

# WI BOS Board of Director's Meeting

February 6, 2024 1:00 pm  
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1. Call to Order: 1:04pm
2. Welcome - Roll Call
  - a. Present: Brett Larson, David Eberbach, Jessica Locher, Kathleen Fisher, Kayden Rinzel, Lee Walraven, Leigh Ann Trzinski, Lisa Haen, Shannon Wienandt, Wendy Schneider, Michael Etheridge, Mike Bonertz, Millie Rounsville, Cheryl Dietrick, Michelle Friedrich
  - b. Excused: Meghan Mietchen, Sherri Waid, Stephen Smith, Angela Maloney, Rosanne Northwood
3. Approval of 01/02/2023 Board Meeting Minutes – **VOTE**
  - a. Motion: Dave Eberbach – Accept revised minutes that were sent just prior to meeting
  - b. Seconded: Kayden Rinzel
  - c. No Further Discussion
  - d. All in Favor
  - e. Motion Passes
4. Approval of Fox Cities BOS Board Representative – **VOTE**
  - a. Motion: Micheal Bonertz
  - b. Seconded: Lee Walraven
  - c. No Further Discussion
  - d. All in Favor
  - e. Motion Passes
5. Approval of Financial Reports – Kathleen Fisher – **VOTE**
  - a. Motion: Dave Eberbach
  - b. Seconded: Lee Walraven
  - c. No Further Discussion
  - d. All in Favor
  - e. Motion Passes
6. Director Update – Carrie Poser
  - a. Grants
    - i. YHSI – Deadline for grant is 2.15.2024
      1. One time funding
      2. Support communities in establishing/improvements for supporting youth homelessness.
      3. Can't pay for rental assistance or working directly with youth

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4. 30 Month grant – potential start date of June
5. Talked about the areas of funding that the grant covers (Buckets of money)
  - a. Planning and Partnership
  - b. Data
  - c. Coordinated Entry
  - d. Racial and Gender Equity
6. Talked about potentially hiring BOS staff and then how to sustain the staff
- ii. Bezos Day 1 Family Fund
  1. RFP - Released end of January
  2. Add details about the RFP
  3. Project is all about Diversion and Family Homelessness
    - a. Reduce number of unsheltered families
    - b. Reduce length of time for families to get housed (increase exits to permanent housing)
  4. One time funding for 5 years
  5. Q&A sessions are posted on website under More – Day 1
    - a. If more questions, connect with Ryan and Ericka
    - b. March 15 deadline
    - c. Starting Grant on June 1
- iii. APR for DV RRH grant has been submitted 2022-2023
  1. APR has been approved by HUD
  2. Data will not be accurate due to a DV Agency not sharing their APR for this grant
- iv. Returned roughly \$800,000 to HUD – DV RRH
  1. Rental assistance, Supportive Services, and Admin Dollars
  2. Question: regarding funds not spent out – Carrie and Kate will be meeting to talk about funds not being spent out and then to move money around
  3. Could potentially have a grant specialist that could solely focus on DV RRH
- v. COC Planning Grant – ended 12.31.2023
  1. Grant spent out
  2. APR is not submitted yet
- vi. HAP – Check recording
  1. DECHR has been asking questions about how COCs want to handle HAP
  2. Potentially extending deadlines due to DECHR having additional funds
  3. 2024-2025 could be a competition – More details to come
- b. February 2024 Conference
  - i. Feb 8-9, Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau
  - ii. Still looking for some potential volunteers for the conference
- c. Creative Solutions & Advocacy
- d. CoC Competition
  - i. Overall, BOS did well in the competition
    1. All renewal grants awarded,
    2. YHDP applications,
    3. Reallocated project funded,
    4. ICA expansion for HMIS,
    5. 4 Bonus Projects
      - a. PSH project in:
        - i. Central
        - ii. Rural North
        - iii. West Central
    6. Expanded DV RRH grant with 3 new sub-recipients

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- a. Advocap-Winnebagoland – RRH
    - b. Lakeshore PSH
    - c. CAC PSH
  - 7. DV RRH Grant - \$1.25 Million
    - a. Family advocates – Southwest CoC
    - b. Womens Center – Waukesha Coc
    - c. CRA – West Central CoC
  - 8. When grant renews in October – total DV RRH funding will be \$5.5M
  - 9. 14 of 21 coalitions will have DV RRH
  - 10. Planning grant nearly doubled
    - a. There will be an increase in BOS staff and trainings
7. Committee Reports
- a. Executive Committee – Lisa/Carrie
    - i. Developed agenda
    - ii. Format of discussing Committees at Quarterly meeting
      - a. When you last met
      - b. What you are working on
      - c. When the next meeting is
    - iii. Reviewed survey results
      - 1. Being aware of acronyms when talking in meetings
        - a. Making sure we are defining them
    - iv. Discussed Women's and Children's – wanting more funding
    - v. Discussed YHSI grant
    - vi. Meeting Dates:
      - 1. Last met: January 18, 2024
      - 2. Next meeting: Feb 15, 2024
  - b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Michael and Meghan
    - i. Didn't meet recently
    - ii. Next meeting at end of February
  - c. System Performance Network combined with Gaps and Needs– Dave, Michelle and Kayden
    - i. Met earlier in January
    - ii. System Performance group Joined Gaps Meeting
      - 1. Working on Survey at this time of year
      - 2. Results are completed from the Survey – will be announce as to how many surveys were completed per coalition at the BOS Conference
      - 3. Survey data is still being compiled – will share when data is finalized
    - iii. Survey Monkey was only letting one provider survey submitted from an IP address, not the same as the client survey link
  - d. Coordinated Entry – Wendy and Stephena
    - i. Met in January
      - 1. Recent Meeting: January
      - 2. Prevention group is creating a new prevention assessment
      - 3. Implementation – Version 3 is being created of the CE manual
      - 4. Domestic Violence priority list = Seems to have more singles than families

