

Funding Application Primer Series

Unpacking Core Competencies related to Key Funding Parameters

Module #3: Optimizing Board Effectiveness

Module Description:

The purpose of today's workshop is to help agencies (better) understand effective governance practices through proper recruitment, engagement, fiduciary responsibilities, executive director support and championing agency mission, accountability and transparency. The presenter will address the purpose that Boards serve, their roles and responsibilities and how to build and maintain member engagement. Workshop objectives:

- Improve knowledge about governance best practices, including Board responsibilities & proper structure.
- Advance learning on effective recruitment strategies, expectation setting & informed decision-making.
- Gain insight on strengthening and maintaining focus on improved performance and accountability.

Module Agenda

Time	Activity
9:00 am	Welcome - Julie Simon, Helping Agencies Build Capacity, United Way of Greater St. Louis <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Commences module; reminds about Series intent and framework■ Describes purpose of today's module.■ Introduces presenter.
9:10 am	Presentation & exercises on Optimizing Board Effectiveness – Lurna Godwin <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Participants can take notes on hard copy PP presentation included in packets.■ Outlining Board and Board member roles & responsibilities, Board structure, effective Board meetings, including consent agenda and exercises.
10:30 am	Break – 10 minutes
10:40 am	Presentation continues, plus small group and individual reflections/exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Sharing best practices tools & resources related to Board meeting agendas, recruitment, orientation and onboarding, assessment and accountability■ Small group/individual exercises
11:50 am	Conclusion - Julie Simon <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Participants reflect on & self-assess agency skills and applications of Optimizing Board Effectiveness core competencies (addressed during the session), plus identify growth opportunities agency may choose to pursue.
12 noon	Adjourn