



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/84732641950?pwd=Ynl6R2tyWlVDSDM1ZzdmemppcEEvUT09>

May 19, 2023

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

Membership Present:

Acelero

Rhonda King

Bethany Apartments

Handrow, Pam

City of Racine

Brown, Brittany

Saunders, Brendan

Center for Veterans Issues

Hanrahan, Michael

Community Planning and

Development, HUD

Hackett, Claire

Von Helms, Jenny

Great Lakes Community

Conservation Corps

Adams, Pat

Kennedy, Gene

Whiting, Matthew

HALO

Anderle, Holly

Love, Irma

Taggart, Melissa

Hope Center

Metzel, Scott

Institute for Community Alliances

Pritzl, Becca

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin

Farrar, Barb

MHS Wisconsin

Robinson, Casandra

Racine Community Foundation

Powell, Liz

Racine CoC

Reinders, Teresa

Langdon, Darlene

Racine Kenosha Community Action Center

Hunt, Nicole

Racine Revitalization Partnership

Snyder, Kathy

Racine Unified School District

Cutler, Kaylee

United Way of Racine County

Kallio, MaryBeth

WI Dept of Veterans Affairs

Spann, Mildred

Women's Resource Center

Chambers, Jori

Staufenbeil, Denise

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. Pam Handrow moved to approve, Holly Anderle second.

2. New business

- a. Youth Housing Demonstration Project (YHDP) Request for motion to approve an initial application to HUD competition for eligibility to apply NOFO. Pam Handrow approved, Jori Chambers second with Brendan Saunders and Jenny von Helms abstained, and are able to support the YHDP motion.
- b. Discussion – YHDP is a special grant from HUD which recognized the special concerns surrounding youth ages 18-24. The nationwide competition we are voting on is an initial step required and utilized by HUD to decide which CoCs are eligible to receive funding for housing projects under this grant.

Presentation: Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps: Gene Kennedy, Operations Director – CERT School Milwaukee and Racine. Along with Mathew White, Director of Agvets of Southeastern WI. Pat Adams, previous Airforce nurse and current social support for participants will present on behalf of the Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps.

Racine CoC recently wrote a letter of support for the Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps and the electronic free library that is being utilized in Racine.

Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps continues the Civilian Conservation Corps tradition to address climate change and advance green living, and provide needed education and training for disadvantage populations in the great Lakes are. There are two locations for Veteran's Corps and Cert High School.

- Go Solar program offers a significantly discounted solar panel system installation to encourage renewable energy use and reduce carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.
- Reduce The Runoff program provides free landscaping to qualified recipients to minimize rainwater pollution from runoff and increase our waterways' health.
- The Certification and Emergency Response Training (CERT) High School has locations in Racine and Milwaukee and works as a hybrid career academy that trains students to be first responders and prepare for occupations in the transportation industry. This program is for 18-20 years old and uses the classroom and field training techniques.
- Veterans Corps and Ag Veterans programs help with transitioning into civilian life. Our veterans' services build on military experience, promote a sense of purpose, provide peer support, develop job skills training, and instill self-confidence.
- Electric Free Library. This is a station where a person can charge their phone. This was a community activity to provide a free service during natural disaster and for those who are homeless. There will be more of these libraries installed throughout our community during the summer. One is located at 1437 Marquette Street and Mitchell School in Racine.
- A grant from United Way of Racine County allowed a total of 27 raised beds and the gardens initiative for veterans. The goal of the initiative is to engage physically and in conversation with the veterans.

There are many tiers for veterans to support local veterans in continuing their mission by acquiring career-ready skills, serving the community and providing support in life after the service.

- Volunteer activities unpaid. Veteran volunteer now and then or at events.
- Auxiliary-flex paid up to 25 hours per week.
- Full-time paid. This is for veterans who are committed to finding regular employment. They can use this program as a stepping stone.

There is transportation available to veterans in these programs.

Benefits of participating:

- Become part of the Veteran's Corps community.
- Introductions to Veteran's Corps members and leaders.
- Meet and greet opportunities.
- Gain familiarity with the Veteran's Corps.
- Transition into the Auxiliary-Flex Time option.
 - Option to attend Roll Call Tuesday and participate in training or short course along other veteran.
 - Safe Harbor for every veteran to learn and earn.

There are lots of opportunities to work with this program and if there are any ideas contact us. Also, if you know of any veterans who are interested reach out to us.

Contact information

- Pat Adams, padams12@wi.rr.com Gene Kennedy, GLCCC Operations / Work Projects Coordinator. 413.726.4664 gkenedy@greatlakesccc.org.
- Todd Kile, Works Projects Coordinator, 414.559.1227 trk@toddkile.com.

Director's Check-in

- Thursday, May 25 State of WI EHH/ESG information meeting. This is the emergency solutions Grant (ESF), Housing Assistance Program (HAP), and the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) are collectively referred to as the EHH program. HAP funding is allocated to each of Wisconsin's HUD-recognized COCs. Each COC is responsible for distributing funds to eligible subrecipients through a competitive process.
- A diversity statement was sent out by Constant Contact. Jasmine Fields (community Advocate), Nicole Hunt (R/K Community Action Agency) and Barb Farrar (LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin) along with Teresa Reinders (CoC) worked diligently on this statement. The July meeting will focus on the diversity statement. Be prepared to discuss. Prior to the July meeting, members may provide constructive feedback via a Google link. (<https://forms.gle/YdjajmnLPxofHbCL7>). If you are going to provide feedback, please complete this no later than June 30, 2023. Feedback can include grammar, punctuation, and content additions or subtractions.
 - The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- Governor Evers' 2023-2025 Budget for Housing and Homelessness is available.
- Contact Teresa if there are any topics you would like to learn about at future meetings.

Agency/Community updates

Acelero-Rhonda King

Acelero is currently hiring teacher site go to www.acelero.net for more information.

City of Racine-Brendan Saunders

Community Development Block Grant notice. See <https://www.cityofracine.org/CityDevelopment/CDBG/> for more information.

HALO-Holly Anderle

Join HALO and St. Paul Baptist Church in celebrating one of Racine's most beloved events. Over one week, November 10-26, 2023 the St Paul Miracle Center will be transformed into a magical forest of glittering trees, all lovingly decorated by community organizations, businesses, students, and more. The week will be filled with public viewings and special events. Private rental is also available.

Racine Community Foundations-Liz Powell

Friendly reminder applications are available June 1 – July 15.

RUSD-Kaylee Cutler

Kaylee sits on a committee for homelessness awareness week/month for the state of Wisconsin. November 1, 2023 at noon, Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda is hosting the 2nd annual WI Homelessness Awareness Kickoff. The committee is currently seeking submissions from community members, especially those with lived experience, to produce art pieces that will bring to the community in a visual way what homelessness looks like in our state. The art work will be displayed at the WI State Capitol for the month of November. Please contact Kaylee for more information.

Next meeting: Friday, July 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. MSC

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio