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/87066238156?pwd=Nm5CRGdFUENtTXMvZnFoaGpGY0x3Zz09
July 15, 2023

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

Membership:

City of Racine Saunders, Brendan	**LGBT** Barb Farrar	**Racine Vocational Ministry** James Schatzman
Community Planning and Development, HUD Von Helms, Jenny	**Racine CoC** Reinders, Teresa Langdon, Darlene	**Racine Unified School District** Cutler, Kaylee
Department of Community Correction Bauer, Laurie	**Racine Kenosha Community Action Center** Hunt, Nicole	**United Way of Racine County** Kallio, Mary Beth
HALO Knott, Jeff Taggart, Melissa	**Racine Revitalization Partnership** Snyder, Kathy	**Women's Resource Center** Chambers, Jori Staufenbeil, Denise

The meeting was called to order by Teresa Reinders at 9:03 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 without the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement. James Schatzman approved, Jori Chambers second.
2. **New Business**

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee; Chair, Nicole Hunt (R/K Community Action Center), committee members Jasmine Fields (community Advocate), and Barb Farrar (LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin) along with Teresa Reinders (CoC). Nicole presents the statement on behalf of the committee. Accepting this statement will encourage all of us to be more collaborative and innovated in our thoughts, action and policies. This is a community group and we must create an environment of respect and fairness to every member of our community. Nicole mentioned the word Justice could be added to this statement. We will continue to have discussions about adding the word justice in the future. and suggested including the word justice.

The Continuum of Care for the City & County of Racine, WI-502 (Racine CoC/Alliance) is organized to address homeless and housing concerns throughout our county.

We are committed to sharing our value of diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of our growing initiatives towards ending homelessness throughout Racine County.

Racine CoC/Alliance is dedicated to the integration of diverse, equitable and inclusive topics within its policies plans, and procedures while aligning with the mission.

The Racine CoC/alliance believes in generating greater awareness of diversity, equity, and inclusion in its everyday operations to address biases that exist towards our marginalized towards populations.

This includes race, ethnicity, national origin, sex assigned at birth, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, ability/disability, veteran/non-veteran status, socioeconomic status, and age.

To that end we strive to education and support homelessness/housing service providers in order to best serve our diverse community's needs to access housing which is safe for human habitation and affordable.

The committee motions and Kathy Snyder second. Amend to motion and accepted at directed. Jenny von Helms abstain.

Director's Check-in

- We are anticipating about 93% of HUD funding with the NOFO. Notification of funding has not been released yet.
- HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Planning & Steering Group: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Jeanette Brown, Pam Handrow, and Shebria Small (SAFE Haven of Racine), Barb Farrar (LGBT Center of SE WI), Kaylee Cutler (RUSD) The group met weekly from May 04 through June 27th to strategize and organize writing the application designed for communities wanting to be considered to be a YHDP community. The grant was submitted prior to the deadline. We should hear in September if grant was accepted. If anyone is aware of youth-led advisory boards please pass them along to any of the members of the planning and steering group.
- Like agencies receiving funding to consider partnership with MOU's with healthcare providers
- We will look at mental health and providers with all their projects. Need to strengthen these relationships to Any new or expanded projects must have a health care component.
- HUD guidelines wants to know who works with us that has lived experiences of homelessness.
- Teresa shared two personal stories that demonstrate the importance of mentorship and emphasis the skills and experience that each of us bring to the table. We must continue to encourage individuals within our networks with lived experience to have a seat at the table. Lived-experience folks are equal members and contribute to decision-making to better our community and services.

Agency/Community updates

RUSD- Kaylee Cutlers
Families In Transition (FIT) is a program that aids students living in temporary housing. It is a federally funded program that assists families with school-age children to overcome the barriers to full participation in the public educations system, including identification, enrollment and referral services. This status must be reapplied every year.

Community Planning and Development, HUD-Jenny von Helms
There is a new building inspection that takes effect October 1, 2023 for CPD funded programs. The model follows new national standard for the physical inspection of real estate. See the website for updates.
National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate = NSPIRE program , change in how inspection for HUD funded programs. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac/nspire

Racine Revitalization Partnership-Kathy Snyder
- Organization is working with several nonprofits to provide financial incentives for homeowners. With a collaborative effort with SAFE Haven a single-family home was purchased to house 9 unit/apartments for 18-24 youths. The third floor will be a community room that will be managed by SAFE Haven. Units will be available in 2024.
- Three-unit home on 9th Street. We were working for domestic violence. Working with Bethany Apartments to house homeless domestic violence victims and children. Working with WRC and Bethany Apartments staff.

United Way of Racine County-MaryBeth Kallio
Tax help is still available with Tax Tuesday. Follow the link to schedule an appointment. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) | United Way of Racine County (unitedwayracine.org)

Next meeting: Friday, September 15, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. MSC
Respectfully submitted,
MB Kallio