Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County
Consent Agenda
November 20, 2020
Location: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86565238282?pwd=R1d6NTY5dEJTWDdENSs5aFpmbHpmQT09

1. **Consent Agenda:** approval needed, *requires a motion from the floor to accept*
   a. Minutes from the September membership meeting
   b. Treasurer's report balance $5,926.47: only activity was $1.00 service fee.
   c. Committee Reports:
      i. Nominating Committee – see nomination handout
      ii. No other committee reports

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

3. **Presentations:**
   - 1st presentation: Center for Veterans Issues; homelessness programs
   - 2nd presentation: Street Outreach, Hospitality Center, and local shelters speak about COVID-19 and pending cold months.

4. Agency/Community updates

5. Wrap-up

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link -
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81496843992?pwd=czdRMmhNYjFhQUxSRTE3aWdzNXNpZz09
September 18, 2020

Present: Officers: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Vice President: Sharen Pease, Sectary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC) Membership: Chris Broslavick (Racine Dominicans), Jori Chambers (WRC), Kaylee Cuter (RUSD), Barbara Farrar, (LGBT), Claire Hackett (HUD) Sarah Hawks (UW Extension), Chris Henning (Racine County), AJ Jelks (HALO), Rhonda King (Acelero Learning Head Start), Jeff Knott (HALO), Francisca Lassa (Legal Action), Lori Life (RVM), Chris Litzau (Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps), Irma Love (HALO), Scott Metzel (HOPES Center), Ed Miller (Revitalize Racine), Curt Pruitt (Racine County), Matt Rejc (City of Racine), Brendan Saunders (City of Racine), Vicky Selkowe (City of Racine), Jane Skirven(VA), Shebria Small (SAFE Haven), Melissa Taggart (HALO), Barry Uhlenhake (Community), Terri Wilson, (Cardinal Capital, Iraida V. Vazquez (Institute for Community Alliance).

Presenters: Michelle Gehring (NAMI) executive director.

The meeting was called to order by President, Teresa Reinders at 9:03 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

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

Agenda: M/S/C to receive and file agenda
Consent Agenda – approval to accept the agenda that was sent in email.
Committee Reports:

a. The Equity and Diversity Work Group is being formed under the Systems Performance Committee for the purpose of assessing and providing recommendations to address and eliminate gaps in racial, ethnic and gender equity within the COC, including service provision, service outcomes, and COC / Alliance structure and activities document explaining the workgroup's terms of report was included with the August meeting packet and may be found on the CoC website.
b. Nominating Committee – is in the process of forming and gathering interested parties for the next year's office positions.
c. Landlord/Tenant workgroup will resume meeting in October. An exact date has not been determined but planning has begun.

Announcements:

a. All volunteers' opportunities will be posted on the website.
b. CoC/Alliance Speak Out Survey. The governor is taking feedback regarding the annual budget. The survey asks questions on what projects you would like to see funded regarding homelessness. What information you would like to see from the budget. The survey asked for name and contact information however, this information will not be forwarded. The deadline to reply is September 22.

Minutes: M/S/C to approve the minutes from August 2020 with corrections:

Presentation:
Presentation: Michell Gehring, executive director of NAMI, presented.
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Racine County https://www.namiracinecounty.org/

Mission: NAMI Racine County provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

Vision: A compassionate community where all people affected by mental illness live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Presentation included an email packet that included the agency's flyers. NAMI follows national NAMI guidelines. That is why registration is required on Zoom. Virtual teen support, family support group and virtual Peer Support Group, Focus on mental Health Awareness are a few programs offered. NAMI is also presenting virtual speaker series: September topic- suicide prevention and awareness, October, discussing and managing depression, November Chapter 51 and mental health emergency detention. NAMI is also partnering with Margaret University nursing program. NAMI national and Racine NAMI presents Ending the Silence, working with RUSD and St. Cats,

usually 1300 students in a year. These sessions are virtual. If a student logs in at home they can break through the isolation and assistance online learning struggles. This is an educational program and functions as advocating for the youth. Agency is also rolling out a program for staff and teachers.

NAMI works closely works with the Racine police force. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Crisis Intervention Partner (CIP). These are offered once a year. People who go through the training are more comfortable dealing with those who are affected by mental health.

NAMI works closely with Racine Friendship Clubhouse. NAMI has a virtual fundraiser coming up on September 25.

Michelle shared with us on July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted rules to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. The rules require all phone service providers to direct all 988 calls to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. During the transition to 988, Americans who need help should continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) and through online chats. Veterans and Service members may reach the Veterans Crisis Line by pressing 1 after dialing, chatting online at www.veteranscrisisline.net, or texting 838255.

Agency update

Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (Great Lakes CCC)- The Great Lakes CCC received a U.S. DOL Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program grant, as well as a USDA AgVets Program grant to serve veterans under its Veterans Corps model. The Veterans Corps is squad-based, pays a stipend, and provides training and education and immersive learning experiences.VA - Sharon will present to this group next month on VA services. The office is open and are seeing clients by appointments.

Racine County - Next RCI networking will be Tuesday, November 3. Presenters has not been set up yet, if you are interested in presenting contact Curt or Chris.

Racine Revitalize Racine - Two units available for rent. These are brand new units. Anyone interested contact Land Quest to complete an application. Looking forward to additional units in the next few weeks.

UW Extension – Virtual Rent Smart Training. Classes are In progress for September and the October class starts on October 6 and another class on November 4. Contact Sarah Hawks for more information.

Outreach Center - Still out during the week. Working with 20 people who are on the streets. One way or another we will have a point in time in January.

City of Racine – Notices of funding availability on the City of Racine website. Contact Brendan and Matt for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio