Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
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Activity Summary from CoC Director - August 2025

Funding

HUD CoC Competition – We are registered to apply for the 25-26 competition. As of this date, 8/11/2025, we have not received any formal information on the application process. Last year, the CoCs were instructed by HUD that the competition was to be a two-year process with awards to be submitted as renewals in 2025 and no new project would be accepted. Word has come down from HUD that appears to indicate that this will be a new competition for new projects based on treatment focused projects not the Housing First philosophy the previous administrations supported and mandated in past years.

Partnerships

State level participation

Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness (WI-ICH)
We are working to understand the full impact of potential budget cuts proposed by the legislature. We have met as a Council to report activity across the state by the various state departments. The June Council meeting focused on the Director's presentation on statewide Point-in-Time numbers and Wisconsin eviction filings and judgements. We continue to attend workshops to work on the state plan on addressing homelessness throughout the state. At our last workgroup we received updates on the DVA's VHRP Program and also the Interpersonal Violence Working Group.

In July, Director Mike Basford visited HALO and the Racine City Development Department.

Ending Homelessness Through State and CoC Partnerships

We have been discussing the State Health Assessment draft and focusing on homeless data. The CoCs are reviewing it to provide feedback. The report may be finalized around September.

Wisconsin Housing First Coalition

I am working with another board member to review and revise the by-laws for the organization. We will be working on planning for the next year. There is a meeting planned for late August.

Medicaid 1915i – CoCs and DHS

There is potential that local city and county funding processes are going to be requiring shelter and outreach programs to leverage Medicaid 1915i. While we discussed potential changes to Medicaid and the impact on those experiencing homelessness, it was difficult to discuss any solutions or options without specific information from the federal level at the time we met.

County level participation

Racine County Health Poverty Workgroup: Housing/Evictions
This is a workgroup led by the County Public Health Department in connection with the *Racine County Public Health: Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2027* (CHIP). The work of this group focuses on the western portion of Racine County.

- I attended a town hall, organized by this group, on May 28, 2025, at the Community Church in Waterford, to meet with individuals of congregations to discuss stigmas of utilizing poverty resources.

- We are working on flyers and social media posts to reduce the stigma of people in need of and looking for public services and support. Once the flyers and social media posts are done, we will distribute them to any organization interested in using them.
- We are working on gathering information related to forming an eviction mediation service. This could extend beyond the western end of the county. The CHIP plan can be found at: https://crchd.com/sites/default/files/Community%20Health%20Improvement%20Plan%20CHIP%202023%203.27.24.pdf

Racine CoC System Performance

The Committee is working to finalize the results of the surveys conducted to examine the length of time individuals are homeless and why individuals return to homelessness after being housed. I am working to complete the final aspects of coding the interviews.

Meetings

- CoC check-ins with WI-ICH, DEHCR, HUD
- WI-ICH workgroup and Council meetings
- Collaboration with the other three WI CoCs
- Wisconsin Housing First Coalition – Strategic Planning, Regular Board meetings
- Ending Homelessness through State-CoC Partnerships (EHSCP) bi-weekly
- Racine County Poverty Workgroup: Housing/Evictions bi-weekly

Acronyms and abbreviations

CHIP *– Community Health Improvement Plan* https://crchd.com/community-improvement-plan
DEHCR *– Division of Energy, Housing and Community Relations (under WI Department of Administration)* *https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOA/DEHCRMainPage.aspx*
DV *– Domestic Violence*
EHH *– The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP), and Housing Assistance Program (HAP) are collectively referred to as the EHH Program. Administered under DEHCR* *https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/AgencyResources/ehh-program.aspx*
HMIS *– Homeless Management Information Systems*
HUD *– Housing and Urban Development*
LSA *– Longitudinal Systems Analysis https://homelessdata.com/knowledge-base/what-project-types-are-included-in-the-lsa/*
NOFO *– Notice of Funding Opportunity*
PIT *– Point-in-Time*
PSH *– Permanent Supportive Housing*
SPM *– System Performance Measures https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/#guidance or https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/system-performance-measures-in-context.pdf*
YHDP – *Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project*