

# WI BOS Board of Director's Meeting

August 3, 2021 1:00 pm  
GoTo Meeting Webinar



1. Lisa Haen called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm
2. Members Present: Dana Baumgartner, Kristina Bechtel, Mike Bonertz, Kim Cable, Cheryl Detrick, David Eberbach, Michael Ethridge, Michelle Friedrich, Angela Friend, Kathleen Fisher, Lisa Haen, Sara Krall, Casey Levrich, Jessica Locher, Jessica Mudgett, Jessica Neumann, Tara Prah, Millie Rounsville, Wendy Schneider, Chandra Wakefield, Sara Williams, Ed Wilson
3. Members Notified: Hanna Conforti
4. Members Non-Notified: Randall Brown
5. Staff Present: Carrie Poser
6. Approval of Board meeting minutes of 7/6/202, Bonus Project Email Vote 7/20/2021 and Executive Committee meeting minutes of 7/15/2021– **VOTE**
  - a. Motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of 7/6/202 and Executive Committee meeting minutes of 7/15/2021 by David Eberbach
    - i. Second made by Kim Cable
    - ii. No further discussion
    - iii. All in favor
    - iv. Motion carries
  - b. Motion to approve the Bonus Project Email Vote 7/20/21 by David Eberbach
    - i. Second made by Jessica Mudgett
    - ii. No further discussion
    - iii. All in favor
    - iv. Motion carries
7. Treasurer's Report - Kathleen Fisher reported there is no report this month.
8. HMIS Transition Update – David Eberbach
  - a. Officially off ServicePoint as of August 1<sup>st</sup>; all data is in Clarity – there was some challenges, but ICA appreciates all the work and patience from everyone. New non-HMIS CE List Update: meeting with vendor who is creating the new tool this week; will know more at next meeting.
9. Lived Experience Compensation Policy Task Force Update– Cheryl Detrick stated there is no report, task force has not met since last report. Will have a report for September meeting.
10. Chair Report – Lisa Haen
  - a. Strategic Plan Update – Lisa is working on Worksheet #2 that will be presented at the September Board Meeting.
  - b. Board of Director Application and Governance Charter Revisions – looking to add a new section on the board of director application with any needed accommodations along with updating the Governance Charter.
  - c. Annual Assessment of Board, Committees, Officers and Members – This needs to be done yearly and Lisa will be working on the format that will be used.

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- d. Received fiscal contracts from ICA – will send out for board to look over and vote by email. Votes due August 12 by 5pm. David Eberbach said no changes were made.

#### 11. Director Update – Carrie Poser

- Showed the Grant Progress Report.

- DHS

##### DHS Homelessness Forum

On the 4th Monday of each month from 9:00 – 10:30 am, DHS is hosting a collaborative forum (Federal, State, local partners) to discuss and address issues of importance for those working with people who are homeless.

The recording for July's forum and slide deck can be found at:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/preparedness/homelessness.htm>

- Point-in-Time

Last week (7/28), service count goes until Friday, August 6th at 5:00pm.

Deadline for data = August 20th; post-PIT survey deadline = Sept. 3rd

Match links sent out to PIT leads

- Trainings

Shawn Smith Trainings – space available in last 2 cohorts of MI, want to make sure we are reaching out to county and city staff, schools, and other non-traditional community providers. It is open to anyone.

MI 8/13 & 8/20 , 8/25 & 9/1

- Board

Board match: online link now available for 2nd quarter. This is April – June 30th.

- Grants

Finishing up last reimbursement request for 20-21 SSO grant. I believe we spent it all and have all the match. Will confirm that Wednesday.

Working with Kathleen on setting up HAP for 21-22. We don't have a contract yet from DEHCR.

Working on tech submission with HUD for the SSO CE DV grant & the DV RRH grant.

- Other

Participated in my 1st Transportation Advisory Council meeting - NEMT (non-emergency medical transportation). There is a lot going on there as they are transitioning to a new vendor; have a lot of relationship and trust issues to repair. If your agency has experience with NEMT services and would like your feedback considered, please let me know.

\*Transportation to get to/from medical appointments (a ride, bus tickets, money for gas). For people who are enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, WI Medicaid, SSI Medicaid, IRIS, and a few other specific programs. The current vendor is MTM.

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WHEDA wants to partner on Fostering Youth to Independence Vouchers. This is all in the beginning stages; not sure what this means yet.

### **SSO-DV Grant**

End Domestic Abuse has decided not to continue as a sub-recipient with this grant (which ends 8/31). The 9/1/21 – 8/31/22 has already been renewed by HUD. To move forward, we can change sub-recipients (there is a process) to meet the objectives previously identified and promised in the original application.

My staff have discussed a variety of different options. The desire to continue to support SSO staff has been the #1 concern. Keeping this in mind & the original intent of the grant we are proposing:

- Offering all 21 coalitions an opportunity for additional funding (including east central and Jefferson who do not currently receive SSO funding)
- To enhance access, referral, and follow up for survivors of domestic violence
- \$5,238 (ss) + 524 (a) = \$5,762
- If not all 21 coalitions accept the funding, then there would be more funding available for those that do.
- SSO would be asked to meet with DV agencies, sexual assault centers, and anti-trafficking organizations to establish collaborative relationships, constructive conversations, and identify barriers and concerns.

This would need to happen quickly - as the original grant ends 8/31.

### **Emergency Housing Vouchers Update**

As of today:

- Last board meeting: Signed & executed MOU with WHEDA (343) and Brown County PHA (35)
- New: signed & executed MOU with Kenosha (24) and Sauk (15)
- Portage returned their vouchers (15) - will be going to WHEDA.
- Brown PHA has 35 vouchers available, 18 released referrals, 0 pending.
- Kenosha PHA has 24 vouchers available, 6 released referrals, 15 pending.
- Sauk PHA has 15 vouchers available, 0 released referrals, 1 pending.
- WHEDA PHA has more than 343 vouchers available, 24 released referrals, 22 pending.

Last week, the CE committee approved a revised order of priority. This means, for example, if you have a TBRA program that is for people that are category 1 or 4 homeless and used coordinated entry for filling spots, clients can be eligible for EHV. To confirm eligibility of the program, please contact Ryan Graham at [ryan.graham@wibos.org](mailto:ryan.graham@wibos.org).

WHEDA is considering sharing admin funds to SSOs – not a guarantee.

### **Youth Demonstration Grant**

The WI Balance of State submitted an application for the HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP). Thank you to everyone who participated, submitted information and gathered letters of support. All coalitions, except Southwest and Lakeshore, were included in the initial application.

- County PWCA Letters of Support = 33 letters of support within the 19 local coalitions  
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- 1 Tribal letter of support
- WI DCF letter of support
- Youth = 30 youth identified in 8 coalitions

We will be discussion a few updates regarding this process at the BOS meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also be hosting a Debriefing & Next Steps webinar. If you are interested in learning more how the application turned out, what was submitted, and what our next steps will be – please sign up! We are excited to maintain the momentum and create some structural change to our youth action group structure and expand our collaborative efforts with some new partners.

**YHDP Debrief Meeting & Next Steps – Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm**

**CoC Scoring Competition**

- Approved Scoring Tool Explanation was sent out following the Boards email vote on BONUS funds.
- Meeting with DV agencies that have expressed interest in the DV RRH grant. Excited to apply to expand this grant, cover more parts of the state.
- No NOFA yet . . any minute.

**12. August Meeting – Carrie Poser**

- a. On **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will be hosting the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension office staff’s training “Encouraging Financial Conversations.” This program is designed specifically for case managers, social works, and other frontline staff to help empower clients to achieve their financial goals and manage their money. Attendees will learn techniques and strategies to help their clients create a financial goals action plan, build and maintain good credit, pay off debts, develop a spending and savings plan, and protect themselves from fraud and identity theft. Attendees will also learn coaching strategies that capitalize on a client’s strengths and resources in coming up with solutions.
  - i. The training will be from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm and provided virtually.
  - ii. The training will not be recorded.
- b. On **Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the August quarterly Balance of State meeting conducted virtually. Registration & draft agenda are posted on website.
  - i. Added partner updates from: DHS, Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board, DEHCR staff, and Mike Basford

**13. Public Policy Report –** Carrie Poser reported she has no update. Kim Cable asked about the eviction moratorium and if it would be extended. Carrie talked about what is happening with CDC, White House, House, Senate, and Supreme Court. on the eviction moratorium. Carrie will continue to send information out as it comes out. Lisa Haen asked about an update on WERA. Carrie stated Keena sends one out each quarter, new one should be out soon. Kim talked about what happens if people time out at the 15 months. Carrie mentioned if they time out maybe they should have been put into a different housing program.

**14. Committee Reports (Time permitting)**

- a. System Performance Network – No update

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- b. Coordinated Entry – Have been working on EHV. Workgroups have been working on outreach and prevention standards requested by DEHCR. Added some questions to the upcoming Gaps and Needs survey. Looking at increasing workgroups pertaining to other systems of care and youth. Lots of trainings that will need to be updated.
- c. Discharge Planning – Continue working on the Discharge toolkit and will then work on a discharge policy.
- d. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) – Has been working on YHDP application. Next up is creating regional boards. Committee name will be changing to Youth Services Committee and charter is being updated.
- e. Emergency Shelter – Ed reported they are going back to the drawing board for the standards. Have some samples from other COCs.
- f. Veteran Advisory Board - Working on regional case conferencing and making sure they are consistent region to region.
- g. Gaps and Needs – Have a meeting on Thursday to finalize the survey and have it out by the quarterly meeting next week.
- h. Public Awareness – Emily from the Housing First Coalition presented at the last meeting on how we can implement and train on housing first.
- i. Fiscal and Audit – No update
- j. Nominating Committee – Several board members have terms up this fall; notices will be going out to those local coalitions. Youth specific board member spot still open; Kim asked if there was a deadline for applications and there was not a deadline, so it is hard to know if others are still coming in or not without a deadline. They will set a deadline at their next committee meeting and re-send it out.
- k. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Will be ready to present Diversity statement at September's board meeting. Also working on some language to give to the Nominating Committee to help recruit diverse populations to board and committees at BOSCOG that can trickle down to local coalition levels. Investigating training opportunities.

#### 15. Other Business

- a. Introduced Sara Williams, new board member from Brown County.

#### 16. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Tara Prah
- b. Second made by David Eberbach
- c. No further discussion
- d. All in favor
- e. Motion Carries

Next Meeting September 7, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Locher, Secretary

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