



## MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Crookston, MN – May 3, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook. Via Zoom: Jim Guetter, Kayla Jore, Karla Langaas, Chris Mills, Kristi Nelson, Fran Tougas,

**Board Members Absent:** Randy Bruer, Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Kathy Johnson, Drew Kjono, Sarah Kjono, Andrew Larson, Shauna Reitmeier, Jordan Spaeth, Kirk Thorstenson, Shawn Yates.

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

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Randy Bruer, chairman, without a quorum present. Our Principles for Cooperation state that to constitute a quorum we are to have “no fewer than 9 Governing Board members present.”

**Agenda:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Guetter) to approve the agenda as presented.

**Minutes:** Approval will be requested via email.

**Financials and Bills:** Approval will be requested via email.

**Action:** May 6-7, 2024—**M/S/C** (Guetter/Mills) to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2024 meeting and the Auchenpaugh invoice for April facilitator services. Quorum present and said ‘aye’ via email.

### **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**

1. **BJA’s STOP School Violence:** Several schools have signed up for Second Step curriculum at various levels, Crisis Prevention Institute “train the trainer” workshops, and Responsive Classroom training. Auchenpaugh contacted Brenda Story at BRIC in Bemidji re the CPI training but has not heard back from her.
2. **Afterschool Community Learning Grant (ACLG):** We were not awarded a grant. Auchenpaugh will request a copy of the reviewers’ scores and comments.
3. **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:** MacRae reported that they have changed their mode of grantmaking. They are not inviting groups to apply via personal invitation, or through providing money to clearinghouses, perhaps like the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. The Otto Bremer Trust has decided the same, so there are a lot of moving parts in the grant world right now. MacRae just received an email from the USDA, and they are completely revising how they do their grant administration using 25 different grant lanes.

**Annual Meeting:** We had a good discussion on restorative justice, truancy, vaping, marijuana possession and how best to structure our annual meeting. Carlson said our discussion needs to have value, be focused with homegrown discussion, and draw in participation from attendees. He suggested the panel not be too large or it will be unwieldy. Guetter said we should keep it local, with discussions on what is working/what is not in our counties and schools. Cook suggested we have a police officer, social service representative, and the entities that make up a diversion program. Judge Ann Rasmussen has already agreed to participate. Langaas agreed to be on the panel representing the social services aspect. She will ask their county attorney to also be present. Cook will ask the Ada police officer. Mills will ask the Thief River Falls high school principal. Auchenpaugh will ask Sarah Reese to represent public health. Perhaps someone from Sanford Health? Jason Carlson will serve as the moderator.

Discussion will focus on: 1) What are we seeing? What are the issues at different levels? 2) What are counties doing? 3) Do you believe the diversion program is reducing the number of repeat offenders and is it effective in the issues facing their area? 4) What is working? What is not? 5) What opportunities might be available? Carlson thinks we could also garner some directions from participants that day.

**Grant Writing Workshops:** Scheduled for 9:00 am – 3:30 pm on Wednesday, June 12, and Wednesday, August 7, at the Garden Valley Conference Center in Erskine. Limited to 30 participants. Free to members of the Council of Collaboratives. \$300 to non-members. Lunch will be included to save time.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, June 14, at Faye Auchenpaugh's Country School, 11094 195<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Thief River Falls. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am and we will conclude with a lunch in recognition of Randy Bruer's service.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator