

WI BOS Board of Director's Meeting

April 5, 2022, 1:00 pm
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1. Meeting Called to Order by Lisa Haen at 1:03PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of 3/1/2022 Board meeting minutes, and 3/17/22 Executive Committee meeting minutes
 - a. Motion Made By: Dave Eberbach
 - b. Motion Seconded By: Tara Prah
 - c. Any Discussion
 - d. All in Favor
 - e. Motion Passed
4. Approval of Outreach Standards
 - a. Motion Made By: Jill Poliska
 - b. Motion Seconded By: Wendy Schneider
 - c. Any Discussion
 - d. All in Favor
 - e. Motion Passed
5. Approval to accept HAP Grant of \$175,000 and use it for COC funded projects
 - a. Motion Made By: Kathleen Fisher
 - b. Motion Seconded By: Wendy Schneider
 - c. Any Discussion
 - d. All in Favor
 - e. Motion Passed
6. Approval to use extra HAP funds to create an RFP process for projects that are not COC funded
 - a. Motion Made By: Mike Bonertz
 - b. Motion Seconded By: Tara Prah
 - c. Any Discussion
 - d. All in Favor
 - e. Motion Passed
7. Coalition Updates – (please be prepared to discuss needs, impact, challenges, struggles for your coalition)

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- a. Brown – No board rep present
- b. Central – Wendy Schneider – Working on the YHDP and creating new partnerships throughout region. New SSO started this week for renewal – More shelter is needed – Dodge County has a weekly stakeholders meeting to coordinate services
- c. Coulee – Kristina Bechtel – There are a lot of resources and support to provide shelter for homeless, but agencies appear to be struggling to find a common solution everyone can agree on. Ecolodge sheltering at least 100 individuals and families – funding runs out at the end of April – no plan in place yet for what happens after April. City of La Crosse planned to buy another motel and turn it into emergency shelter, but his plan fell through. City currently seeking an agency to coordinate “tent city” at Houska Park.
- d. Dairyland – No board rep present
- e. Fox Cities – Tara Pahl – Continues meeting as a coalition to coordinate services for folks experiencing homelessness. Trying to create incentives for landlords. Mike Basford joined meeting to discuss Statewide Plan.
- f. Jefferson – No board rep present
- g. Kenosha – Lisa Haen – Busy with YHDP. Stakeholders beginning to meet and YAB up and running smoothly. Starting to merge the two to discuss gaps analysis. RRH project ended on February 28th and struggling with having no funding for it. Still struggling to find appropriate numbers of housing units for everyone experiencing homelessness. Planning to start utilizing Shared Housing guide to open more options for single folks.
- h. Lakeshore – No board rep present
- i. North Central – Chandra Wakefield – Busy with YHDP. Hired new Outreach worker. Shelters are still full. Family room is still full – wanting kick of campaign to open bigger shelter that will service 6 families – lack of affordable housing/housing in general – seeing an increase for the need for rental assistance
- j. Northeast – No board rep present
- k. Northwest – Millie Rounsville – Still working on YHDP – locally working of variance definitions of homelessness – two warming centers will be closing at the end of April – opened first community shelter in middle of January and officially at full capacity – has 21 families currently utilizing – Affordable housing continues to be an issue – none of the PHA’s have been able to lease up FUP vouchers
- l. Ozaukee – Kathleen Fisher – Still on motel voucher program – looking at getting new shelter open in Fall – working on YHDP
- m. Rock Walworth – Jessica Locher – Had United Way put together RSVP – County approved resolution to create a Homeless Prevention Coordinator position at the County – using ARPA funding for family services (COC DV RRH program) – starting another

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Transitional living program – shelters are full – motel vouchers are being utilized at a high rate

- n. Rural North – Jessica Mudgett – Shelter is opening on April 25th – working on getting ready for that opening. Almost out of funding for motel vouchers – busy working on YHDP as well
 - o. Southwest – Michelle Friedrich – Utilizing motel vouchers very quickly – all shelters are full – also wanting to utilize shared housing as there is a landlord who is wanting to use dorm setting for affordable housing
 - p. Washington – Hannah Conforti – Working on YHDP – shelters have been consistently full – all waitlists are full – lack of affordable housing in County – Huge need for rental assistance
 - q. Waukesha – Kathleen Fisher – all shelters are full – have a need for drop in shelters – assessing this need further to determine how best to move forward – Trying to change Safe Haven to PSH
 - r. West Central – Peter Kilde – Working on YHDP – nothing more to report at this time
 - s. Winnebagoland – Mike Bonertz – Two new homeless facilities going on in coalition area – Fond du Lac shelter opening in the next 45 days – Day-by-Day warming shelter expecting to break ground also around that time – more and more landlords are not agreeing to work with homeless programs, signing on with property management companies instead – WERA has done very well at homelessness prevention – Winnebago County just received 10 million in ARP grant – using it to increase affordable housing
 - t. Dave Eberbach – Maggie Carden is shifting roles to director of Special Projects position.
 - u. Jill Poliska – Just getting voucher program up and running – trying to find landlords to work with
 - v. Angela Friend – Working on funding for EHH – fundraising for membership dues – trying to find a new board member for Dairyland
8. Board Chair Report – Lisa Haen
- a. Reviewed Board Evaluations
 - i. Executive Committee (Lisa, Kristi, and Cheryl) met in March to discuss board evaluation results and develop solutions to feedback received
 - ii. Will go over with Carrie and Kathleen and present to board at April meeting
9. Director Update – Carrie Poser

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Staffing update – Staff are working on updates to their job descriptions and giving feedback on the Grant Specialist position. The hope is to post that position in early June. Leigh will continue as the Project Coordinator focusing on (1) YHDP, (2) PIT, and (3) Project Evaluation. Ryan and Carrie will be working on crafting job descriptions for the CE System Coordinator vs. Specialist – with the coordinator focusing on big picture system evaluation and changes while the specialist would be more in the weeds with day-to-day support to local coalitions.

General Stuff

- DHS
 - Homeless Forum, continuing to be the 4th Monday from 9-10:30. NEW link starting in March. In March the focus was on Adult Protective Services. Coming up will be a focus on Veterans.
 - Registration is now available for a 3-part series: Dr. Leslie Ross from UCLA “Taking Care of Yourself as You care of Others: Sustaining Workplace Wellness.” Free. Virtual. April 5, 12, 19 from 10:00-11:30 am. 1st one was this morning.
 - Carrie sent an email out with PPE inventory that is available and the contact information if interested.

- DCF
 - BOS staff are working with the DCF Area Coordinators and Human Service Coordinators to join several local coalitions meetings. Starting with just a few. The goal is to introduce these folks to the local coalition partners and create space for coalition members to share areas of concern, ask questions, discuss problems related to accessing services and barriers to that service. (MH and AODA)
 - Carrie met with DCF Tribal Liaisons to talk about partnership both with YHDP and the CoC.

- DEHCR
 - Meeting with the other 3 CoC leaders about HAP funds.
 - For the 175,000 = will need reviewers (Application is due 5/9) Goal is to release the application by Friday. Due 4/22.
 - For the additional = will need reviewers. Unsure parameters of this process.
 - Meeting with DEHCR staff, Ryan, and Carrie – 101 training. Discussed roles and responsibilities around CE Compliance for ESG funded agencies. They will have some updates to propose to the Monitoring Policy for the Board to review and approve by the May meeting. They have a follow up meeting scheduled for next week with DEHCR to sketch out a process and work through those details.

Match

- Board Match Link = report time related to the Board of Directors meetings, workgroups, or task forces. Board members can include their specific time on committee work as well.
 - Carrie sent the match link earlier. The 1st quarter is due. (Jan – March 31). You can do this monthly or quarterly. At this point there are only have 3 responses.

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- Committee link = all committee members should be asked to submit their time spent working on committee stuff as match
 - Only CE (60 response) and Veteran Advisory (44 response)
- Coalition link = all coalition members should be asked to submit their time spent on coalition planning and development. This includes competition requests from me, action plan, community planning activities, coalition mtgs, etc.
 - Zero response
- Point in Time = there is a separate link for any time spent on the PIT – before (planning), during, or after (debrief, post-PIT count)
- YHDP link = 1 form for entire BOS to be able to submit time

Other Meetings/Conferences

- Carrie attended the National Network for Youth conference March 2-3 (virtual) & the National Low Income Housing Coalition Virtual Housing Policy Forum March 22-23
- Carrie is presenting on April 26th at the 2022 Hunger & Health Summit in Wisconsin Dells.
- Carrie is presenting with the other 3 CoC leaders during the DHS Health Equity Forum on April 22nd.

Local Coalition Feedback Needed

Non-medical Transportation = Carrie sits on the Non-Medical Transportation Advisory Council; they are actively seeking feedback on the new provider of services. Carrie have continued to hear negative things from a few folks but would like to see how widespread the issues are. Please send examples to Carrie.

