



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

## Minutes

### Racine CoC Board Meeting

#### Continuum of Care for the City & County of Racine, WI-502

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: virtually via Teams

#### Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22182823217265?p=hcqzDwCsbHz6ORGWgM>

Meeting ID: 221 828 232 172 65

Passcode: FV6aH6Dm

1. Welcome Start time 11:03AM
2. Attendance
  - Kathy Snyder
  - Melissa Taggart
  - Jori Chambers
  - Robert Held Vander Wyst
  - Alicia Mojica
  - Iraida Vazquez
  - Laurie Bauer
  - Liz Powell
  - Lakesha Davis
  - Shebria Smalls
  - Teresa Reinders
  - Walter Williams
  - Jeanette Brown
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve Liz Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iraida Vazquez, All approved
4. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2026 meeting: Motion to approve Iriada Vazquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lakesha Davis, All approved
5. Budget Update- Gai Lorenzen
  - Budget Item - Will work with Teresa & HALO staff to close out grant that ended 1/31 by 90 day deadline.
  - Paying Teresa & operational costs from grant that started 2/1. Developing proposal for more detailed budget to discuss with Racine County once they have all Racine County approvals to be CA.
6. Collaborative Applicant MOU Draft Update-Robert Held Vander Wyst/Gai Lorenzen
  - Bob met with the HHD/HSB from the County last Monday. They had questions regarding how everything works. Approval must go through the committee and then the County Board.
7. 501c3 update- No Update
8. CoC NOFO Update-Teresa Reinders/Gai Lorenzen
  - Waiting for March 3, regarding the appeal. Feb 27 Court stated that it was still irreparable harm and they denied the motion to resolve the court order. HUD appealed again the deadline is March 16. Hearing across the country that agencies have not heard anything in

response to the renewal notice. Also no one has heard about receiving funding for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

9. CoC Board of Directors Application- Kathy Snyder/Fr. Matthew Buterbaugh  
Kathy stated there was a question raised by Teresa regarding Question 4 on the application. The question was what constitutes a conflict of interest. Iraida suggested if we do put an explanation there we should pull the wording from the governance documents from the CoC. Teresa suggests that this should be added right above the signature on the application. Iraida reminds that this should be updated annually to remind everyone regarding if a member has a conflict of interest regarding voting on certain issues. The largest conflict of interest area will be in Rating and Ranking Committee. Kathy asked to add this and then vote on the application. Iraida suggests we add it and send it out to vote at next month's meeting. Iraida asked who would look at these and review applications. Teresa stated a nominating committee. Iraida states that the BOD nominates and then the Alliance votes to approve the candidate. Teresa reminded us that we also take nominations from the floor at the Alliance meetings as well. Iraida thanked Kathy and Fr Matthew for working on this.
10. HMIS Lead Update- Iraida Vazquez
  - a. Housing Navigator position  
Position has been posted on ICA website. Extended to last Friday. ICA will be looking at the potential candidates. She will let us know when someone is hired.
  - b. SPM reports  
Federal report to HUD deadline submitted by March 4. The SPM report is attached to the meeting invite. This was submitted into HDX already. There are 7 metrics in this report. 6 are generally reported.
    - 1.Length of time homeless- reduction in time by 15 days 20 days if TH is added,
    - 2.returns to homelessness-increased by 5%,
    - 3.(This comes from outside of HMIS) PIT Count, annual count in shelters- reduced by 8 individuals
    4. Employment and income growth-earned income for stayers -decreased by 1.77%,non earned income decreased 3.4%, total income increased by 0.89%, Leavers 2.49% leavers from the programs
    5. first time homeless- Emergency shelter clients increased by 7 individuals when adding TH- 31 increased
    6. (measure 7 on the spm report) Exit to permanent or successful placement- street outreach- increase by 3.98%, change in exits to Permanent Housing Destination from ES or TH 9.10% increase, exit to or retention of permanent housing all PH except RRH reduction by 0.17%Kathy thanked Iraida for everything she does and that is information is appreciated.
11. Lived Experience Individual- Robert Held Vander Wyst  
Still looking for an individual with lived experience to become a member of the Board.
12. New Business
  - a. One day CoC Conference  
We are discussing hosting a one-day conference. We are looking to create a committee to start the process of hosting a conference in possibly August. Please let Kathy and Bob know if you are interested in being on this committee. Shebria and Lakesha have expressed interest in joining the committee.
13. Lakesha stated that Lt Governor Sarah Rodriguez is planning on meeting March 5 at 4pm. 1509 Rapids Drive Suite 100. It will be a town hall setting for anyone that would be interested.
14. Adjourn motion: motion to adjourn Kathy Snyder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Powell, All approve 11:51 All approved

Next meeting: Monday April 6, 2026 11:00 am- 12 pm