



## MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2021

**Members present:** Aaron Cook, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Shauna Reitmeier, Donita Stepan, Frances Tougas, Lisa Weber, Shawn Yates

**Absent:** , Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Kathleen Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson

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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chair.
2. **Agenda:** M/S/C: (Reitmeier/Carlson) to approve the agenda with the correction of month of March to May.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** M/S/C: (C. Johnson/Langaas) to approve the March 5, 2021 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** M/S/C: (Cook/Reitmeier) to approve payment of the April 2021 facilitator invoice.
5. **Northwest Minnesota Foundation Hub Implementation Project:** Kari Cooper and Missy Okeson, presenters. This is a \$3 million, two-year project with a focus on birth-8 years. The goal is to “streamline the navigation of services” for families, which is really nothing new. Organizations have been working on this for years. They will link with Help Me Connect, a Minnesota program, and Bridge to Benefits, a multi-state effort by the Children’s Defense Fund. Minnesota will be creating a referral form. They were asked how this connects with our Family Partners project. Okeson said she and Maureen Hams are in discussion regarding this.
6. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
  - **BJA’s STOP School Violence:** Auchenpaugh said the revised, revised budgets were finally approved on April 23. The first Advisory Committee meeting was held May 4. Everyone is experiencing screen fatigue, so training won’t begin until July. Level 1 threat assessment training, which takes approximately four hours, is done individually and must be completed prior to Level 2 training. Level 2 is a four-hour virtual course, but with threat assessment teams gathered at their home school sites so they can gather for breakout discussions. Each Level 2 workshop can accommodate up to 100 participants. The committee requested that the first Level 2 workshop be held the last week in July (except July 27-28) and the second during the first week of August. Hams requested schools include special education personnel when developing their teams because special needs students can react very differently to threats or stressful situations.

Level 5 Services – in-person, eight-hour workshops, maximum of 35 participants each – will be scheduled from mid-July through August 13, when sports begin, at 5 sites spread geographically throughout our region. On-site lunch will be necessary for the Level 5 workshops but was not an allowable budget expense, so Tri-Valley will pick up those costs. Auchenpaugh will see if schools have food service at that time; if not, she will arrange for an inexpensive option. Georgetown University training, pertinent to Project R.I.S.E., will be held off until 2022 in the hopes that it will be in person by that time. Guetter requested that Auchenpaugh include the three top objectives when she sends information out to all members next week.
  - **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers:** U of M Extension was supposed to be conducting the Youth Program Quality Assessments (YPQA), but this fell through for some reason, so Auchenpaugh took the training and conducted observations at all five centers in the past two weeks. Center staff are doing extremely good work and kids and parents are both benefiting. Parents because homework is done so their evenings can be family time. Kids because they get help when needed and the centers provide many exciting, interesting and challenging activities. Funds are in place for another two years.
  - **Family Partners:** Carlson said that a new family partner has been hired for Norman County. Recruiting in Kittson County is not going well, so Hams is looking at another site. He and Reitmeier are working on a relational contract. MacRae said the no-cost extension has been approved.
  - **Distance Learning:** Bruer had requested that Auchenpaugh look more closely into this grant opportunity. She said this is an unusual project in that distance learning does not include students/teachers at a district. It appears very complicated

and she doubted that a good proposal could be developed prior to the due date. Perhaps we could come up with a good project in the hopes this opportunity will rise again

**Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Cook) to adjourn.

**Next meeting:** **Monday, June 21, 2021, 10:00 – Noon (with lunch) at Faye's Country School. Address: 11094 195<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, TRF.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator