



## Racine CoC Leadership Council Minutes, June 18, 2020

### 12 Voting Members Present:

Leadership Council Chair, Gai Lorenzen – HALO

Teresa Reinders – Racine CoC staff (*Non-voting member*)

1. Barb Farrar – LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin
2. Pam Handrow – Bethany Apartments/Women’s Resource Center of Racine
3. Francisca Lassa – Wisconsin Legal Action
4. Kim Leslie – Ascension Hospital
5. Amy Mauel – Zablocki VA Medical Center
6. Scott Metzger – HOPES Center
7. Ed Miller – Racine Revitalization Partnership
8. Carol Pagan – Community Representative
9. Liz Powell – Racine Community Foundation
10. Shebria Small – SAFE Haven of Racine
11. Iraida Vazquez – Institute for Community Alliances

**Excused:** Jacob Maurer – City of Racine Police Department

1. Approval of minutes LC meeting March 03, 2020
  - a. Liz Powell *move to approve*, second, discussion, vote
  - b. 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
  - c. Motion passed
2. Approval of minutes of Purple Ribbon transfer from WRC to HALO May 18, 2020
  - a. Ed Miller *move to approve*, second, discussion, vote
  - b. 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Gai Lorenzen – HALO and Pam Handrow – WRC)
  - c. Motion passed
3. **Motion brought to the table from Gai Lorenzen**, Racine CoC representative on the Wisconsin Statewide HMIS Advisory board:  
“*Move that the Leadership Council approve the HMIS Governance Document*”
  - a. Second, discussion:
    - i. Consumer notice Section 3.5 Data Sharing External to HMIS (new):HMIS Advisor Board has the final authority to approve or disapprove of the use of the data that is obtained in the Wisconsin HMIS subject to the HMIS Board authorization. The HMIS Lead Agency may enter into data sharing agreement with third party organizations for the purpose of coordinating services for individuals or contribute to research that aims to improve services for those at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness.
    - ii. Concern: One change involves sharing with law enforcement, oversight agencies, that may not have been there in the past. Suppose that client does not want data shared with Human Services, law enforcement, etc.  
Q: Does this mean they would have to go "non-HMIS"?  
A: No, they still have the ability to have data not shared in system. Not aware of law enforcement having access to data.  
Q: Anticipate could be a concern for some clients we serve. They may not want to sign consent forms. This list is expanded form of people who could have access to data so it may be a tougher sell to clients.  
A: There is a list of agencies who have ability to share data. Example shown that there is not any law enforcement on this list. Access remains only to those who actively use



HMIS not to those who want to review for other reasons.

Q: Concern that signage placed around agencies does state that law enforcement could get that data. What will be shown consumers before they sign consent. This is a concern.

A: Iraida will check with Adam to clarify access language regarding law enforcement – specific to the notice placed in areas and on consent release form.

b. Vote 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Iraida - ICA and Gai HMIS Advisory Board Rep) (1 member left)

c. Motion Passed

4. **Motion brought to the table from Gai Lorenzen**, Racine CoC representative on the Wisconsin Statewide HMIS Advisory board:

“Move that the Leadership Council approve the change in Vendor from Service Point (WISP) to BitFocus”

a. Second, discussion - History of vender choice and usage leading to change recommendation.

b. 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Iraida - ICA and Gai HMIS Advisory Board Rep) (1-member left)

5. CoC FY2019 Application Scoring Debriefing – Gai provided a review of the scoring areas that we received from HUD.

a. No notice about when the CoC funding will take place for this round. CoC's have asked for HUD to put off a competition this year.

b. Scored second of the four CoCs within Wisconsin

c. Job system and growth, we scored 13 out of 15 which was really good

6. Coordinated Entry – Presentation and Q&A from Iraida

a. HUD is pushing for CoCs to revisit their prioritization. Iraida has been attending an intensive workshop with HUD TA. One suggestion from the TA is forming groups that can make rapid changes/decisions to respond quickly to changes demanded by COVID concerns. For a field decision-making team that meets frequently with the authority to make adjustments to our CE policy and procedures to confront the rapidly changing circumstances related to developing of temporary change and response to COVID so we can quickly decompress the shelters. We need to recruit those with lived experience and also address racial inequality.

We do have a CE committee that will be working on these items. If anyone on the LC is interested in serving on this committee let Iraida and Teresa know. You do not need to be a part of a service organization. In the past deferred decisions made by the committee as temporary and brought to Leadership Council to make changes permanent. HUD pushes quick turnaround – a process of 10 days from discussion to action.

Q: How does this group want to handle this process? See motion below 6b.

b. **Motion brought to the table from Iraida Vazquez** Coordinated Entry Committee will make policy decisions related to Coordinated Entry and send copy of minutes from said committee meeting to Leadership Council members. If there are concerns, any member of the Leadership Council can call a special meeting to address concerns.

c. Second, Discussion

d. Vote 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain (1-member left)

e. Motion Passed

7. Website update – new site is active.

8. Point-in-Time for Summer 2020

a. Will not be conducted as a whole community effort.

b. Street Outreach will conduct count as will shelters.

9. Motion to Adjourn – Pam, Second Vote 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain (1-member left)

Next meeting date to be decided.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Reinders.