

WI BOS Board of Director's Meeting

December 7, 2021 1:00 pm
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1. Lisa Haen called meeting to order at 1:02pm
2. Members Present: Dana Baumgartner, Kristina Bechtel, Mike Bonertz, Hannah Conforti, Cheryl Detrick, David Eberbach, Michael Ethridge, Kathleen Fisher, Michelle Friedrich, Angela Friend, Lisa Haen, Keith Jonathan, Sara Krall, Jessica Locher, Jessica Mudgett, Jessica Neumann, Tara Pahl, Millie Rounsville, Wendy Schneider, Chandra Wakefield, Sarah Williams, Ed Wilson
3. Members Excused: Jill Garfield, Kim Cable
4. Members Unexcused: Randall Brown
5. Staff Present: Carrie Poser
6. Approval of 9/7/21, 10/5/21 and 11/2/21 Board meeting minutes, and 11/18/21 Executive Committee meeting minutes – VOTE tabled to January
7. Board Officer Elections – Mike Bonertz
 - a. Motion to approve Chair by Dave Eberbach and 2nd by Kathleen Fisher
 - b. Motion to approve Vice-Chair by Dave Eberbach and 2nd by Michael Etheridge
 - c. Motion to approve Treasurer by Cheryl Detrick and 2nd by Lisa Haen
 - d. Motion to approve Secretary by Dave Eberbach and 2nd by Kathleen Fisher
8. HMIS Transition Update Wrap up – David Eberbach
 - a. Reporting side is still being worked on. Biggest challenge is coalition level reporting and playing catch up on building reports from the old system. Appreciate the user level commitment to getting data in Clarity. Bitfocus has received a large investment from an outside firm to help bulk up staffing and meeting user need.
9. Lived Experience Compensation Policy Task Force Update Wrap up – Cheryl Detrick reported compensating board of directors is not allowed by the law. Set up two advisory boards - lived experience and youth. Advisory boards are allowed to be compensated. Vote will be brought to a future meeting.
10. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement – VOTE
 - a. Motion to approve by Dave Eberbach and 2nd by Jessica Mudgett
 - b. Motion passed.
11. ESG Rapid Rehousing Standards – VOTE
 - a. Motion to approve by Kathleen Fisher and 2nd by Wendy Schneider
 - b. Discussion: Tara asked if there was room to align category of homelessness with HUD's guidance; Carrie stated no. Standards have also been sent to DEHCR to ensure they would be accepted, and Robyn has stated via email they would be.
 - c. Motion passed.
12. ESG Prevention Standards – VOTE
 - a. Motion to approve by Ed Wilson and 2nd by Kristina Bechtel
 - b. Discussion: Tara asked about reevaluating program eligibility, do we need to verify they are still in an at-risk situation or just income? Just need to verify lack of resources and support network.
 - c. Motion passed.
13. Youth Compensation Policy – VOTE
 - a. Motion to approve by Kristina B and 2nd by Cheryl Detrick

- b. Discussion: Cheryl asked how the compensation amount was determined. Min. amount HUD TA would allow and not limit the amount of youth on advisory board.
- c. Motion Passed.

14. Board Chair Report

- a. 2022 Board Meeting Day of the Month and Time – survey results shared that the current date and time work for board members.
- b. Committee Reports – please ensure that if you are not available to attend a quarterly meeting that you have another committee member or BOS staff member be prepared to make an update.

15. Director Update – Carrie Poser

General Stuff

- Dec. 13th from 9-10:30 will be the next Homelessness forum and showcase “what it means to bill Medicaid” in anticipation of upcoming initiatives mentioned during the BOS meeting by Leah Ramirez – state plan amendment to use Medicaid to fund services
- Participated in IAC workgroup meetings (Nov. 9, Nov. 23, Dec 2)
 - The final product was presented at the meeting Dec 2nd.
 - I submitted an amendment yesterday re: employment and income.
 - The final product will be voted on tomorrow (12/8) during the Interagency Council mtg.
- Participated on the DHS Transportation Advisory Council mtg (11/17) – update on the transition plan to VEYO
- Participated in USICH listening sessions, giving feedback on the new plan to end homelessness at the federal level (11/17)
- Presented on 12/3 at the Wisconsin County Human Services Association annual meeting along with Robyn Thibado (DEHCR) and Dane County staff.

Point-in-Time

- We will be hosting 3 webinars in January on the PIT.
 - Planning (myself, Ryan, and an SSO)
 - Report Running and Data Clean up (ICA)
 - Putting it all together (myself & Leigh)

Trainings

- Ryan Dowd trainings scheduled for Dec. 16th. Core, when to call police, TBI. Registration is already up and available. 9 am-noon, 1-4.
- Diverse & Resilient – Jan. 6 & 20, Feb 2 & 16 (9-11 am). No recording. 4 session registration fee of \$50/person. Or \$20/person per session.

Session 1: LGBTQ+ 101

Jan 6th

9-11am

- Describe terminology and concepts related to sexual orientation
- Discuss the gender spectrum and learn to distinguish sex assignment from gender identity and expression
- Explore health outcomes & experiences of LGBTQ+ people
- Identify basic strategies for creating a safe, culturally competent, and welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ young people

Session 2: Minority Stress Theory

Jan. 20th

9-11 am

- Explore how bias impacts mental health for LGBTQ+ people
- Discuss the effects of chronic negative messages in social structures
- Identify ways to mitigate harm in our work with LGBTQ+ people

Session 3: Trans Needs Assessment: Case Examples

Feb. 2nd 9-11 am

- Provide overview of the Trans Needs Assessment Project
- Review qualitative and quantitative data specific to social determinants of health for Trans people
- Review concrete examples of harm with proposed solutions from the Trans community

Session 4: Inclusive Workplace Best Practices Feb. 16th 9-11 am

- Review data regarding the experiences of LGBTQ+ people in the workplace
- Review policy level best practices for minimizing workplace harm
- Identify basic steps for supporting the creation of safe, affirming environments and experiences for LGBTQ+ people at work

Board

- Still missing a lot of match through 9/30. The final quarter 10-1 through 12-31 will be due Jan. 15th. We are about \$9000 short of match for the CoC Planning grant.

