

WI BOS Board of Director's Meeting

May 7, 2024 9:30 am

In Person Meeting

United Way of Marathon County

705 S 24th Ave, Suite 400 B

Wausau, WI 54401



9:30 am – 9:45 am

1. Call to Order 9:38am
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of 04/02/2023 Board Meeting Minutes – **VOTE**
 - a. Motioned: Dave Eberbach
 - b. Seconded: Angela Maloney
 - c. Discussion: None
 - d. All in favor
 - e. Motion Carries
4. Approval of Financial Reports – **VOTE**
 - a. Motioned: Sherri Waid
 - b. Seconded: Dave Eberbach
 - c. Discussion: None
 - d. All in favor
 - e. Motion Carries
5. Approval of CoC RRH Written Standards Update – **VOTE**
 - a. Motioned: Kathleen Fisher
 - b. Seconded: Michelle Friedrich
 - c. Discussion: Added 'lessor' to appendix B, when it talks about the landlord signing the lease
 - i. Footnote: Balance of state approval dates, formatting should be the same
 - d. All in favor
 - e. Motion Carries

9:45 am – 10:45 am

6. CoC Competition
 - a. Discussion of 2023 CoC Competition Results
 - i. See Coc Competition Debriefing FY2023 Document
 - ii. Reviewed document
 1. Went over 'Why we lost points' & answered questions about the areas that points were lost
 - iii. Discussed Project Scoring Tool 2023
 - iv. Discussed COC Project Scoring Tool Comments
 - v. Discussed Project Scoring Tool Memo from Carrie – Get from Lisa Email
 1. Explained deadlines
 2. Housing First section
 - a. Changing points to reward people for housing first
 3. Section 3 – Action Plan
 - a. DEI Required
 - b. Coalition was able to choose another goal
 - c. Add the table that talks about the points for the action plan points
 - i. Goal points mirror each other.
 - d. New Action plan will have fewer choices that coalitions can choose from. It will be choices that the BOS doesn't do as well so that we can do better
 4. Section 4 – Program Performance
 - a. Summarize the comment section
 - b. Unit Utilization comment

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5. Income Section: Carries suggestion is to go from Yellow to green in the table
 - a. Discussed Comments that were submitted
6. Reoccurrence
 - a. Bump up and give more points to projects that are doing a great job
 - b. Change to 15, 10, 5, 0 points
7. Section 7
8. CE Section – no changes at this point
9. PIT – no recommendations to change at this point
10. Section 10: Equity section:
 - a. Creating a document that would be sent to Coc Funded projects how equity affects (See chart)

Break for Lunch 11:45a - 12:30p Meghan Mietchen motion to resume, Second by Kayden Rinzel

- vi. Bonus Project Info:
 1. Recommendation is to keep the same
 - a. Motion: Kathleen Fisher : Keep placement of bonus projects the same as FY2023 as presented
 - b. Dave Eberbach: second
 - c. Discussion: clarifying wording
 - d. All in favor
 - e. Motion Carries
- vii. Discussed: Threshold for projects under performing
 1. #1 – under performing project
 2. #2 – spending less than 75% of grant and

Motion:

Mike Bonertz Motioned: follow the recommendations as the Coc Director in the COC memo dated 4.30.2024

Seconded by Dave Eberbach:

Discussion: Important to be mindful of unit utilization and spending of grant with programs

- unit utilization – changes in rent – we should be able to change the amount of money we are able to spend on rent

All in favor

Motion Carries

YHDP – Renewals – document

Motion Meghan Mietchen – no change to the policy to YHDP 2024 project scoring tool

Second: Michelle Friedrich

No further Discussion

Motion Carries

- b. Approval of CoC Competition Scoring Tool – **VOTE Tabled motion until members return – Members returned**
 - i. Motioned: Kathleen motioned to approve the tool as presented
 - ii. Seconded: Angela Maloney
 - iii. Discussion: Looking for a bit more time in future competitions