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- a. Bi Monthly training
    - i. IF want to be on the invite list – connect with Wendy Schneider or Holly Sieren
  - 5. If you are having trouble Reports – connect with ICA
  - 6. Trainings for Shelter standards will be coming out
  - 7. No February meeting
  - 8. Next meeting: March 27
  - e. Discharge Planning – Sherri
    - i. 3 Subcommittees
      - 1. Health – researching the medical transition recuperation housing in Milwaukee
        - a. Trying to determine the possibility of a pilot program to replicate that model in our region
      - 2. Mental Health – reaching out to other providers to learn local discharge processes and identify trends to focus on
      - 3. Department of Corrections- reaching out to bring on local coalition representatives from jails, probation and parole and housing programs
        - a. Focus of the team is to improve processes for people moving from DOC to community
  - f. Veteran Advisory Board – Lee and Angela
    - i. Last met: Jan. 17, 2024
    - ii. Nothing to report
    - iii. Next meeting: Meet Feb. 21, 2024 at 11
  - g. Public Awareness – Jessica and Leigh Ann
    - i. Last met: Jan 22
    - ii. Has 3 goals to work on during the year
    - iii. Create a handout for the conference that will help promote the social media page
    - iv. Next meeting: Feb 26
  - h. Fiscal and Audit – Kathleen, Brett, and Millie
    - i. Continue to meet monthly
    - ii. Review financial statements and asking questions before they go to the board for approval
    - iii. Discuss conference planning, registration, status of the audit
  - i. Nominating Committee – Mike, Robin and Shannon
    - i. Has not met for a while, looking to meet in February
    - ii. Nothing to report
  - j. Lived Experience Committee – Cheryl and Rosanne
    - i. Letter that is being finalized - looking to have it finalized by Quarterly Meeting
8. Other Business
- a. Carrie Business
    - i. Finalizing the Home ARP dollars – receiving annual funding from DECHR
    - ii. Home for Everyone Conference:
      - 1. Homeless Track – planning committee for the Home for Everyone Conference  
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2. Clarified statement and explained the BOS involvement in the Home For Everyone Conference
  - iii. PBS interview January 19<sup>th</sup> Here and Now Show
  - iv. January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Asked to join group - National Advocacy Group
    1. Invited by National Homeless Law Center: Law and Policy group
      - a. Sisaro Anti-Homeless Legislation involved in the State is the focus
  - v. Deadlines:
    1. Point in Time (PIT) Data is due 2.9.2024
      - a. If you are going to the conference, can get an extension if you reach out to Kate
      - b. Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) is going to be sent out after the BOD Meeting
      - c. PIT Surveys & Match due February 23<sup>rd</sup>
        - i. PIT Deadlines are on the BOS website
    2. Annual Action reports are due – March 15<sup>th</sup>
      - a. New Action Plans will be sent out after Carrie is able to read the HUD debriefing from the Competition
      - b. Coalitions should start thinking about what they want to start/keep working on
  - vi. 1915i State Amendment Plan Update
    1. Relocation benefit will need to be in a provider run facility
      - a. According to CMS
      - b. Some push back for other facilities
        - i. Libraries, Cooling/Warming Centers etc.
      - c. Length of time in those facilities
    2. CMS will have 90 days once DHS submits language changes
  - vii. Staffing: Possibly hiring a new staff – will need to check with ICA before any decisions can be made
    1. Possibly hiring a new grant specialist
- b. Info regarding Business Meeting:
- i. Roll Call
  - ii. Approving minutes from Nove quarterly meeting
  - iii. Committee Updates (format for sharing at quarterly meeting)
    1. What is committee working on
    2. When committee last met
    3. When committee's next meeting is

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- c. March Board of Directors Meeting
    - i. Carrie will be at the National Alliance to Ending Homelessness Conference
      - 1. Robin Adams, Michael Etheridge, Dave Eberbach will be absent as well
    - ii. Jessica Locher motioned to not meet in March 2024
    - iii. Dave Eberbach seconded
    - iv. No further Discussion
    - v. All In Favor
    - vi. Motion Carries – No March 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
  - d. Rock County
    - i. Landlord misconduct
    - ii. 93 properties
      - 1. 109 Units between the 93 properties
    - iii. Feb 28 is the 28<sup>th</sup> day from the notice
    - iv. All units are month to month leases
    - v. Janesville primary the location of where units are
      - 1. Some are located in Beloit
    - vi. Community is having conversations on how to support tenants
9. Adjourn 2:18pm
- a. Motion: Dave Eberbach
  - b. Seconded: Mike Bonertz
  - c. No Further Discussion
  - d. All in Favor
  - e. Motion Passes

Next Meeting March 5, 2024