



**MEETING**  
**RACINE COC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**05/03/2021 MEETING**

**Location**

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**Date:** Monday, May 03, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**Facilitator:** Gai Lorenzen (HALO) Interim Chair

**Staff:** Teresa Reinders – Racine CoC Director (*Non-voting member*)

1. **Attendance/Establish Quorum**      9 voting members present

1. Gai Lorenzen – HALO, *Leadership Council Chair*
2. Kaylee Cutler – Racine Unified
3. Barb Farrar – LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin
4. Pam Handrow – Bethany Apartments/Women's Resource Center of Racine
5. Kim Leslie – Ascension Hospital
6. Scott Metzel – HOPES Center
7. Ed Miller – Racine Revitalization Partnership
8. Shebria Small – SAFE Haven of Racine
9. Iraida Vazquez – Institute for Community Alliances

**Absent:** Jacob Mauer – Racine Police Department; Carol Pagan – Community Representative; Liz Powell – Racine Community Foundation; Amy Mauel – Zablocki VA Medical Center; Michelle Gehring – NAMI

**Resigned:** Francisca Lassa – Wisconsin Legal Action has taken a job in Madison. We wish her well. We need to replace her spot on the council. We need to consider equity when seeking new members.

3. **Approval of Agenda and past minutes:**

- May agenda Pam Handrow moved to pass agenda, *MSP unanimous vote*
- March minutes Pam Handrow moved to pass agenda, *MSP unanimous vote*

4. **Guest Speaker** Leah Ramirez, Executive Policy Advisor for DHS Division of Medicaid

- Background – four years ago the biennial budget included a position creation within DHS to specifically focus on housing support for our (Medicaid) members experiencing homelessness. Leah was hired for this position.
- In 2020, Governor Evers signed Act 76, funding for housing case management, and a provision directing the DHS to submit the appropriate Medicaid authorities to be able to pay for Housing support Services
- February 2021, the Center for Medicare, and Medicaid Service (CMS) which oversees Medicare and Medicaid programs, updated guidance for Medicaid programs on how to become more of an active partner in Housing Support Services

- Around 2019, Leah approached ICA to do a HMIS data exchange with Medicaid data to see what the need was with some of Medicaid recipients, and where some of the recipients may have been experiencing homelessness. Data was from May 2018 to 2019. Seven thousand Medicaid members were receiving services within the HMIS system – not necessarily homeless but using still accessing the services.
  - Some services statewide:

Utilization/Diagnosis	# members (approximate)
Emergency Department	3,400
Inpatient hospital stays	1,400
Births	200
Substance Use Disorder &/or Mental Health Condition	4,100
Opioid Use Disorder	675

- Housing Support Services
  - Definition within CMS – Housing consultation so CM knows when
  - HMIS Data exchange with ICA – felt strongly need data from homeless clients

**2. Director's report**

- Committee Action updates:
  - Coordinated Entry to transition to Clarity HMIS. (*notification attached with minutes*)
  - CE Policy Exemption allowing 30 days to hold bed open for verification of available sub-population client. (*notification attached with minutes*)

**3. Old Business**

- LC Nominating report – Pam Handrow
  - Nominating Committee met and developed a full slate however everyone approached declined to take a position. Pam will meet with the nominating committee again prior to the next LC meeting. Gai suggested that perhaps Chair by rotation may need to be an option as she will be retired by the next time we meet.
- Review of Officer Position descriptions (found at end of agenda)

**4. New Business**

- Election of Officers tabled until next meeting to give nomination committee time to find volunteers.
- HUD NOFA 2021 update
  - No new update on release of NOFA
  - Seth Raymond will continue to chair the rating and ranking committee team
- ICA update (Iraida)
  - Clarity software is now live for users to work with.

5. Establish next meeting date August 16, 2021, 12-1:30 pm

**Additional Information:**

### **Leadership Officer Positions:**

- The **Chairperson** is responsible for scheduling meetings of the Racine CoC, ensuring that the Racine CoC meets regularly or as needed, and for setting the agenda for meetings in collaboration with the CoC Director and others as needed. Presides over Leadership Council meetings. In the absence of the Chairperson, the **Vice Chairperson** assumes the duties of the Chairperson.
- The **Secretary** shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of all meetings of the CoC Leadership Council and General Meetings, including the Annual Meeting, or shall designate another person to do so at each meeting, including documenting all actions taken without a meeting. Such records will include the names of those in attendance. The Secretary shall give all notices required by law, the CoC regulations and this Governance Charter. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as the Racine CoC may designate and shall preside over the Racine CoC meetings in the case of the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
- Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairperson or the Secretary. Any such resignations shall take effect at the time specified within the written notice or if the time is not specified upon its acceptance by the Racine CoC.

### Acronyms

**CMS** Center for Medicare, and Medicaid Service