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Governor's Crime Commission Monthly Newsletter

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Update Officials in GEMS

Each GCC subrecipient must assign at least one Organization Administrator in GEMS. Only an OA can change grant officials once an application has been submitted. They are also the only users who can access the required organization documents. It is recommended that larger organizations have multiple OAs. If you have any questions about updating officials in GEMS, see the [GEMS Training Presentation](#) or contact your grants administrator.

Horses Help Trauma Survivors

Heart of Horse Sense provides trauma-informed Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning in North Carolina and beyond. They specialize in serving veterans, women and children with trauma and PTSD due to combat, abuse, neglect, assault, trafficking and other issues through partnering with horses.



Photo: Paul Harvey, Laurel Magazine

Horses and equine therapy offer ways to reorganize traumatized brains through somatic and sensory integration and through co-regulation leading to self-regulation. Equine therapy offers an opportunity to heal attachment wounds. Executive Director Shannon Knapp says, "Over the last two years, we have been able to serve more than 588 victims of crime in our region of North Carolina with more than 750 hours of therapy."

Tips to Engage Board Members

Here are several tips to help nonprofit leadership leverage board-member expertise:

- Communicate consistently.
- Make the most of board meetings.
- Provide fundraising training.
- Offer multiple engagement opportunities at your nonprofit.
- Solicit regular feedback.

Board members have three overarching duties to the nonprofits they serve: care, loyalty and oversight. Effective communication, as well as opportunities for training and involvement, will help prevent a disengaged board. Jeanne Allen of [Jeanne Allen Consulting](#) provides lots of helpful information in [her GCC September 2022 Workshop slides](#).

Governor Establishes New State Office of Violence Prevention At NCDPS

Governor Cooper announced the creation of a new Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). OVP will work closely with other state agencies, including NCDHHS, to ensure a whole of government and public health approach to reducing violence. The Office will offer training and technical assistance, provide best practice guidance, share data, and conduct public awareness campaigns.



April is National
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

For information and resources, go to [SAAM at National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#).

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