



Coalition Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 18th 5:15 pm
2602 1st Center Ave, Brodhead, WI 53520

Meeting Summary

Executive Board

Chair -

Chris Hughes

Vice Chair -

Julie Taylor

Treasurer -

Jason Onken-Covert

Board Members

Susan Pomatto

Kaiden Chojnacki

Staff Members

Program Director - Kathy Comeau

STOP Act Community Services Coordinator - Jess Marass

Bilingual Community Services Coordinator - Tia Santiago

MHAT Community Service Coordinator - Alexis Speth

Attendance: Jason Onken-Covert, Julie Taylor, Chris Hughes, Susan Pomatto, Alexis Speth, Kristia Santiago, Jess Marass, Kathy Comeau

- Previous meeting summary was sent by email for review prior to the meeting. Staff Report was reviewed. Jason asked if the Lafayette job opening would be reposted. Kathy responded that it would be. Chris welcomed Jess Marass to the staff.

There were no other questions.

- **Budget Update**

Grants- Kathy

SWCAP Finance Dept is understaffed right now and we have been receiving the budget summaries and details last minute or late for board meetings. The current budget report is through the end of March 2023, and shows that there is a slight overspend in STOP. April will be the last month of the STOP fiscal year. There are no concerns with the overspend, since we were without a staff person for 6 weeks and there is some carryover funds that will cover any overspend. Year 4 of STOP begins April 30, 2023. Kathy will include start and end dates for each grant on the budget report.

General- Jason

There is currently \$17,114 in the general funds. The SOR grant funds were deposited.

- **Update on Bylaws review**

No one has had an opportunity to look over the Bylaws yet. There was a brief discussion about whether it would be more effective/efficient to do this as a work group and bring it back to the board and the next meeting. Jason and Chris agreed to work on reviewing and updating the Bylaws.

- **Sustainability and succession planning**

Kathy shared a draft succession planning document that she is developing. A sustainability document needs to be created, but the board needs to first decide if the coalition will continue after the current grants time out. There was some discussion about becoming our own fiscal agent and what this would entail. Kathy is scheduled to meet with the new SWCAP Exec Director to discuss our partnership. Julie asked what benefits there were to keeping SWCAP as our fiscal agent.

Upcoming Events

Dia del Nino April 22
1pm-4pm

Post Prom April 29th
10pm - 2:30am

ASIST Training May 4th & 5th
8:30am -4:00pm

National Drug Prevention
Week Scavenger Hunt
May 11th - 16th.

Screenagers May 18th
11:00am-1:00pm

Mental Health Event May 20th

Prescription Drug Take Back
Brat Stand June 10th

The vision of Better Brodhead is a community where everyone is valued and safe. Mission Statement: Working together to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use among youth and foster positive relationships for a safe, healthy, and inclusive community.

SWCAP would be able to provide mentoring support if we did decide to become independent.

Chris suggested finding out what the Exec Director's thoughts are on the arrangement and bringing that information back to the board for further discussion on next steps.

Kathy contacted the lawyer, Michael Oellerich, who helped us get our non profit status, to see if we needed to upgrade our status if we become independent. Kathy also contacted an accounting firm in Monroe, that works with nonprofits. (Benning Group). Someone is supposed to get in touch with us after tax season to discuss what services they offer and costs.

This discussion will continue next month when more information has been gathered.

Kathy mentioned that Dorothy Chaney from CADCA has some colleagues that would write for the PFS grant for \$6,500. Jason felt that we should consider this since it would reduce the burden on staff putting the application together.

Partnership for Success grant

- This grant opportunity was the catalyst for the discussion on whether or not to apply independently or through SWCAP. This year's application is due in June and there isn't enough time to apply if we were going to do it independently. In addition, to make sure we have a strong application, we should collect data to support the need for funding. Chris asked what the focus of the grant would be. The grant is similar to the DFC, except it is much broader and there is the expectation that agencies work in partnership, possibly share the funding, focus on health disparities and minority populations. Anything we focus on should be data driven.

Kathy will share the grant document with board members for their review.

Scavenger Hunt request: National Drug Prevention week is in May. We wanted to do a scavenger hunt that involved have 8-10 posters in storefront windows with information and a riddle. People would go inside the business to give the store clerk the answer to the riddle and receive a card with a QR code on it, which leads the person to the next storefront. This quest ends at Firebolt, where people will be given a latte and opportunity to sign up for a \$200 prize. It was suggested instead of a latte, to make it a nonspecific small drink. Also suggested that we should limit free drinks to the first 50 people. There was some discussion about the prize amount and whether \$200 would motivate people more than a lesser amount. We have had top prizes of \$100 before and that has not created much involvement. It was agreed that we would try the \$200 prize to see if it increase the number of people that got involved.

- **New Drug Alert: Xylazine**

Tia shared information on a horse tranquilizer that is an emerging drug in Wisconsin. It is being laced with fentanyl. Narcan does not work on Xylazine. It is injected and caused skin lesions. It is also known as the zombie drug. Tia handed out an information sheet to everyone.

- **Recruitment Drive discussion**
 - There are plans to have a recruitment table at every event. We would like to hold a recruitment dinner in the fall that will be planned at a later date.
 - **GC Pride project: Jess**
 - Monroe GSA is planning to host a Car parade. Green County Pride plans to have a car in the parade. We can provide craft materials to decorate vehicles.
 - PBS will be debuting a documentary on PRIDE in Wisconsin. Jess and Kathy viewed a portion of the documentary at the Safe Schools Conference and it is an excellent program. Jess will investigate whether we can host a public viewing of the program.
 - The Little Library is up across from Veterans Park. There are plans to create bookmarks with QR codes for resources. We will supply the materials and printing for the bookmarks.
 - Jess attended a meeting at Green County Human Services. The County board committee had an open hearing on whether to recommend to the County Board that June be proclaimed PRIDE month in June. The meeting was attended by people who presented a variety of views on the subject. The committee passed the proposal to take it to the full County Board meeting with only one objection. Jess will encourage people in favor of the proclamation to attend the County Board meeting in May.
 - **Brodhead Night Out:** Lex, Tia, Jason need to arrange a planning meeting
 - **ScreenAgers:** Tia shared information about a film screening on the effects that screen time has on youth. The event will be held at Living Word.
 - **Mental Health Event and ASIST:** There are still a few seats available for the ASIST training. Lex encourage anyone interested in taking the training to let her know. She also shared flyers that she created to promote each of the suicide prevention trainings.
- Insurance updates**
- Jason reviewed each upcoming event to determine if they required event insurance.

Next Meeting: May 16th