

WI BOS Board of Director's COVID-19 Meeting

April 23, 2020

GoTo Webinar 4:04-4:32 pm

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Petts at 4:04 pm.
 - a. Members Present: Jeanette Petts, David Eberbach, Kathleen Fisher, Jessica Locher, Tara Prah, Wendy Schneider, Casey Levrich, Michelle Friedrich, and Duana Bremer
 - b. Members Excused: Lisa Haen, Kim Cable and Angela Friend, Mike Bonertz, Mary Jacobson, Millie Rounsville, Chandra Wakefield, Noel Halvorsen, Ed Wilson, Jessica Mudgett, Michael Etheridge, Cheryl Detrick, Michelle Arrowood, Hannah Hamberg, and Dana Baumgartner
 - 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.)*

There are currently no grants or contracts to discuss.

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.)*

The Fox Cities is experiencing people that are moving from other places because their shelters have shut down or on lockdown. They have a hotel they are using to provide individual places plus keeping families at the shelter facility and are using the same amount of staff to do this.

Ozaukee County has everyone in a hotel which provides different challenges. The case manager has a room on site. Kathleen has questions on security. She knows Dane and

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Milwaukee counties have hired security to rotate through hotels being served by homeless programs.

Duana shared the sad news of a PSH client passing away last Monday. The case manager was there on Friday and the paramedics had come on Saturday.

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.)*
 - a) ESG CARES
 - The State has yet to make an allocation decision
 - They will then run it past the CoC's
 - Then it will go to the Secretary
 - b) Call with HUD DC, USDA District Rep and Red Cross Director
 - Regarding food security
 - c) FEMA
 - There is conditional approval for non-congregate shelters
 - Webinar coming regarding California's process for COVID affected persons
 - Webinar will be put on the WIBOS website
 - d) Carrie sent out a form regarding needs and will be sending this out again.
 - e) EFSP 'Set aside' Committee call
 - Talked about eligibility criteria
 - Phase 37 will be much more money
 - f) COVID-19 contacts need to share the information with everyone; this is not currently happening
5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm
 - a. Motion to adjourn made by Duana Bremer
 - b. Second made by Kathleen Fisher
 - c. No further discussion
 - d. All in favor
 - e. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted

Jeanette Petts, Chair



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