

WI BOS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2021 Via GoTo Meeting



1. Called to order at 10:05am
2. Members Present – Lisa Haen, Kathleen Fisher, Jessica Locher, Carrie Poser
3. Members Absent – Cheryl Detrick
4. Director Update
 - a. EFS 6 Call earlier this week talking about the new Delta Variant; more contagious and can spread very easily. HUD feels WI Emergency Management needs to take a larger roll in planning COVID response.
5. SSO DV Grant

End Domestic Abuse has decided not to continue as a sub-recipient with this grant (which ends 8/31); need official letter confirming this to move forward. 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.
6. Youth Demonstration Grant Next Steps
 - a. Leigh will be sending letters out to youth about the regional YABs. Want regional conversations to start by end of September. Need to fill the Youth Board of Director position. Discussion needs to start about what happens if we are awarded funds so we can get started asap. Carrie would like to see a contracted 2-year position to help facilitate the YHDP grant and support the local coalitions. Would be helpful to subcontract funding to local coalitions to help complete all the work needed locally. Need to communicate with local coalitions to see what they need in funding to help facilitate the YHDP grant.
7. Reallocated Funds (COC Competition)

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- a. There is a potential of a voluntarily reallocation of \$77,466. Staff suggestion is to fund East Central and Jefferson at the same level of \$32,177 for a SSO position and expand the SSO grant. An email vote will be sent out once it is confirmed they will be voluntarily giving up the grant.
8. Ryan Dowd Additional Training
 - a. Based on feedback from Ryan's previous training, Carrie would like to offer an additional Ryan Dowd training including the Core Training – 2 additional sessions, one in September and December. Went over the additional sessions Ryan offers beyond the Core Training. Carrie is also working with Ryan on pricing for obtaining licensing to his Academy at a reduced price through the BOS. Jessica suggested we investigate Crisis Intervention Partners training (<https://namiwisconsin.org/cit-cip/cip/>). Carrie is also looking into trainings for BOS staff.
 9. Strategic Plan Strategy 2 Worksheet
 - a. Lisa completed the worksheet – same format as previous strategy.
 - b. Continue seeking out less restrictive funds to support local coalitions.
 - c. Discussed local coalitions can share a best practice tip via video that can be shared and watched at any time.
 - d. Discussed having an open group on our Facebook page to have an area where discussion can happen on best practices. Also, can upload documents to the group. Posts can be screened by admin to ensure it is an appropriate post for the group.
 - e. Possibly create a YouTube channel to upload trainings that we have permission to share.
 - f. Jessica will put together google form for board members to complete so we can put together a bio of board members so we can get to know each other, and we can also share info on social media so membership knows who represents them.
 10. Annual Assessment of Board, Committees, Officers and Members
 - a. Will complete this via Survey Monkey. Will add demographic information needed to help understand who board members are and their perspective. Send this out around Oct/Nov before possible board change in November.
 11. Committee Report Structure Discussion
 - a. To help those that don't like to talk and to be prepared for board meetings and quarterly meetings, please be ready to share: When you met, what you are doing, when they are meeting next and what they need from membership.
 12. Board Member Accommodations
 - a. Board member application will be modified to ask about any accommodations they may need. Need to figure out how we would fund these accommodations as these cannot come from the Planning Grant; should be able to come out of the General Fund. Will need to be for any board member and listed as a board expense. A possibility would be to contact a local coalition to purchase and set up a computer and be reimbursed by the BOS.

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- b. Website Updates – had a discussion with Jen about what she is responsible for and what BOS Staff is responsible for. Starting in September BOS Staff will be looking at what needs a major update.
- c. Carrie will be off work tomorrow unless the CoC Competition starts.

13. Other Business

14. Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm

- a. Kathleen made a motion for adjournment, 2nd by Jessica

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Locher, Secretary

Next Meeting 10:00 am September 16, 2021