Grants

- Submitted APR for SSO CE DV. Working on DV RRH APR (due 12/28).
- Submitted final DV RRH (20-21) will have about \$32,000 unspent (rental assistance)
- Working on contract for YHDP Planning grant – funding for local coalitions

Emergency Housing Vouchers Update

As of today:

- Brown PHA (35) = 34 referrals submitted or held with 2 declined
- Kenosha PHA (24) = 24 referrals
- Sauk PHA (15) = 15 referrals submitted or held
- WHEDA PHA (343) = 201 referrals submitted or held

On 12/1, we opened up the next priority for EHV- those on the CE list less than 12 months with a VISPDAT score less than 8.

WHEDA has approved some funding for the BOS for this process. I need to connect with them about next steps. But those coalitions who have referred for WHEDA will likely see some funding for the SSO position. Stay tuned.

Grant Progress Report

Didn't have a chance to work on this. We are on pace with our funding overall.

YHDP Grant Update

- Still looking for magical unicorn.
- Continue to have weekly meetings with HUD TA – ICF, True Colors, and the National Center for Homeless Education staff. I have upcoming mtgs with DPI, DCF and WHARS.
- This morning we had our “launching” meeting to lay out the groundwork for the CCP.
 - It was recorded, you should absolutely watch, review the slides, and be working on this w/in your communities.
- Deadline for the CCP on March 15th. Possible extension available.
 - Then RFP for projects that will address gaps and needs in the CCP.

CoC Competition

Once all is said and done, we will be submitting our application with:

- 44 projects and 1 planning grant
- Of the 44, 39 are renewal grants; 1 new grant using reallocated funds; 3 PH bonus grants; 1 new DV bonus expansion grant.
- The 39 renewal grants total = 10,503,577

- The 1 new grant with reallocated funds is originally from \$77,466 (YWCA of La Crosse). These funds are being used to write for an expansion of the SSO CE grant to include Jefferson and East Central.
- The 3 PH bonus grants equal \$591,120. This will include 1 new PSH grant (Western Dairyland), 1 new RRH expansion grant (House of Hope), 1 new PSH expansion grant (Pillars).
- Finally the RRH Project expansion grant is \$1,773,359. It includes 2 subs seeking to expand their current services & 5 new DV provider subs: Solution Center (Winnebagoland), Family Services (Rock/Walworth), New Horizon (Coulee), Bolton Refuge (Dairyland), and In Courage (Lakeshore).
- The planning grant will be for \$354,672.

Some big picture topics include:

- Engagement with organizations led by and serving Black, brown, Indigenous and other people of color
- Engagement with organizations led by and serving LGBT persons
- Engagement with Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated housing entities
- Formalized partnerships with youth education providers, homeless liaisons, and school district staff
- Formalized partnerships with early childhood service providers
- Homeless preferences, moving on strategies, and joint applications with PHA
- CoC-wide racial disparity assessment & development of strategies used to address racial equity
- Active participation by people with lived experience
- Ensuring that DV comparable databases collect the same data elements required in the HUD 2020 HMIS data standards
- Collection of DV de-identified, aggregated SPM
- Efforts around decreasing length of time homeless & reoccurrence; increasing exits to PH, income, & non-earned income
- Coordination with housing and healthcare. No bonus points*

16. February Meeting – Carrie Poser

- a. Removed Chair report. Partner update is expanding and will be moved after approval of minutes. Discussed removing committee presentation and discussion for all committees unless a committee has a presentation or discussion needed for all membership. Kathleen expressed a concern that committees still need to be held accountable to board and membership. Cheryl expressed agreement with Kathleen and the suggestion to shorten the quarterly meeting to a half day meeting. Will continue discussion at January meeting or send a survey out.

17. Public Policy Report – Carrie Poser reported that she is supporting Mike Basford’s request to ensure that the State of the State is not the same night as the January Point in Time.

18. Committee Reports (Time permitting)

- a. System Performance Network – no report, meeting December 14.
- b. Coordinated Entry – no report, meeting December 15.
- c. Discharge Planning – approved the Discharge Tool Planning Kit at last meeting. Will be sent out for comment to membership and then be approved by board.
- d. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) – Youth Service Providers is new committee name and will be meeting twice a month to assist with the creation of the CCP for YHDP grant.
- e. Emergency Shelter – no report, will be meeting in December.
- f. Veteran Advisory Board - didn’t meet last month. We will be having a meeting next Wednesday and we are hoping to find a chair for the By Name workgroup.

- g. Gaps and Needs - shared update on the survey. Keep sharing, is on the front page of the BOS website and Facebook page.
- h. Public Awareness – continuing to work on a survey about needs and knowledge of BOS. Next meeting December 28.
- i. Fiscal and Audit – met and worked on the Youth Compensation policy that was approved today.
- j. Nominating Committee – No report.
- k. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – No report.

19. No Other Business

20. Adjourn at 2:41 pm

- a. Motion made by Dave Eberbach
- b. 2nd by Cheryl Detrick
- c. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Locher, Secretary

Next Meeting January 4, 2022