



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

Agenda

Racine CoC Board Meeting

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

Date: Monday, April 6, 2026, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: virtually via Teams

Join:

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Meeting ID: 221 828 232 172 65

Passcode: FV6aH6Dm

1. Welcome
2. Attendance
 - Gai Lorenzen
 - Justin Kasdorf
 - Kathy Snyder
 - Kimberly Leslie
 - Lakesha Davis
 - Laurie Bauer
 - Liz Powell
 - Melissa Taggart
 - Robert Held Vander Wyst
 - Shebria Small
 - Teresa Reinders
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion made to approve by Kathy Snyder 2nd Liz Powell All Approve
4. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2026 meeting
 - Motion Made to approve by Lakesha Davis 2nd Kathy Synder All Approve
5. Business of the meeting
 - a. Budget Update- Gai Lorenzen
 - There is nothing to update at this time until the MOU is signed
 1. Gift Cards
 - There are gift cards left from when we had the focus groups. We need to get a total of the amount of gift cards that are left from HALO. We will need to have a discussion as to how we will use them going forward.
 - b. Collaborative Applicant MOU Draft Update-Robert Held Vander Wyst/Gai Lorenzen
 - Bob met with the subcommittee from HHS at the County on March 23, 2026. At that time the subcommittee approved the proposed MOU to be sent to the County Board to approve. Gai and Bob met with the County and ICF this morning to go over the training module for the collaborative applicant. Teresa asked if the start date will be July 1, 2026. Gai stated that we are hoping for July 1 to be the start date. Teresa asked if they are posting a job description and application. Gai and Bob stated that The CoC Board will be giving the County a job description by May 1.

c. 501c3 Update- No Update

d. CoC Update-Teresa Reinders/Gai Lorenzen

1. Funding Update

Teresa stated that HUD lost the appeal to go back to the proposed NOFO from December. 1st quarter contracts had not been released. Registration has not been completed yet. We are waiting until closer to the due date to avoid complications with having a new collaborative applicant.

a. Common Messaging-Teresa Reinders

Gai stated there has been an issue with HUD not releasing the funds for projects that expired in quarter 1 across the nation. Racine CoC did not have any project expiring in Quarter 1. But we do have 3 in Quarter 2 including ICA. The projects have no way of funding the payments unless the funds and contracts are not issued. The projects would need to find funding in the meantime. These projects would not be ending just looking for funds. Nationwide, by HUD not producing contracts or funding until late in the quarter it appears they are trying to weed out some programs by having the programs closing by not releasing funds and contracts.

b. Move on Assessment-HCV- Need a vote to reinstate-Melissa Taggart

The CoC had adopted the "Move On" strategy a few years ago when we had an opportunity to access WHEDA vouchers. These were used to move on clients in PSH and RRH to WHEDA vouchers. We are currently working with the Housing Authority of Racine County to reinstate this procedure and apply those individuals in PSH and RRH to be placed on the HARC HCV list.

The Coordinated Entry Committee is asking for a motion to approve the reinstatement for the Move on Assessment.

Gai Lorenzen made a motion to approve 2nd Shebria Small All Approved

2. NOFO Update

The NOFO registration ends April 23, 2026. Then the NOFO usually is released 6 to 8 weeks after that. We expect the NOFO will be released in June 2026. Organizations nationwide believe that the NOFO they tried to release in December will be the NOFO they release in June. This will maintain the ideas of No Housing First Model, focus on treatment, and new requirements for programs and CoCs.

e. CoC Board of Directors Application- Needs a vote to adopt

This has been deferred to the May meeting.

f. HMIS Lead Update- Iraida Vazquez

1. Housing Navigator position- open until filled

Bob stated that the position is open until ICA fills the position. Kathy asked where it is posted and Melissa stated it is on the ICA website.

2. Point in Time/HIC- Deadline April 30 at 7PM central. Iraida has all ready entered. No errors. Just need Teresa to finalize the methodology.

g. Lived Experience Individual- Robert Held Vander Wust

Bob stated that we are still looking for someone to fill this position. Lakesha asked what the requirements were. It was stated that they must have been homeless in the last 7 years.

h. Conference Committee Update

Kathy will be sending out a meeting request looking at when those interested could meet either this week or next. Kathy asked Gai if she could send anything she had regarding the last time we held a conference. Kathy also asked Teresa if she would attend the first meeting to help guide them on the process of organizing the event.

i. System Planning (Gaps Identification)

Teresa wants us to start the conversation on System Planning. We need to look at

the gaps we have in our CoC. These include, treatment planning, mental health, and clients needing a higher level of care. Lakesha asked if Teresa was looking for an Ad Hoc Committee? Teresa said she would like to have a small committee to look at bringing in an entity to assist us in looking at this. Teresa stated she would work with the group to get this started. The focus would be on the community and how we come together to address homelessness and those that are close to homelessness. Along with what services are not available and are needed. Teresa has found some entities that could help us with this and there is money in the planning grant to help with this. Kathy asked if we need a new Ad Hoc Committee or could we just use the Housing Group Committee. The group interested so far is Bob, Kathy, and Lakesha. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please let Bob or Kathy know.

- j. National Association of Continuum of Care Leaders (NACCL) Membership
We deferred this to be a conversation and vote at the May meeting. The application due date is May 7. Our next BOD meeting is May 4.
- k. Adjourn motion
Motion made to adjourn the meeting Kathy Snyder 2nd Lakesha Davis All Approved

Next meeting: Monday May 4, 2026 11:00 am- 12 pm