

Moving up the Nonprofit Career Ladder

January 30, UWM Alumni House, 5:00 to 6:30p.m.

Short event description:

The range of management positions in the nonprofit sector is as diverse as the sector itself. Yet there are lessons to be learned from local experts and successful managers about working toward and seeking nonprofit management positions.

This session will provide information to students and alumni aspiring to move into management positions within the nonprofit sector. What competencies are of interest to employers? What resources are available to those seeking positions? What strategies are successful? What can be learned from those who have navigated and experienced successful careers in nonprofit management?

Agenda

5:05 – 5:10 p.m. Shelly Schnupp will open the event; will introduce panelists.

5:10 – 6:00 p.m. Mindy will speak first and will cue the following panel members. Panel members will talk about their experience, highlighting the points listed below. Initial comments should be short (5 -7 minutes each) as Mindy will be prepared with questions, comments, etc., to encourage interaction and discussion.

- **Mindy Lubar-Price, President and CEO, Leading Transitions LLC.** *Moderate the group's discussion. Pose questions and offer context. Introduce the concept of career path and the benefits of being intentional. Share perspective about trends and what she is seeing from those interested in hiring.*
- **Gerald Coon, Executive Director, St. Francis Children's Center.** *Share his perspectives as an ED who hires nonprofit managers. Also offer examples from his career path as appropriate. Attends HBI forums so could, if appropriate, speak to importance of keeping up with research-based practice.*
- **Ben Gramling, Director of Environmental Health Programs, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center.** *Talk about his career journey and, if he feels comfortable, next steps. Reflect on how the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management has been helpful in his career. Also, share information about how he is helping those he supervises with career development.*
- **Kristi Luzar, Program Manager, Urban Economic Development Association.** *Talk about her career journey, and, if she feels comfortable, next steps. Reflect on how the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management has been helpful in her career. Also, offer perspectives on the benefits of networkin -- belonging to a professional organization (YNPM.)*

6:00 p.m. Mindy will cue Cindy to speak about the following (about 10 minutes.)

- **Cindy Petrites, Ph.D., Interim Director, Career Development Center at UWM.** *Share information about what the CDC has to offer for our graduate students regarding career development. Highlight UWM's linked-in function and its role in student networking. Distribute information—brochures, etc. (NOTE: We will have a projector, lap-top and internet connection for demonstration.)*

6:10 – 6:20 p.m. Mindy will encourage and facilitate questions from those attending and will close the discussion.

6:20 – 6:30 p.m. Doug Ihrke will talk about HBI's graduate education programming, if appropriate (in case we have participants who are not currently in the program.)