Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link -
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89614359507?pwd=YWoyOEVFdzBpQUltem8rbXR6Zk04UT09
August 20, 2020

Present: Officers: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Sectary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC) Membership: Michael Basford (WI State government) Chris Broslavick (Racine Dominicans) Kaylee Cuter (RUSD), Jeff Knott (HALO), Rhonda King (Acelero), Kim Leslie (Ascension), Irma Love (HALO), Scott Metzel (HOPES Center), Ed Miller (Revitalize Racine), Anna Pepple (WRC), Seth Raymond (Hospitality Center), Hale Sargent (HUD), Brendan Saunders (City of Racine), Denise Staufenbeil (WRC)

Presenters: LGBT Center of Southeastern WI Barb Farrar, Carl Hubbard, Rae Antczak

The meeting was called to order by President, Teresa Reinders at 9:02 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

Reminders: 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 needed, requires a motion from the floor to accept all the following items

1) **Treasurer's report:** balance $5,927.47: only activity was $1 service fee.
2) **Committee Reports:** no reports from committees at the time of this reporting
3) **New Business:**
   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.
   b. Refer to the document attached to agenda meeting packet regarding workgroup's terms of report. This report can also be found on the CoC website; https://racinecoc.org/
   c. Michael Basford invited interested members to attend the state Diversity group. The group will meet virtual once a month for six months. The group will review the state Hand in a Home equity and inclusion policies. If you are interested contact Teresa Reinders to be contacted to Michael Basford.

Minutes: M/S/C to approve the minutes from July 2020 with corrections:
Scott Metzel was not present. Add Andre Batts (HOPES Center) as present.
Under Racine Revitalization Partnership agency update should reflect the correct address of 1315 Grand Avenue.

Presentations:
Presentation: Barb Farrar, Carl Hubbard, Rae Antczak
LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin https://www.lgbtsewi.org/
Mission: Empowering SE Wisconsin to create a safe and inclusive home for LGBTQ+ communities.
Vision: An inclusive, thriving community where LGBTQ+ people are welcomed and affirmed.
Services provide a safe place and support the LGBT population in southeastern Wisconsin.

Presentation included introduction to vocabulary and definitions, statistics on LGBTQ homeless youth, LGBTQ youth and adults , suicide rates and three different scenarios were discussed. We can be an ally to the LGBT community by not tolerating anti-LGBTQ remarks or humor when witness, do not out people, even if you think it's best for them, be open-minded, willing to talk and listen, do not assume sexual orientation or gender identity, when in doubt ask for pronouns, confront your own prejudices and bias, even when it is uncomfortable to do so. Ally is a verb not a noun.

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio