



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

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link –

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

May 17, 2024

Present: Officers: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC)

Membership:

Ascension All Saints Hospital Leslie, Kim	Housing Authority of Racine County, HARC Hackett, Claire	Racine Revitalization Partnership Snyder, Kathy
Bethany Apartments Brostowitz, Adam	Institute for Community Alliances Pritzl, Becca	Racine Vocational Ministry Barkley, Debra Life, Lori
Center for Veterans Issues Bartlet, Judith Kasdorf, Justin	Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine Edwards, Hillary Held Vander Wyst, Robert Pappenheim, Molly Perz, Matt	United Health Care Kloster, Deanna
City of Racine Anderson, Cathy Brown, Brittany Knoff, Katheryn Symour, Veronica	LGBT SWI Center Farrar, Barb	United Way of Racine County Kallio, Mary Beth
Clement J Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center Majinski, Nicole	Racine Community Foundation Powell, Liz	WI Interagency Council on Homelessness Basford, Michael
Community Planning and Development, HUD Von Helms, Jenny	Racine CoC Reinders, Teresa	Wayman A.M.E Church Pastor Arnold Ni
HALO Knott, Jeff Love, Irma	Racine Dominicans Broslovick, Chris	Women's Resource Center Chambers, Jori Staufenbeil, Denise
Hope Center Metzel, Scott	Racine Kenosha Community Action Center Hunt, Nicole	

The meeting was called to order by Teresa Reinders at 9:02 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

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

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of consent agenda with expectation of new business section. MaryBeth Kallio approved, Kathy Snyder second.
2. New business: The DEI survey will be available until June 7.

Presentation: Kathy Synder, Racine Revitalization Partnership. Kathy@rvitalizeracine.org or call the office at 262-456-2340

- **House Proud**

This is the seventh year of programming for House Proud. RRP has expanded its current program offerings to include a home rehabilitation program that focuses on the facade and curb appeal of owner-occupied housing. There are twenty-four owner occupied homes on Grand Avenue between Twelfth and fifteenth street- that include single family homes as well as duplexes, a rate of about fifty percent on these three blocks (high for the area). This property improvement program allows for improved stewardship and control of the neighborhood. Low income homeowners work with the Racine Assessment Department and Kathy. The work includes five days, eight hours a day, and includes skilled volunteers. Funding is supplied by Johnson Financials. There are three houses on Villa Street this year. The focus is on homeowners; however, rental homes may be included. If the house is a rental, the rental owners will have to purchase the materials.

- **Supportive Housing**

Affordable rental acquires housing units, then rehab and then rent to low income. Two units will be leased to HALO, one to Bethany Apartments. HALO will oversee their tenants; Bethany Apartments will oversee their tenants. Shelters work within the Housing First model. The individual has met the requirement for HUD funding along with coordinated entry list and will be placed based on assessments and needs. This program also accepts section 8 vouchers.

- **The House to Home Program**

House to Home program includes making abandon properties useful again through complete rehab and new construction. Homes are sold to income qualified buyers who have been provided with the skills needed for successful home ownership.

- Funding is supportive by Racine Dominicans, City of Racine Development Department and Johnson Financial Services, Johnson Financial Bank, Associated Bank, Wintrust-Town Bank, and Northshore Bank.
- Homeowner must register with Housing Resources and the Financial Empowerment Center program. Clients must be active in the program the first year to be eligible for Equity Incentive funding.
- An Equity Incentive Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be available to homeowners for the first three years of the date of purchase of the home. EIF may be used for emergency mortgage payments, property taxes, code violation fees, utilizes, appliances, childcare and emergency care repairs. At the end of the third year, if there is a balance the funding will be converted to a college saving plan for families with children, or retirement plan.

- **Community Building**

Communitary building brings the community together by offering opportunities and events that utilize existing commercial spaces and encourage diversity and relationship building in our neighborhoods. The Treasures of Uptown and National Night Out events are great examples of RRP community building.

- **Partnerships**

The partnership between the Racine Revitalization Partnership, Inc., and its collaborative partners provides opportunities and experiences for underemployed residents of the Uptown area. These opportunities involve the improvement of buildings, both commercial and residential. The students learn construction, soft skills training, and general education. RRP and the City receives the benefit of services provided to improve the built environment in the Uptown area.

- Feather a Nest will furnish rentals if needed. The client calls the agency to set up services.

Director's Check-in

- July meeting will be virtual.
- The September meeting location is secured

Aurora Healthcare – Kim Leslie

- Racine Baby Shower, Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Gateway Technical College, 1001 South Main Street, Racine.

HOPES Center – Scott Metzel

- Point of Time
 - January 24, 2024, 227 people, best estimate.
 - Down from 241 from 2023, decrease from last year.
 - Emergency shelter and transition; 151 people January 24.
 - Transition living, 57 clients.
 - 208 shelters which is a decrease of 18 from previous year.
 - 19 unsheltered which is an increase from four people from last year.
 - Next Point of Time: July 2024 and then January 22, 2025.
- System Performance committee
 - In the process of improvement look for areas that we want to improve; length of time, become homelessness and then leave. Average 103 days, 3 months of homeless, steady increase since 2015. We will investigate to see what why that is. Another focus is return to homelessness, leave the shelter and ask why they returned back within 24 months.
 - There was 18% were placed and then existed to permanent housing and return back. This percentage haven't gotten worse, but haven't gotten better either. Looking at spring and summer and gather qualitative data; why do they exit and then work on ideas for improvement.
 - The system performance committee meets once a month, first Friday contact Teresa if you are interested.
 - Hope Center Outreach, five veterans unsheltered, two navy three in the army. All of these folks were connected to appropriate resources and coordinated entry resources.
 - Contact Teresa if there are any topics you would like to learn about at future meetings.

COC – Teresa Reinders

- Last year a new group was formed to look at policies and procedures in regards to an equity. Results will be shared when project is completed.
- Contact Teresa if you are a case manager and would like the case management group to reconvene. Formerly this group was led by Sharon Pease who retired in January 2022.
- We should hear about the HUD applications submitted soon.

Agency/Community updates

Next meeting: Friday, July 19, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. MSC

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio