



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

Minutes

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Annual Membership Meeting

Location:

HYBRID: Aurora Medical Center 12350 Washington Avenue, Mt. Pleasant 53177

Enter the main entrance and take the stairs (elevator) to the garden level (lower level). Take a left, and the room is straight ahead. Conference room 3

or

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

December 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Mission: We collaborate to serve people experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness in Racine County through housing, prevention, emergency, and supportive services.

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

1. Welcome – called to order at 9:20 am, delay due to technical difficulties at the on-site location

Attendance:

Membership:

Center for Veterans Issues

Kasdorf, Justin

Aurora Health Care

Leslie, Kim

City of Racine

Knoff, Katheryn

Seymour, Veronica

Clement J Zablocki Veterans Affairs

Medical Center

Majinski, Nicole

DOC Region 2 DCC

Bauer, Laurie

HALO

Love, Irma

Taggart, Melissa

Hospitality Center

Fr. Buterbaugh, Matthew

Housing Resources, Inc.

Lisa Stephens

HUD Milwaukee Field Office

Hackett, Claire

von Helms, Jenny

Institute for Community Alliances

Pritzl, Becca,

Vazquez, Iraida

Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine

Held Vander Wyst Robert

LGBT SWI Center

Farrar, Barb

Racine County

Krystal Ellis

Schowalter, Makayla

Racine CoC

Lorenzen, Gai

Reinders, Teresa

Racine/Kenosha Community Action

Nicole Hunt

Racine Dominicans

Broslavick, Chris

SAFE Haven of Racine

Brown, Jeanette

Smith, Shebria

United Way of Racine County

Kallio, Mary Beth

Women's Resource Center

Brostowitz, Adam

Handrow, Pam

Staufenbeil, Denise

2. Approval of Agenda – approval needed, requires a motion from the floor to accept
Motion to accept agenda: Mary Beth Kallio
Second: Robert B Held Vander Wyst
Motion carries - unanimously
3. Approval of Minutes of the September 2024 membership meeting
Corrections to note:
Motion to approve minutes: Kim Leslie
Second: Mary Beth Kallio
Motion carries – unanimously

4. New business –

a. Collaborative Applicant update

Teresa: Process to apply and receive funding and complete planning grant for what we do as the Racine CoC. HALO notified us that they were going to need to step aside and opened up the application process. Filled out application process, met with them and had the interview and chosen to select county as the next CA. Next steps will be us meeting with the

Mary Beth question: When will it be effective? Earliest would be February 1st but is in process of meeting to determine the timeline.

Mary Beth question: As the collaborative applicant, does the County get a percentage of the grants? County would be required to come up with match funds for the planning grant and unsure what amount of planning grant they would receive or how that works, Teresa states this is beyond her knowledge. This will be written in the MOU and the County would be aware of this before taking on this role. Bethany Apartments was the first Collaborative Applicant in Racine. United Way and LAW have also previously been collaborative applicants in the past for Racine CoC so this is not new.

b. 2025 Proposed meeting schedule and format of meeting

Set schedule for 2025 for the CoC membership meetings, the option is to continue to meet every other month or move to a quarterly meeting schedule. Open for discussion.

Governance documents indicate we must meet at least quarterly.

The dual identity issue – need to be one ruling body and the Alliance is the CoC membership group, and the officers are responsible for both. Not sure if this requires a motion or not but to be safe, motion will be entertained.

Motion to schedule 2025 CoC Membership meetings quarterly to February, May, August, and November on the 3rd Friday of the month from 9-11am by Iraida Vazquez, second by Melissa Taggart – motion carries unanimously

Notifications of meeting will be sent on constant contacts newsletter due to bounce back issues with sending calendar invites via Outlook to some members.

c. Elections –

i. Slate of nominated members for Leadership Council to serve 3-year term –

1. Holly Anderle
2. Melissa Taggart
3. Barb Farrar
4. Gai Lorenzen
5. Iraida Vazquez
6. Matthew Buterbaugh
7. Lisa Stephens
8. Walt Williams
9. Jeanette Brown, SHOR, nominated by Melissa Taggart and Alicia Mojica, RUSD, nominated herself

Motion to accept the slate of members with the addition of the two nominations from the floor by MaryBeth Kallio, second by Shebria Small, motion carries unanimously

ii. Slate of nominated officers for Leadership Council –

1. President: Robert B. Held Vander Wyst
2. Vice President: Gai Lorenzen
3. Secretary: Iraida Vazquez

Motion to accept the slate of officers for the Leadership Council by Melissa Taggart, second by Jori Chambers – motion carries unanimously

5. Agency/Community updates

United Way: The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is in the middle of recruiting tax preparers and scheduling for the 2024 tax season in 2025 to start. Same number to use as last year.

Aurora: Kim Leslie assist with the quarterly volunteer center – any organization of service providers as helping with organizations. Email Kim if you need anything or have ideas for organizing.

CoC: Tomorrow, December 21st is the longest night of the year and at 4pm tomorrow the annual event to remember those who have passed away will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. It will be available for live stream thanks to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. All are welcome to attend.

Announcement of the event can be found on COC website, Holly Anderle and Father Matthew Buterbaugh are organizing the event. Thank you to both Holly Anderle and Father Matthew for this work! <https://racinecoc.org/news/longest-day-service-remembrance-and-hope>

HOPES Center Scott reports Point in Time count will be the night of 1/22/2025. This is when we get our best estimate of the number of people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered and sheltered locations in Wisconsin. The unsheltered/street count is a community effort and participating in this effort for organizations or community members is welcomed and will be open on 12/30/2024 and closes on 1/16/2025 via the Racine CoC website link. <https://racinecoc.org/point-time>

RUSD: as of today, 400 students are currently experiencing homelessness. Need extra support

6. **Next meeting:** Friday, February 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m. corrected the date per the motion to move meetings to 2nd month of each quarter of year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55am by Kim Leslie, Melissa T. second.

Minutes submitted by Iraida Vazquez, Secretary