



Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
c/o HALO
2000 DeKoven Avenue, Unit #1
Racine, WI 53403

MINUTES

January 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County – Members' Meeting

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223902873?pwd=dmhYeVhTUy9Kdmh6ekxTbHpFSnVadz09>

Mission: We collaborate to serve people experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness in Racine County through housing, prevention, emergency, and supportive services.

NOTE: CoC website is <https://racinecoc.org> and the Homelessness & Housing Alliance of Racine County email address is homelesshousingalliance@gmail.com

Officers Present: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Director

Officer apologies: Mary Beth Kallio (United Way of Racine), Secretary

Membership Present:

Bethany Apartments

Handrow, Pam

Center for Veterans Issues

Hanrahan, Michael

Kasdorf, Justin

Community Planning and Development, HUD

Hackett, Claire

Von Helms, Jenny

HALO

Anderlee, Holly

Knott, Jeff

Langdon, Darlene

Love, Irma

Taggert, Melissa

Institute for Community Alliances

Pritzl, Becca

Lovingkindness Transitional Services

Davis, Lakesha

Legal Action Wi – Racine

Held Vander Wyst, Robert

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin

Farrar, Barb

Racine Community Foundation

Powell, Liz

Racine CoC

Reinders, Teresa

Racine Dominicans

Broslovick, Chris

Racine Kenosha Community Action Center

Hunt, Nicole

Racine Revitalization Partnership

Snyder, Kathy

Racine Unified School District

Cutler, Kaylee

Racine Vocational Ministry

Life, Lori

WI Dept of Veterans Affairs

Majinski, Nicole

WI Interagency Council on Homelessness

Basford, Michael

WI Probation & Parole

Bauer, Laurie

Women's Resource Center

Chambers, Jori

The meeting was called to order by Teresa Reinders at 9:10am with welcome and introductions.

1. **Consent Agenda** – Approval of Consent Agenda. Moved to approve, P. Handrow, Second, J. Chambers. Correction to Dates under New Business on Agenda: Change July 29 to July 19. Move to accept as corrected, P. Handrow, Second J. Chambers. Motion approved, 25 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 abstentions (HUD)
2. **New business**
 - a. **Senate and Assembly bills** – Teresa reviewed information attached to the meeting email regarding Assembly Bill 689 and Senate Bill 669. Please read the attachments for specific details. Some of the restrictions to individuals and families experiencing literal homelessness could result in criminalizing homelessness and result in undue financial and legal burdens for them.
 - b. **Advocacy Letter:** This was initiated by WI Housing First Coalition (WHFC). Our

CoC signed on to support that letter as we are members of WHFC and Teresa was a author of the letter. CoC/Alliance members are encouraged to pass this information on to their state representatives and senators.

3. **Presentation:** Director Reinders – What is a Continuum of Care, and why should we care? Some history of the creation of the Continuum of Cares in Wisconsin and the roles they play in addressing homelessness.
4. **Agency/Community updates**
Members are encouraged to share what is happening within their organizations and around the community.
 - a. **Laksha Davis** – Loving Kindness is expecting funding for rental assistance on April 01, 2023. Agency referrals are preferred. Case managers who have clients who need a bit of help with rent please send the referrals to Laksha
5. **This is the Zoom meeting link for all 2024, Racine CoC/Alliance meetings.**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223902873?pwd=dmhYeVhTUy9Kdmh6ekxTbHpFSnVadz09>
6. **Next meeting:** Friday, March 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. We will attempt to conduct this meeting as a hybrid meeting for those who have expressed an interest in meeting in person and for those who are unable to attend in person.

Motion to Adjourn Kathy Snyder. Seconded by Liz Powell. Approved no dissents.

Abbreviations:

CE	Coordinated Entry
DEI	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
EHV	Emergency Housing Voucher
HMIS	Housing Management Information System
PIT	Point in Time
WHEDA	Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority