

## WI BOS Board of Director's COVID-19 Meeting

May 14, 2020  
GoTo Webinar 4:00-4:45 pm

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Petts at 4:02 pm.
  - a. Members Present: David Eberbach, Kathleen Fisher, Angela Friend, Lisa Haen, Hannah Hamberg, Mary Jacobson, Casey Levrich, Jessica Locher, Jeanette Petts, Tara Prah, Wendy Schneider
  - b. Members Excused: Michelle Arrowood, Dana Baumgartner, Mike Bonertz, Duana Bremer, Kim Cable, Cheryl Detrick, Michael Etheridge, Michelle Friedrich, Noel Halvorsen, Jessica Mudgett, Millie Rounsville, Chandra Wakefield, Ed Wilson
  - 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.)*
  - a. Jefferson got word that the CSBG Community Services Block Grant funding is coming soon.
  - b. Tara talked about the FEMA briefing that she attended and did not feel as if her agency was eligible for FEMA funding.
  - c. Brief discussion about the Stay at Home Order and how some Counties are open and some are closed.
  
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.)*

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

- a. Carrie asked FEMA questions about what agencies are eligible. There are some COC's in the country that are receiving funding. The FEMA presentations do not indicate the work we do is eligible. Carrie reassured members that our agencies are eligible for the FEMA funding. Overall the available FEMA funding information we are receiving is very confusing. Carrie will circle back and continue to ask clarifying questions. Suggestion that the BOS applies for the funding and issues the vouchers to the members to BOS.
  - b. EFS 6 Call on Wednesday Morning that included DHS, FEMA, HUD, DEHCR, the Interagency Council COCs, WI Emergency Management and Adam from ICA. COC'S are being asked to provide a large quantity of data. Adam was able to explain how HMIS works and what data is available and what is not. People on the call were shocked and awed that not all Emergency Shelter residents, case managers and homeless program providers did not have the appropriate number of PPE. Carrie will send out a request for Local Coalitions to report the number of PPE needed in Emergency Shelters.
  - c. Call this morning with DEHCR indicated that there is no allocation yet. We will possibly be notified early next week. Once the allocation is released Local Coalitions will be able to revise budgets to
  - d. Ongoing confusion about whether or not WHEDA is open. People are getting different answers from different people. Carrie has emails indicating they are closed. Currently WHEDA is issuing HUD-VASH and FUP vouchers. Section 8 Vouchers will possibly not be issued again until the late fall. Working to clarify the working status of WHEDA.
  - e. Webinars on the ESG CARES Act funding suggest that the funding should not be used for Prevention, it should all be used for Rapid Rehousing. Communities should be finding other money to fund prevention.
  - f. Carrie will create a best practice training for what people have been doing around the state. Also discussed doing a webinar on Rapid Rehousing best practices and policies and procedures for remote case management since we are not sure when home visits will resume.
  - g. EFSP funding was discussed. Carrie is on the Set aside committee and reported that this year there is extra funds. If anyone has questions, reach out to Carrie. EFSP Phase 37 and Phase Cares awards were announced.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm
- a. Motion to adjourn made by Lisa Haen
  - b. Second made by David Eberbach
  - c. No further discussion
  - d. All in favor
  - e. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Haen, Secretary

