

WI BOS Board of Director's COVID-19 Meeting

April 2, 2020

GoTo Webinar 4:00-4:36 pm

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Petts at 4:05 pm.
 - a. Members Present: Mike Bonertz, Duana Bremer, Kim Cable, Cheryl Detrick, David Eberbach, Michelle Friedrich, Kathleen Fisher, Angela Friend, Lisa Haen, Mary Jacobson, Casey Levrach, Jessica Locher, Jeanette Petts, Wendy Schneider, Chandra Wakefield, Ed Wilson
 - b. Members Excused: Millie Rounsville, Tara Prah, Michelle Arrowood, Dana Baumgartner, Michael Etheridge, Noel Halvorsen, Jessica Mudgett
 - c. Members Unexcused: None
 - d. Staff Present: Carrie Poser

2. Grants/Contracts approvals – *(the Board has given permission to Carrie to pursue funding opportunities that are coming out to benefit LC's during the COVID pandemic. Carrie will bring information before the Board for the purposes of voting on any awards and contracts we receive as a result of her efforts. Prior to the start of our first meeting (April 2nd) Carrie will develop a Google document to track these opportunities and every Director will receive a link so you will be able to keep yourself up to date on all of the working opportunities. If a contract will be voted on, we will send out the contract and the accompanying consolidated application prior to the meeting for you to look over.)*

We will know about the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment funding opportunity Carrie wrote and submitted on 3/3/20 within a week.

3. Crisis in Communities conversations – *(this portion of the meeting is for Directors to discuss any crises that are occurring in local coalitions. This is an opportunity to brainstorm solutions. If you are having some kind of crisis in your community please come prepared to talk about it. There may be residual effects of closed housing authorities or new encampments or whatever.)*

Carrie's plan is to gather specific information about what types of crisis are occurring in local coalitions from people on the call, so she has sense of what is going on.

Kim Cable: Shelters are on lockdown in LaCrosse

Ed Wilson: Waupaca shelter closed down due to staff. Things are settling down in Waupaca.

The Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care's mission is to end homelessness by supporting local coalitions throughout Wisconsin.

Chandra: Wondering about doing a media request. Carrie reported that Senators will be announcing how much money is coming to Wisconsin through the CARES Act. The number is not going to breakdown how much homeless service providers. We should say at this time we do not know how much we will be getting.

Duana – one issue in St. Croix County – motels in New Richmond are not taking any individuals which is problematic – needed to go to Barron County to find people shelter. Carrie – It is a hit or miss around the state. Duana should connect with Shelby – she intends to drive around and find alternatives to shelter.

Mary – it would be okay to talk to the media about the activities we would provide with the money. Carrie cautioned about sending that message because DHECR has not released the funding requirements. It is okay to talk about the need in your community.

Cheryl - discussed a few funding opportunities for the Brown County Area. Nothing outside of what Carrie sent – Wisconsin Partnership grant – innovative practices with health and vulnerable people. Otter Bremer trust has grant opportunities and there is no deadline.

Duana – Mayo Clinic came out with a funding opportunity – motel vouchers and rent assistance. There will be a 3-week time period where people will not get unemployment. We will see the need for rent money and utility assistance.

Carrie reported that republicans are working on a variety of things and they are working hard to make sure homelessness is addressed in the package.

4. Outside noise – *(Carrie will report on national news related to homeless services. I.E. HUD, or DHS, or the crisis calls she is on daily with FEMA & United Way, or others.)*

Carrie reported that HUD sent out information about waivers for COC, ESG, Hopwa. Carrie encouraged members to read the fine print and ask questions to ensure you are setting yourself up to be successful with any waiver request. Carrie is talking to Sara. HUD released the 2nd part of the COC competition two days ago. At this time there is no news about a delay in the HUD COC Competition.

Interagency council – looking for information from all local coalitions about the working relationship between homeless programs and public health department.

12.7 million to go to DEHCR to divide amongst the 4 CoC's. All 4 CoC leaders will be involved in funding allocation discussions. Habitability, match waived – income and CE is not waived. There are many questions to considered about how to release the funding. We all received the google doc link that shows grant information and data

regarding services impacted during COVID-19 Wheda has housing choice vouchers. They stopped issuing vouchers until April 30th – they will be getting additional money for vouchers.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm
 - a. Motion to adjourn made by Kim Cable
 - b. Second made by Duana Bremer
 - c. No further discussion
 - d. All in favor
 - e. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Haen, Secretary