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iv. Millie & Meghan Mietchen abstain

v. Motion Carries

12:45 pm – 1:11 pm

7. Conference Recap and 2025 Planning

a. Statement of Activities – Discussed Expenses and Revenue

b. Basically broke even financially for the conference

c. Whova app – was successful

d. Question under Expenses:

i. Stripe Fee – credit card fee when people were paying online

e. Discussed Survey from the conference

i. Overall the response was positive

ii. Organization – well organized

iii. Politeness of staff – extremely positive

iv. Time allocated for each session – mixed reviews

v. What people liked most of the event – varied responses

vi. Improvement of conference – discussed feedback, not having a conference on Thursday, Friday

f. Discussed the different sessions feedback

g. Discussed the pros and cons of having the conference and not having the conference

i. Does the conference add any value to the Competitions – yes

1. Adding HUD TA or the Field office

ii. Sponsorship – getting more sponsorship to help with the conference

1. Would need Board involvement to help get sponsorships

iii. Need more data points to determine if it is financially viable

iv. Discussed raising costs/conference attendance cost

h. Discussed potential areas for communities to hold the conference

i. Requested Board Members to join the Planning committee for the upcoming conference

1:11 pm – 1:30 pm

8. Point In Time (PIT) Discussion

a. Deadline has been extended by HUD to submit final numbers

b. Agencies are changing data from January in HMIS

c. Looking at making some changes for expectations for data surrounding the PIT and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)

d. BOS to share with the PIT leads the agencies that are changing data in the system

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- e. Explained Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and how it is used for PIT data when being submitted to HUD
- f. Shared unsheltered numbers for BOS – 341 for the night of the PIT / 27% increase from previous year

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

9. Committees Report on Last Meeting, Topics Discussed, Questions for the Board and Next Meeting

[Committee Charter](#) | [Attendance](#) | [Match](#)

- a. Coordinated Entry – Wendy and Stephenia
 - i. Last meeting: Meet monthly
 - ii. Topics Discussed: Prevention is creating a new screening tool, policy and procedure manual is being updated, Looking at limiting the amount of referrals that people can be on certain lists, DV Group – looking at order of priority for DV RRH, DV – host training by End Abuse WI bi-monthly, Emergency shelter – looking at trainings, CE Committee – reviewing charter
 - iii. Questions for Board: None
 - iv. Next Meeting: 5.22.2024 @ 2pm
- b. Discharge Planning – Sherri and Jennie
 - i. Last meeting: 5.2.2024
 - ii. Topics Discussed:
 - 1. Health Care – sent out survey – looking for places that have transitional rehab centers, - have results
 - 2. DOC – added people to the committee with lived experience, people connecting with local jails to see what their barriers are
 - 3. Mental Health – created a survey – inpatient mental health units and what are their options
 - iii. Questions for Board: None
 - iv. Next Meeting: 6.6.2024
- c. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Michael and Meghan
 - i. Last meeting: March
 - ii. Topics Discussed: reviewed survey results from 2022, looking for more committee members and will do outreach to gain more members
 - iii. Questions for Board:
 - iv. Next Meeting: 5.8.2024
- d. Executive Committee – Lisa
 - i. Last meeting: 2.15, 3.21, 4.18
 - ii. Topics Discussed: Minutes on website, review survey results from BOD Meeting, create agendas for meetings, worked on quarterly meeting agenda
 - 1. Shared survey results from BOD Meetings
 - 2. Discussion re: adding grant sub-committee – will need to revisit
 - 3. Website Discussion – will need to find a new website host and or website firm

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4. Discussed HMIS Advisory Board Governance Document
5. System Performance Measures – may be mandated in the Action Plans in the future
- iii. Questions for Board:
- iv. Next Meeting:
- e. Fiscal and Audit – Kathleen, Millie and Brett
 - i. Last meeting: 3.25
 - ii. Topics Discussed: At all meetings review financials, review invoices, 8 of the 21 coalitions have paid their dues, Talked about financials and different funding options
 - iii. Questions for Board:
 - iv. Next Meeting:
- f. Lived Experience Committee – Cheryl and Rosanne – No one present from committee
 - i. Last meeting:
 - ii. Topics Discussed: Ryan is helping to recruit for committee
 - iii. Questions for Board:
 - iv. Next Meeting:
- g. Nominating Committee – Mike, Shannon and Robin
 - i. Last meeting:
 - ii. Topics Discussed: Working on Policy and procedures for the committee, need to create a process for when vacancies are present for the BOD, working on a survey for current board members, google form to help fill in information, Role of how this committee to support local coalitions when there is a BOARD vacancy, Looking at changing the form that has terms for the board members on it, Looking at collecting more demographic info for current board members, updating board manual, Helping with board vacancies at a local level
 - iii. Questions for Board: None
 - iv. Next Meeting:
- h. Public Awareness – Jessica and Leigh Ann
 - i. Last meeting:
 - ii. Topics Discussed: Still trying to get Instagram up and going, working on a survey, working on an acronym sheet
 - iii. Questions for Board:
 - iv. Next Meeting:
- i. System Performance Network combined with Gaps and Needs– Dave, Michelle and Kayden (Data Analysis Committee – is new name) – **will need a bylaw change**
 - i. Last meeting: 4.11.2024
 - ii. Topics Discussed: working on the PowerPoint for the survey results, updating the annual report,
 - iii. Questions for Board: None
 - iv. Next Meeting:
- j. Veteran Advisory Board – Lee and Angela

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- i. Last meeting: 4.17.2024
- ii. Topics Discussed: Discussion on USICH benchmark tool for ending veteran homelessness and going thru the tool,
- iii. Questions for Board: Question re: Minnesota and if they have a separate Veterans list
- iv. Next Meeting: 5.15.2024

If a committee does not have an update – please update Lisa or Carrie. Please be prepared share your committee report

Break 2:00p-2:11p

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

10. Director Update – Carrie Poser

a. General Updates

- i. Shared experience from NAEH Conference March 4-6
 1. Importance of Anti-Criminalization activities
 2. Importance of creating intentional space for people with lived experience and expertise
 3. Library & Transit Authority creating space and services to meet people where they are at
 4. HUD Q&A Session
 - a. Importance of integration with housing authorities and healthcare
 - b. NOFO for PSH Development 'soon'
 - c. CoC Competition Cycle – 2 year cycle
 - d. Director of HUD SNAPS Office “ Our goal isn't to have you write better applications. It is for programs to perform better.’
 - e. Importance of lived experience and expertise
 - f. Questions about why we have to match the CoC Planning Grant – Answer: It is in the statute
 - g. NSPIRE – they are working on guidance for homeless programs (CoC and ESG)
- ii. Bezos Grant – Family promise of Waukesha County – awarded the Bezo's grant
 1. Diversion project
 2. House of Hope and Shalom Center are also going to learn along the way with this Grant – no funding for these two programs
- iii. CoC Hiring Process –
 1. Grant specialist is being offered to someone – has not accepted as of the meeting date
 2. System Specialist – is looking at doing second interviews, and will possibly repost for the position
- iv. Grants
 1. Closed out and submitted the APR for the CoC Planning Grant & the YHDP planning grant before the 3.28.2024 deadline
 2. SSO CE grant is the next to end 6.30.2024
 3. HAP was extended with additional funds to 12.31.2024
 4. Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Grant was submitted on 2.14.2024

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- b. May Quarterly Meeting
 - i. Partner Updates
 - 1. DECHR
 - 2. DHS - 1915i Waiver
 - 3. HUD Field office
 - ii. CQI Presentation
 - iii. Gaps & Needs Presentation
- c. Grants
 - i. HomeARP - Signed contract with DECHR
 - 1. Grant agreement was designed to support CoC Staff and SSO in communities that are funded for HomeARP Supportive Services and housing.
 - 2. Supportive Services awards
 - a. Pillars (Fox Cities)
 - b. West CAP (West Central)
 - c. Western Dairyland (Dairyland)
 - d. Pathway Home (Central)
 - e. Legal Action (Fox Cities, WinnebagoLand, Coulee, Southwest, Dairyland Rock/Walworth, & Lakeshore)
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 - 1. Total of \$1,700,600 for 30 months
 - 2. Planning and Partnerships \$700,600
 - a. Hire 2 FTE staff
 - b. Increase YAB (local and CoC) compensation to \$20/hour
 - c. 3 – 2 day youth specific statewide conferences in partnership with WAHRS
 - d. 2 – 1 day technical/program specific trainings in partnership with WAHRS
 - 3. Data \$600,000
 - a. Formalize partnership with Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)
 - 4. CES \$200,000
 - a. Hire consultant to create a youth-centered mobile app
 - 5. Racial & Gender Equity \$200,000
 - a. Hire consulting company to conduct DEI specific youth landscape assessment, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, ID of gaps and needs, understanding disparities in access and outcomes, establish metrics and improvement plans, and create a CQI to track progress
 - vi. Received \$80,000 for advocacy on anti-criminalization of homelessness
 - 1. Funding was from National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLICH) and National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)
 - a. Advocacy specific to anti-criminalization at state level
 - 2. Facilitate advocacy related training
 - 3. First step will be to figure out who we need to focus on and where
 - 4. Creating infographics and other visual material to help show the data
 - 5. Look at additional social media platforms to help promote our messaging
 - a. Including Instagram, LinkedIn and X

