



STARS Regional System of Care Board Minutes

Members present: Abe Abrahamson, David Baraga, David Nusbaum, Ethan Turck, Gene Garman, Hanna Kaufman, Joan Collins-Marotte, Julie Carpenter, LaRone Greer, Marcia Schlattman, MaryJo Cobb, Mary Jo Verschay, Pearl Lieb, Sandi Shoberg,
Members absent: Brenda Mahoney, Elizabeth Rogers, Glenace Edwall, Rosemary Cyr, Sharon Backstrom
Non-Voting Members present: Bill Affeldt, Chris Schmid, Sara Dahlquist
Staff: Jennifer Swendsen, Nanette Kiby
Visitors: Diane Pagel

- 1. **Call to order** (4:00 - 4:05)
 - a. Mission Statement read by LaRone Greer

- 2. **Approval of November minutes**– (4:05)

Motion by: David Nusbaum **Seconded by:** Abe Abrahamson **Motion: Carried**

- 3. **Approval of Agenda** – (4:05)

Motion by: Gene Garman **Seconded by:** Sandi Shoberg **Motion: Carried**

- 4. **Fiscal Report** - Jennifer reviewed budget and went over the December month end report. (handout) It was suggested that she include what percentage of our budget was expended compared to the year.

Motion by: Gene Garman **Seconded by:** Mary Jo Verschay **Motion: Carried**
Motion to approve the Fiscal Report.

- 5. **Old Business** – (4:05 – 5:00)

- a. **New applications to the Board** (Handout) – Chris went over the current members of the Board as well as the five new applicants.

Motion by: Mary Jo Cobb **Seconded by:** Julie Carpenter **Motion: Carried**
Motion to approve the new Governance Board candidates.

There was great conversation held about whether or not Governance Board member could be paid employees or contracted employees of STARS. It was agreed that a person who receives their paycheck from STARS is not eligible. However, contracted persons would be eligible based on the decision of there employer. David Baraga has some information and suggested he consult with Joan at a later date.

Motion by: Joan Collins-Marotte **Seconded by:** David Nusbaum **Motion: Carried**
Motion that a voting member of the Board can not be a paid STARS staff.

- b. **Governance Board Retreat** - The dates and location of the Governance Board Retreat is set for February 26, 27 and 28 at the Radisson downtown St. Cloud. Thursday evening with be a night for parents, Friday from 1pm to 4pm the Board will meet with consultants and Saturday from 8:30 to 4pm will be a day with the consultants. The Radisson has rooms available if you would like to spend the night. Board members are encouraged to tune into a webinar where our presenter at GB Retreat is the featured speaker, this will be held January 21 and 22. (handout)

- 6. **New Business:** (5:00 – 5:20)

- a. **Father Involvement** – There was a discussion held about different ways to involve Fathers. The Cultural Committee brought forward this topic with request to consider father involvement in al areas, such as; social marketing and training activities. MaryJo Verschay mentioned that it would be great if

one of the new Family Support Specialists was a father. Michelle mentioned that they had a few applicants that were fathers. Abdi shared that Somali culture the father becomes the responsible person for the family at the point of marriage. Michelle Ulfers mentioned that she and Ann Scoles attended a MN Fathers and Families conference this last week and that she picked up a ton of great resources and information.

- b. Family Driven training with Trina Osher** – The Practice Improvement Committee submitted a tentative proposal to the Governing Board (handout) to move forward and support this training. This training would be an intense training about Family Driven therapy/treatment concepts. They are requesting that the Board to promote and make a recommendation for wage replacement. All are “on-board for this training but need to finalize the plans and figure out wage-replacement. MaryJo Verschay asked if Trina would consider including youth in this training and Bill advised us that no she wants to stick with just parents and providers in this particular training. There was lengthy discussion on different options as far as wage replacement goes and the logistics of this training.

Motion by: Abe Abrahamson **Seconded by:** Gene Garman **Motion: Carried**
Abe motioned that a workgroup be formed to work out the details of wage replacement.

- c. New STARS website** – Tara has completed our new and updated STARS website, you can find meeting times, committee meeting minutes and more. Please check it out at www.starsnetwork.org.

- c. Allina partial hospitalization opportunity** – Diane Pagel shared information and education with the Governance Board about an opportunity for STARS to partner with Allina on a mission to bring additional partial hospitalization to Wright County. Partial hospitalization would be similar to Clara’s House, which is full with a 4 to 6 week waiting list. This opportunity fits our mission of keeping kids in the community.

Motion by: MaryJo Cobb **Seconded by:** Mary Jo Verschay **Motion: Carried**
MaryJo Cobb motioned to send a letter to Allina and list the members of the Board, to inform them that STARS supports this effort. (Chris will prepare a letter)

7. Other additions to the agenda

- a.** David Baraga announced to the Governance Board that STARS won the MSSA (MN Social Services Association) Statewide Collaborative of the Year Award. STARS will receive recognition at there conference March 27, 2009.

8. Motion to Adjourn (5:30)

Motion by: Sandi Shoberg **Seconded by:** David Nusbaum **Meeting Adjourned at 5:30pm.**

NEXT GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING: February 19, 2009 Monticello CMMHC/Group Room