of MDE and see how it works. Hopefully there will be some positives in the end.
3. Family Peers – MacRae said we have transitioned from the System of Care grant that ended on September 30. Department of Health said they are not going to offer System of Care grants anytime soon. There was a lot of turnover during the grant, so it was challenging to keep the momentum going. Here in NW Minnesota we have champions, like the Certified Family Peer support being funded by Tri-Valley Opportunity Council.

Number of families who have been served in the last 4-month cycle: July – 8 families with 11 children. In September with Certified Family Support, that number increased to a total of 20 families with 27 children. We are still trying to figure out the funding model to make sure it is at least a break-even. Carlson said we are still looking at what the number is that is manageable for each peer. The Wilder Foundation evaluator for state implementation said they are coming up here next week. There is a report coming out that is specific to the NW Minnesota site. Once that report comes out, it will be shared. We will look at the kinds of data Alluma might be able to capture that would show indicators that would be useful for funding sources. We are still highly regulated due to billing, but now we are looking at how we continue this. We thank TVOC for being willing to fund it and MacRae for being a "bulldog" on this issue, because we're figuring it out as we go along. The Wilder interviews show a high impact on families; however, we are on a short timeline now. We have a minimum of \$100,000/year that we need to raise to support two peers and we need to grow the program. We need to consider capacity for working referrals and supervision. Two thousand hours of clinical supervision are required

for these two positions. DHS is looking for someone to undertake the Certified Family Peer Support position statewide. Bruer will ask Representative Deb Kiel what data they would want or need for funding, hopefully for a five-year period.

4. Full Service Community Schools – Notification is slated for end of December with projects beginning January 1, 2023.

Guetter said that Chris Ingraham in Red Lake Falls has been diagnosed with a nasty form of cancer and asked that we keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. As Chris tweeted, “As far as cancers go it’s a bad one, right up there with pancreatic cancer in terms of grim overall prognosis.” He and Briana have three young boys.

Motion to Adjourn: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Kjono)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator