



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

MINUTES

March 15, 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

Speaker: Diane Rogstad, Outreach and Marketing Supervisor, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Racine County

Membership Present:

Bethany Apartments

Brostowitz, Adam

Center for Veterans Issues

Bartelt, Judith

Kasdorf, Justin

City of Racine, Dept of Economic Development

Anderson, Cathy

Brown, Brittany

Knott, Kathryn

Community Planning and Development, HUD

Von Helms, Jenny

HALO

Knott, Jeff

Langdon, Darlene

Love, Irma

Windham, Yolanda

Hospitality Center

Buterbaugh, Matthew

Focus on Community

Mojica, Alicia

Institute for Community Alliances

Pritzl, Becca

Legal Action Wi – Racine

Edwards, Hillary

Held Vander WYST, Robert

Perz, Matt

Lincoln Lutheran Social Services

Haas, Jodi

Lovingkindness Transitional Services

Davis, Lakesha

Racine Community Foundation

Powell, Liz

Racine CoC

Reinders, Teresa

Racine Kenosha Community Action Center

Hunt, Nicole

Racine Revitalization Partnership

Snyder, Kathy

Racine Unified School District

Cutler, Kaylee

Racine Vocational Ministry

Barkley, Debra

Life, Lori

United Healthcare Community Plan

Deanna Kloster

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 –

Minutes from January 2024

Correction to Minutes under 4. Agency/Community updates: change Laksha to Lakesha; correct date for expected funding for Loving Kindness change April 01, 2023, to April 01, 2024

Motion to approve by Consent Agenda: Kathy Snyder (RRP); seconded by Jorie C. (WRC)

1 abstention: Hillary Edwards (LAW); all others approve. Motion carried

2. New business: No new business.

3. Presentation: Diane Rogstad, Outreach and Marketing Supervisor, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Racine County “Linking People to Services, ADRC of Racine County”

Community resources for seniors and caregivers.

- ADRC is committed to providing unbiased information and resources, providing three or more options for callers to make informed decisions.
 - Information and assistance specialists ask detailed questions to connect callers with the right resources, regardless of income level or support needs. They provide personalized support for seniors and caregivers, including resources and benefit information.
 - Resources available in Racine County include the Community Resource Directory, Living Options Directory, and Dementia Resource Directory.
 - Living Options Counseling is available to help individuals and their supporters make decisions tailored to their needs, with a focus on person-centered care.

Elder care options and support services.

- Aging and Disability Resource Center provides individualized support for caregivers and individuals receiving care, with a focus on choice and self-determination.
- Caregivers can access support groups, classes, and resources for respite, as well as benefit specialists who can help with disability and senior care benefits.

Senior housing and care options in Racine County.

- Senior Nutrition Program offers delivered meals and congregate meals at three locations, with referrals and participation voluntary. Information on housing resources for seniors in Racine County, including subsidized housing options and contact numbers. There are different types of long-term care facilities, including adult family homes, CBRFs, and nursing homes, and their varying levels of care and staffing requirements. Diane emphasized the importance of keeping individuals in their homes for as long as possible with the support they need, rather than transitioning directly to a nursing home.

Resources for seniors with disabilities.

- ADRC assists with applications for Social Security, SSI, and low-income housing, and helps with appeals if denied.
- Browns adult daycare offers walk-in showers and laundry services for seniors with disabilities

Transportation resources for seniors and people with disabilities.

- Transportation options in Racine County include city bus and specialized door-to-door service K Town, with varying costs and eligibility requirements.
- In-home care is the most in-demand service provided by the organization.
- Independent Living Center provides adaptive equipment for people with disabilities, including shower chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, and portable ramps.
- Case managers can meet with clients to discuss their needs and provide equipment and resources for independence.

Long-term care resources and eligibility.

- Kim Meitner is a dementia care specialist who provides resources and support for individuals with memory loss, including those with Huntington's and Parkinson's.
- Behavioral Health services offer a mobile crisis unit that can be contacted for questions and support, and case managers can work with this unit to provide comprehensive care for clients. Case managers work at assessing functional and financial eligibility for long-term care services.
- It is important to determine whether a person's disability or mental illness is the cause of their inability to perform daily living tasks.

Resources for hoarding, housing, and mental health.

- Hoarding resources available in the area, including cleaning and mental health support.
- Landlords can call ADRC for resources to help tenants with hoarding issues, without needing permission.

Senior resources and long-term care programs.

- Resource directory for people with disabilities includes information on support groups, transportation, and medical services.
- Iris is a long-term care program for Medicaid-eligible individuals with functional needs, but cognitively impaired individuals may not be a good fit without a guardian or family carer.
- Family Care Partnership is a Medicare and Medicaid waiver program for individuals with complex medical needs, including the ability to add a nurse practitioner to their care team.
- The PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is primarily for seniors and provides comprehensive medical and social services at one location, including transportation and prescriptions.

Resources for Medicaid recipients in Wisconsin.

- Diane provided insights on resources for Medicaid and dental care, including sliding scale fees and discounts.

4. Agency/Community updates

The DEI workgroup shared the news that a survey will be distributed soon to find out the CoC members' areas of interest in workshops, presentations, and trainings for 2024

5. This is the Zoom meeting for all 2024, Racine CoC/Alliance meetings.

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6. Next meeting: Friday, May 17, 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 Teresa R; seconded Jori C. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Reinders (CoC)