

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County

February 15, 2019

Present: Akosua Aning (NAACP), Erilysbeth Arroyo (Safe Haven), Chris Broslavick (Dominican's), Sophia Cotton (SHOR), Kaylee Cutler (RUSD), Chris Fuller (Bethany), Karen Harrison (Racine Cty Vet), Lynn Hegeman (WRC), Mary Beth Kallio (United Way), Jeff Knott (HALO), Kimberly Leslie (Ascension), Lori Life (RVM), Irma Love (HALO), Michelle Lussmyer (Bethany), Jessica MacPhail (Racine Public Library), Scott McClelland (RMHA), Scott Metzel (HOPEs), Randi Mundt (RVM), Frannie Murillo (LAW), Carol Pagan (Community), Seth Raymond (Hospitality), Teresa Reinders (HALO), Brendan Saunders (City of Racine), Melissa Taggart (HALO), Iraida Vazquez (ICA), Jim Wittenberg (Feather A Nest)

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Michelle Lussmyer at 9:03 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

Agenda: M/S/C to receive and file agenda

Minutes: M/S/C to approve the minutes

Treasurer's report: None at this time; M/S/C to defer report

Old Business:

1. Strategic Initiative 1: No significant updates; are currently working with Visioning Greater Racine wave team to collaborate together; first step is to design a flow chart for when someone goes into court and the next step will be to put together a team to look at evictions
2. Strategic Initiative 2: met this month; data gathering to be used in handouts and on website; discussion about branding; discussion about research portion—Teresa is connecting with people to look at stories of homelessness—Seth is looking at economics of homelessness
3. Strategic Initiative 3: Gai is going to work first on the State EHH and City ESG gap between when current contract ends and money available for payment under the next contract. It's a relatively small amount of funds and she is going to contact a couple of the funders in the community to see if they would be willing to do some bridge loans. Teresa and Gai will look at bigger housing funding challenges thereafter and will want other housing providers to meet with them at that point.

New Business: Website and Logo Updates—Michelle has a meeting scheduled with staff from Gateway Technical College to discuss a class or individuals from the school helping to create a new web page and logo design

Executive Committee Report: The executive committee did meet last month and have created a regular meeting schedule one time per month on the Wednesday prior to HHARC meetings; looked at updating the agenda, reviewed the strategic initiatives, and discussed the use of 211 and would like each agency to ensure their information with 211 is up to date and accurate

Resource Development Committee Report: None

Case Manager Meeting Report: None; will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9am at HALO

CoC Lead Agency/Collaborative Applicant Updates: Looking at a one-day resource conference in March

General Updates, Governor's Interagency Council: No director at this point; did have a phone call with office; new lieutenant governor has not solidified his platform; asked them to call a meeting so a new person could be designated at director position; discussed budget and proposed three items

HUD Grants: CoC, City of Racine ESG, State of WI EHH: get CAPERS done by February 22nd; Brenden sent out the link; contact Brendan if problems or need the link sent; refer to Iraida if you have questions about quality of data

HMIS Report: presented by Irma Love—met February 8th; worked through understanding new concepts outlined in the new training for new users that was presented in January—is worth watching for anyone who has not already seen; will run information monthly to assist with cleaning up errors and improve consistency; Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month at 11am at HOPES center

Coordinated Entry Work Group: still going well and meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9am at HOPES center

PIT Report: presented by Scott Metzel—January 23rd street count found 12 people during that night; do not have full data yet; all reports are in; but, still needs to be reviewed; next meeting is Tuesday, March 19th at 9:30am at HOPES center

Brendan was a part of a city team that went out for the PIT count—The mayor said, “Thank-you” to all who have gone out and for all the work being done

Street Outreach—reports there was no frost bite or hypothermia during the coldest days recently experienced

HMIS Lead Agency—Institute for Community Alliances: March 1st to April 30—PIT data entry open; March 1 to May 30—System performance data open to submit that data; Racial disparity quality tool kit is now available—Iraida, Brendan and Teresa will pool data and create narrative for the April presentation; Path report is being updated and will be released—October 1st data standards will be changing

AGENCY UPDATES:

Racine County Human Services—the next Racine county networking meeting will be on February 26th; the topic is trauma informed care; details can be found at: www.racinecounty.com/outreach

Hospitality Center—\$2200 left of the bus pass funds; ok to send people the them if you are an HMIS using agency; the non HMIS using agency funding for bus passes is down to \$300

M/S/C to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lussmyer