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6. Work with people with lived experience (including YAB) to share their stories – recording into video
7. Partner with other Coc's in WI for advocacy at capitol
- d. Creative Solutions & Advocacy
 - i. A Home For Everyone
 1. Currently a member of the planning committee for A Home For Everyone again this year
 2. Conference will be July 17-18 in Madison
 3. <https://ahomeforeveryone.events/>
 4. Registration is live
 5. Sessions will include
 - a. Alternative Shelter models
 - i. Family Promise of Waukesha
 - ii. Dane County/Madison Partner
 - b. Criminalization of Homelessness
 - c. Interagency Council on Homelessness Update
 - d. Family Flex Fund: Flexible spending model to address family homelessness
 - i. Krystina Kohler (United Way Greater Milwaukee)
 - ii. Erika Olson (Balance of State)
 - iii. Wendy Weckler (Hope House)
 - e. Affordable Housing Projects and Supportive Services
 - f. Domestic Violence Housing First
 - ii. Local Level
 1. BOS will be looking at communities in which elected officials have approved or are talking about approving ordinances or policies that criminalize homelessness
 2. BOS membership (before these types of policies were approved by the board only) approved an Anti-Criminalization policy in Nov 2018
 - a. Policy states that each local coalition must develop a regional plan to address the criminalization of homelessness in their communities
 - i. Must include strategies to educate and engage local policymakers, law enforcement, local businesses, and other community leaders.
 - b. Policy states that agencies and staff acting on behalf of an agency shall not support the criminalization of homelessness.
 - c. Violations of the policy may result in monitoring findings, the loss of 'good standing' status with the BOS – which may impact ongoing and future funding
 - iii. Supreme Court heard oral arguments re: Grants Pass v. Johnson on 4.22.2024
 1. Case will decide whether cities are allowed to punish people for things like sleeping outside with a pillow or blanket, even when there are no safe shelter options.
 2. The most significant Supreme Court case about homelessness in 40 years and will have long standing implications for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 3. Carrie signed on behalf of the Balance of State Coc to one of the variety of Court briefs that were looking for support
 4. Can watch/listen to oral arguments online – starting at 9a CST

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5. Decision will be made by the end of the court term (June 30th)
- iv. Sisaro – legislation more to come
- e. Other Information
 - i. Recommended to join the Children Come First Advisory Committee (CCFAC)
 1. CCFAC advises the WI Dept of Health Services on the implementation of WI's children's system of care – services that help kids facing a behavioral health challenge do better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life
 2. Membership will be voted on during the April 23rd meeting
 - ii. Meet Monthly for the anti homelessness – NAEH and Low Income Housing group
 - iii. Inform Wisconsin – Annual Conference
 1. Was asked to present on homelessness (November)
 2. Professional membership association for community navigation or information and referral (211, ADRC)
 - iv. Presented in Green Bay
 1. Met with leaders from 7 agencies, presented at the coalition meeting in Green Bay, attended a local YAB
 2. Met with 1:1 with the coordinator about the Blueprint Initiative and opportunities for additional collaboration and support on their initiatives over the next few years
 - v. Coc Leaders: presented last week and this week to Public Health Directors across the state on homelessness and the role of the CoC, need for collaboration, and opportunities for partnerships
 - vi. Erika will be presenting at the National Alliance conference in DC with Emily Kenney (formerly from Impact 211 in Milwaukee, now at Milwaukee County)
 - vii. Staff have revised Action Plan 2024 plan
 1. Focus will be on System Performance measure as a required goal and then a goal of the coalitions choosing
 2. Reduced some of the option to focus on the area in need of improvement as a CoC

11. Other Business

- a. None

12. Adjourn – 2:48p

- a. Motion: Michelle Friedrich
- b. Second: Dave Eberbach
- c. No further discussion
- d. All in Favor

Next Meeting June 4, 2024

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