CoC Competition

On March 14th, the results from the CoC Competition were posted.

- Unfortunately, BOS was not awarded any of the bonus grants for regular projects.
- On a positive note, we were awarded all of our renewals and reallocations.
- BOS was awarded a little over \$1.8 million in the DV RRH Expansion. This funding will:
 - expand services provided by Golden House (Green Bay) and Newcap (NWISH and NE service area)
 - add new sub-recipients: Family Services (Rock Walworth), New Horizons (Coulee), Bolton Refuge House (Dairyland), Solution Center (WinnebagoLand), and In Courage (Lakeshore)
 - Anticipated start date 10/1/22
- We were awarded \$77,466 to expand our current SSO for Coordinated entry to include East Central and Jefferson. Anticipated start date 7/1/22.
- Have not received scoring overview yet.

YHDP

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- Workgroup Meetings – these are scheduled weekly on Tuesdays from 10-noon. Evolving into office hour structure, common questions and concerns along with updates as we enter the final push for local coalition's to complete their plans. Deadline 4/22.
- HUD TA meetings – weekly with HUD TA, True Colors, BOS staff, and now Jolie (WAHRS)
- Round 4/5 meetings – HUD TA monthly mtg & a National Center for Homeless Education monthly mtg
- Staff meetings – weekly to specifically work on YHDP planning

B. Contracts

- Sub-contracts for coalition planning – not being spent very quickly. Contracts go until 9/30.

C. Youth

- Working through the process of reimbursement.
- Bringing the youth together for the start of the CoC-wide YAB. TA will support. And Jill has been introduced to Leigh!

D. CCP

- Definitely have words on a page for the BOS plan.
- Confirmed signatures from Mike Basford (Interagency Council voted to allow him to sign on their behalf), ICA, WAHRS, and the CoC.
- DCF submitted a letter of support.
- Hosted a meeting on March 30th to discuss project funding and the process. Outlined deadlines – 1st release 4/15, 2nd release 5/2, final due 5/16.
- For those of you on the Board whose agencies will not be submitting project applications, Carrie is looking for some reviewers. A few of you, a few of the CoC-wide YAB members, and at least 1 of BOS staff will comprise the review team.
- Looking to apply for a System Navigator (SSO grant). Will sub to agencies within the coalitions that participated in YHDP. Amount is unknown at this point but would like to be able to fund close to a full position.

Would have a standard job description. And it would place an emphasis on someone who has lived experience as a youth and/or is a youth (under 25).

- Thinking about another planning grant to reimburse youth (local and CoC-wide) submitting 6/1 and then it would run until 5/31. Current one will end 9/30.

Quarterly Meetings

May – Still working on the Agenda for the Business meeting on Friday, May 13th.
We do have a training scheduled for Thursday, May 12th.

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Point-in-Time

HIC/PIT due to HUD by 4/30

Still working to resolve data issues at the coalition level. Please make sure these are completed ASAP.

Trainings

- Join national speaker, transgender writer and “human inclusionist,” Ellen “Ellie” Krug as she conducts her highly valued human inclusivity training, Gray Area Thinking. This training will provide an easy-to-understand toolset on how to be more welcoming of anyone who is “Other” in our society. Registration is currently open via Eventbrite on our website. I have attached additional information provided by Ms. Krug including a picture and bio. To make sure to save the time in your calendar, the training will be virtual on **Thursday, May 12th from 9:00-noon. *Sent info for Eventbrite = \$60/person, more than 3 will be \$50.**
- Second, we will have an opportunity to hear from Alonzo Kelly over three 2-hour sessions in late May/early June. Registration is currently open via Eventbrite on our website. I have attached additional information provided by Mr. Kelly including a picture and bio. More information will be available soon including name and description of each session. To make sure to save the time in your calendar, the virtual training dates & times will be: ***sent info for Eventbrite = \$30 members/\$40 non-members per session**
 - **Tuesday, May 31 10:30-12:30**
 - **Tuesday, June 7 10:30-12:30**
 - **Tuesday, June 14 10:30-12:30**

10. Committee Reports – Unable to do due to time constraints

11. No other business

12. Adjourn

- a. Motion made by: Jessica Mudgett
- b. Motion seconded by: David Eberbach
- c. Discussion
- d. All in favor
- e. Motion passes

13. Next Meeting May 3, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Bechtel

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