



LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN

CABINET REPORT

MARCH 10, 2019

- Advocate Aurora Health (AAH) in Wisconsin will be creating a distribution model for cornea to support the cornea centers in the state. AAH will partner with leaders from Versiti, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, and UW Organ and Tissue Donation to create an integrated project plan utilizing the input, insight, and expertise of the WI transplant experts. During the month of February, all donation partners will meet to work on:
 - + Creating a communications plan for all AAH hospitals and nursing teams.
 - + Ensuring a single process and expectations are in place for AAH nursing and transplant teams.
 - + Determining continuity of our donor criteria, education, etc.

The goal will be to:

- + Utilize LEBW and Versiti (who partners with Sight Life for cornea placement) within the state on an alternating monthly basis.
- + Create a single workflow and criteria so that nurses and team members can make one call.
- + Execute a single set of policies, procedures, and guidelines, without having to know which organization is assigned to a particular month.

Strong partnerships between LEBW, Versiti, UW Organ and Tissue Donation, American Transplant Services Foundation and Life Source helps all of us to ensure that every gift is handled efficiently, with dignity and respect to the donor and their family. LEBW is looking forward to recovering cornea with Aurora in the near future and the opportunity to strengthen the donation process for our hospitals and the communities we serve.

- Save the date for the following LEBW events:
 - + LEBW will host a ribbon-cutting celebration and open house on Thursday, March 28, 2019. The event will kick-off at 10:00am with the open house to follow. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Michele Brooks at mbrooks@lebw.org or 877.233.2354 x250 by Friday, March 15, 2019.
 - + LEBW's Annual Golf Outing, Thursday, June 6, 2019, at The Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin.
 - + The LEBW Annual Meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the LEBW office located at 5003 Tradewinds Parkway, Madison, WI 53718. Please RSVP to Michele Brooks at mbrooks@lebw.org or 877.233.2354 x250 by Friday, June 28, 2019.
- Tours for clubs and groups are now available. Our Community room holds approximately 30 people and available for use by appointment. Stacey Mohr is coordinating tours and community

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room use and can be contacted at 877.233.2354 ext. 212 or smohr@lebw.org.

- As LEBW prepares to open our doors and invite the community to our new building, we are in need lots of help. We anticipate heavy traffic of community partners, Lions club members, nonprofit organizations, donor families, transplant recipients, and health care professionals. We are looking for friendly, productive people to help our organization meet the needs of our community and staff at the front desk of our new facility. Hospitality Team volunteers will be responsible for greeting guests, setting up the community room for meetings, helping with basic administrative tasks and more. Contact Stacey Mohr at smohr@lebw.org or 877.233.2354 x212 for more information about volunteering at LEBW.

- New LEBW Staff members:

- + Michael Grunewald – Michael has been studying and working in the eye care field for over 6 years. Prior to his employment with UW Ophthalmology Clinic, he completed the



Optometric Technician program at Madison College and received his Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences at UW-Milwaukee followed by one year at Kentucky College of Optometry. Working as an Ophthalmic Technician for three years has furthered his respect and passion for high level vision care. Michael also held a Children's Vision Screener certification with our partner, Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, providing vision screenings to 100+ children ages 4-8, in the Milwaukee community. Michael grew up in Sauk City and when the temperature is not double digits below zero, he enjoys outdoor activities such as

snowboarding, hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting. He also enjoys cooking, reading, music, board games and watching sports and movies.

- Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired has graciously provided us with artwork from various artists, all who are either blind or visually impaired. The artwork will be on display until March. We plan on having rotating artwork from local artists' year-round, feature all mediums of art, some artists have visual impairments, developmental disabilities or connected with LEBW, Lions, or organ, eye and tissue donation. If you know of an organization or individual



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who would like to showcase their artwork, please contact Stacey Mohr, Community Outreach Manager at smohr@lebw.org or at 877.233.2354 x212.

- LEBW hosted the 2019 Q1 Donate Life Wisconsin (DLW) board meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. DLW is comprised of several organ, eye and tissue donation partners, such as, UW Organ and Tissue, Versiti Organ and Tissue, RTI Donor Services, American Tissue Services Foundation, Aurora Health, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital,



National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, LEBW and donor family member and transplant recipient representatives. DLW is committed to increasing the number of donated organs, eyes and tissue available for

transplant to save and enhance lives. We motivate people to become donors through awareness, education, registration, advocacy and support of donor families.

- WI Lions District Convection – as the year of conventions continue, we are thrilled to have support, from our LEBW Community Outreach Volunteers, who staff our LEBW exhibit table, participation in convention activities and proudly represent our organization. Every MD-27 convention will have an LEBW exhibit table, an ad in the convention booklet, and a speaker who is connected to our mission, vision and reach.

Convention highlights:

- + Volunteer and living donor, Steve King, staffed the LEBW exhibit table at the A1 convention, which was his first hands on experience with Wisconsin Lions.
- + Dawn Lyons-Wood spoke at the D2 convention in Richland Center, on January 26th, 2019. Dawn is a Beaver Dam Lion, Transporter and advocate for organ, eye and tissue donation. Dawn’s daughter, Emily, was an eye, organ and tissue donor – giving the gift of sight to two people here in Wisconsin, saving the lives of 6-people through organ donation and improving the lives of more than 60 people through tissue donation. Dawn’s selflessness and commitment in preserving the memory of her daughter, is truly inspiring. She has turned personal grief into a mission that has impacted thousands of people, and continues to resonate in the hearts of everyone who hears Emily’s story.



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- + Dawn will also be speaking at the upcoming E2 convention, on March 16, in Eau Claire. This convention will also feature a Lions Transporter session Friday, March 15, 2019.

Dining in the Dark, D2 District convention – LEBW participated in the D2 district convention in January, in Richland Center. At the convention, attendees experienced Dining in the Dark, a unique sensory awareness experience that provides guests a first-hand glimpse into the lives of the blind and visually impaired.



- + Stacey Troha presented at the A1 and A2 on challenges of LEBW, the impact of donation, our new facility, and the importance and value of our Lions Transporters.
- + A tour of our new facility is scheduled with the D1 convention, Sunday March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald K. Blawusch, Director and Treasurer