



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/82846252358?pwd=aDdwalJhbjFXV0VyV0Rjcjd0cnVPdz09>

November 18, 2022

Present: Officers: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (United Way Racine County)

Membership:

Center for Veterans' Issues

Hanrahan, Michael
Kasdorf, Justin

City of Racine

Anderson, Cathy
Brown, Brittany
Saunders, Brendan

Community Member

Carol Pagan

HALO

Knott, Jeff
Lorenzen, Gai
Love, Irma
Taggart, Melissa

Hope Center

Metzel, Scott

Hospitality Center

Raymond, Seth

Housing Authority of Racine County, HARC

Hernandez, Dolores

Institute for Community Alliances

Dirkman, Jesse

Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine

Edwards, Hillary
Pappenheim, Molly

LGBT

Barb Farrar

Lutheran Social Services

Knuckles, Jennifer

MHS Health Wisconsin

Hall, Scott

Racine CoC

Langdon, Darlene

Racine Community Foundation

Powell, Liz

Racine Dominicans

Broslovick, Chris

Racine Journal Times

Patterson, Ryan

Racine Kenosha Community Action Center

Hunt, Nicole

Racine Unified School District

Cutler, Kaylee

WI Probation & Parole

Bauer, Laurie

Women's Resource Center

Chambers, Jori
Staufenbeil, Denise

The meeting was called to order by Gai Lorenzen at 9:04 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, July and August 2022 Minutes, no meeting took place in June. Motion to approve consent agenda minus the new business made by Teresa
- b. 0 nays, one abstention, 34 yay votes – motion approved as presented

2. New Business

- a. Election of Leadership Council Members
 - i. Start officially January 1, 2023
 - ii. There will be a meeting of elected LC members to draw for a 1, 2- or 3-year terms
- b. Our Governance document stipulates that we need at least 15 members. The slate of nominees for election was presented in the agenda and displayed at the meeting for members to view. The slate of nominees also included Officers: Kaylee Cutler as Chairperson, Barb Farrah as Vice Chair, and Iraida Vazquez as Secretary.

- c. There was one correction – Carol Pagan had accepted to renew her position on the board after the initial distribution of the slate. Refer to 1. d. below
- d. Call for nominations from the floor:
 - i. Add Carol Pagan to the slate of candidates
 - ii. Hillary nominates Molly Pappenheim, and Molly Pappenheim accepts
- e. Motion from the floor by Molly Pappenheim to accept the slate of nominees as updated, motion seconded; 0 nays, one abstention, 34 yay votes – motion approved as presented. 2022-2023 Leadership Council Members and Officers were official elected to their positions. Special thank you to Kaylee, Barb, and Iraida for their leadership roles.

Presentation:

Exploring disparity in Racine. Using HMIS data to examine ethnic and racial disparity in homelessness and homeless services in Racine County July 2021 - June 2022. Presented by: Scott Metzel, Hope Center presented with Jesse Dirkman, Institute for Community Alliance. The presentation was prepared by Scott Metzel, Hope Center and Iraida Vazquez, Institute for Community Alliances. Scott and Iraida serve on the Systems Performance Committee.

The presentation is found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTVOQhjtj-Q>.

Part I: the Data

Ethnic disparity in homeless service

- Non-HMIS Service Providers
- Disparity Across Programs
- High rates of positive outcomes
- Shorter lengths of time homeless

Racial Disparity in Homeless Services

- Disparity in distribution of race across programs
- Black/white parity in overall outcomes
- Disparity been multi-racial and other racial groups
- Wide disparity in outcomes across program types

Kay question: Why?

Access and program design

- To what extent are racial and ethnic disparities in program use and outcomes related to access, program design, features, and implementation vis. Other explanations?
- What can we do to try to decrease disparity and increase equity in services for people experiencing homelessness in Racine?

Part II: Application

Racial Disparity in Street Outreach (SO).

- Thinking about street outreach in Racine through the lens of racial disparity.
- Distribution of Race
- Distribution of Ethnicity
- Outcomes by Ethnicity

Understanding Street Outreach

- Locate
- Contact

- Make a determination
- Build relationships
- Connect to services

Potential for bias in street outreach process.

- Hypotheses: Given the disparity in street outreach contacts vs. the total homeless population and the Black, African American, African and Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) groups, there could be.
- Location or contact bias: Not reaching the Black, African American, African, and Hispanic populations where they are.
- Given the disparity in program outcomes, there may be Relationship building gaps: White, Hispanic, Multi-racial and American Indian populations.

Tentative Findings and Conclusions

- Location Bias
 - There is an approximate correspondence between our demographics and street outreach contacts. There are also contacts across racial groups in most location types. There does not appear to be an immediate indication of location bias in street outreach across Racine. However, street outreach might benefit from more coverage of 53404 and areas where are a greater concentration of the Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x) population. (Statistically, SO might be missing people in those areas.)
- Contact Bias
 - We have insufficient data to determine whether street outreach teams show disparity by race in initiating contact with people who are se enduring street outreach. (e.g., There are no records in HMIS of people we saw but didn't contact.)
- Relationship Building Gaps
 - Vehicular homelessness is a major contributor to on-positive outcomes in street outreach. The disparity in vehicle use between racial groups appears to be closely related to the disparity in non-positive outcomes and may be a stronger factor than relationship-building gaps.
- More Study Needed
 - More review is needed, including the use of specific locations by race, seasonality, as well as unsheltered homelessness and ethnicity. More research and "exploration" during street outreach are needed to ensure that we are not overlooking unsheltered persons who are Black or Hispanic because we are not looking in the right places.

Agency/Community updates

CoC Point in Time, January 25, 2023, will be using community volunteers. Teresa is looking for volunteers to look at system performance and HUD data. The new volunteer goal is to monitor evaluation ranking with services. The goal is to provide ultimate outcomes for people who experience homelessness to go into permanent housing.

United Way of Racine County- December 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. is hosting the annual investment meeting to learn about the annual request for proposal for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, funding. Mandatory meeting if a nonprofit is seeking funding. For additional information and registration [click here](#).

Racine Kenosha Community Action-Nicole Hunt

- Holiday Food Basket Program accepting applications until December 9, 2022. Holiday baskets are scheduled for distribution the week of December 14.
- There are still funds available through the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program (WERA). For additional information, [click here](#).

Women's Resource Center

WRC is currently offering Safe Start programming for 10–18-year-olds to teach safe dating. Programming will occur in RUSD.

Homeless Awareness Week.

Here's the recording for the Homelessness Awareness Month presentation at the Capitol!

<https://wiseye.org/2022/11/02/2022-homeless-awareness-month-event/>

Racine County Warming Center

A list can be found on our website. These warming centers are not just for homelessness.

Racine Kenosha Community Action Center

- *There is Energy Assistance* available through the state. <https://www.rkcaa.org/housing/wera/>
- Applications for holiday baskets are being accepted through December 9, and delivery will take place the week of December 14.

Kenosha County hosted a workgroup to discuss a discharge plan for folks existing out of the prison/jail system. Any service provider in Racine and Kenosha is invited to join the workgroup discharge planning committee. Carl Fields and Carol Bowers are also connected with reentry in Racine. Contact Tamar Patton to assist in the discharge committee tamara@pattonlawwi.com.

Next meeting: Friday, January 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. MSC

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio