



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

Homelessness & Housing Alliance of Racine County
Minutes
May 16, 2025

1. Welcome – called to order at 9:05 am

Membership Attendance:

Robert B. Held Vander Wyst – Legal Action of Wisconsin
Iraida Vazquez – Institute for Community Alliances
Teresa Reinders – Racine CoC
Nicole Hunt – Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency
Justin Kasdorf – Center for Veteran Issues
Becca Pritzl – Institute for Community Alliances
JoAnn Hattix – Focus on Racine
Alicia Mojica – Racine Unified School District
Veronica Seymour – City of Racine
Katheryn Knoff – City of Racine
Irma Love – HALO

Jori Chamers – Women’s Resource Center
Mary Beth Kallio – United Way of Racine
Brittany Brown – City of Racine
KC Missall – Focus on Community
Mike Basford – Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness
Jodi Haas – Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin
Denise Staufeneil – Women’s Resource Center
Nicole Majinski – VA Medical Center
Deanna Kloster – United Healthcare
Krystal Ellis – Racine County

2. Approval of Agenda –

Motion to accept agenda: Mary Beth Kallio
Second: Iraida Vazquez
Motion carries – unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2025, membership meeting

Motion to approve minutes with an update to reflect next meeting from August 15, 2025 to May 16, 2025:
Iraida Vazquez
Second: Mary Beth Kallio
Motion carries – unanimously

4. Director’s Report – Teresa Reinders

The Director’s report is attached to the Constant Contact and accepted as written.

One addition to the report per Teresa related to Wisconsin Department of Health Services 1915i plan, is not a grant but a billing program. Participants enrolled in Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus with a substance use disorder or behavior health condition are eligible to receive additional support services from homeless service providers. WI DHS is holding monthly meetings for providers to attend and ask questions and receive guidance.

5.a. Collaborative Applicant update: Bob Held Vander Wyst reports

A few select members of the board are working closely with the county staff on a proposed draft version of the MOU prior to presenting it to the CoC Board for approval. This work has been slow but deliberate to be sure roles and responsibilities are clear prior to submission to the county for the county board review and approval for signature.

6.a. Update on dissolution of DEI Committee in accordance with Executive Order 13985: Robert B. Held Vander Wyst reports:

Due to the Executive Order, the CoC Board dissolved the DEI committee.

6.b. Update on creation of Lived Experience Advisory Working Group: Teresa Reinders

Lived Experience Advisory Work Group was established last year and about to launch in January under and due to the Executive Orders in January that process was put on hold until the committees and workgroups were structured to compliant with the new federal administrative executive orders. Robert B. Held Vander Wyst has interest in joining the workgroup.

6.c.i. HMIS Committee Report: Iraida Vazquez reports

Meetings: Next meeting is scheduled June 19, 2025, at 10:30 am and can attend either virtual or in person at HOPES Center.

Annual HIMS Governance Updates: Updated to include now six CoC's in one instance that includes the 4 CoC's in Wisconsin and 2 CoC's in Illinois. With this change the Governance Documents are now renamed from Wisconsin and Northern Illinois HMIS to DASH Great Lakes HMIS. DASH is an acronym for Data Advancing Solutions to Homelessness. The committee recommended the Board approve the updates to the governance documents and Board approved the documents on May 12, 2025. Agencies will receive Agency Partnership agreements to sign to continue to have access to HMIS in accordance with the Policies and Procedures after all 6 CoC's sign the HMIS Governance Charter.

2025 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Counts: HUD repository for submitting the PIT and HIC data opened on May 13, 2025, with a deadline to submit the data by June 13th at 8pm ET. HUD removed the table shells in the aggregate report that relates to gender in the repository. Going forward gender is going to retire in the federal reporting and a new field for sex will be added.

6.c.ii. System Performance Committee Report: Iraida Vazquez reports

NOFO Review: We have been reviewing our responses to the SPM-Related questions in the HUD/COC NOFO to try to find ways to improve our performance as well as improve our ranking within the COC Collaborative Application process.

SPM 2024 Report: We are working on a presentation of Racine's FY2024 System Performance and expect to present it at the August meeting.

Performance Analysis and Improvement Process: This process is on hold as we are preparing data for review and analysis.

Meetings: System Performance Committee did not meet in May 2025, but will meet on June 6th.

7. Agency/Community Update:

Center for Veterans Issues – Justin Kasdorf reports that Melinda Santoya is now the Property Manager and PSH case manager for the units on college avenue. Thankful to her for taking the lead of the project in Racine.

Next meeting is August 15, 2025, at 9am

9:42 am Adjourn

Motioned – Irma Love

Second – Jori Chambers

Motion carries – unanimously