Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting
Location: Zoom meeting link –
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January 28, 2022

Present: **Officers**: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC)

Membership:

Ascension Hospital Leslie, Kimberly	**Hospitality Center** Raymond, Seth	**Racine Unified School District** Cutler, Kaylee
Bethany Apartments and WRC Handrow, Pam	**Housing Inc.** Hernandez, Dolores	**Racine Revitalization Partnership** Snyder, Kathy
Bethany Apartments Brostowitz, Adam	**Institute for Community Alliances** Pritzl, Rebecca Vazquez, Iraida	**Racine Vocational Ministry** Life, Lori
Burlington Transitional Living Center Chaffee, Cristen	**Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine** Stinebaugh, Elizabeth	**SAFE Heaven** Brown, Jeanette Sanchez, Angela
Cardinal Capital Wilson, Terri	**Lovingkindness Homes** Davis, Lakesha	**State of Wisconsin** Basford, Mike Bauer, Laurie
Community member Brenneman, Betty	**Lutheran Social Services (LSS)** Moran, Derek	**United Way of Racine County** Kallio, Mary Beth
DEHCR Thibado, Robyn	**Molina Healthcare-Community Engagement** Dunk, Eugene	**Women's Resource Center** Staufenbeil, Denise
Fight to End Exploitation Brostowitz, Melania	**Racine CoC** Reinders, Teresa	Pevas, Mary Hartleben, Stephanie
HALO Anderle, Holly Knott, Jeff Love, Irma Reinders, Teresa Taggart, Melissa	**Racine Community Foundation** Powell, Liz	
Hope Center Metzel, Scott	**Racine Dominicans** Agbuis, Carmen Broslavick, Chris	

The meeting was called to order by President, Teresa Reinders at 9:03 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:

1. **Approval of Agenda**
    a. Approved by
2. Approval of Minutes
    a. October 2021meeting notes approved

b. December meeting notes are deferred until March because notes were not attached to the handouts.

3. Treasurer Report
    a. No funds have been distributed. Currently waiting for the Steering Committee to meet and update account records and verify balance as it must be done in person.
4. Director's Report
    a. EHV project progressing well
5. Committee reporting approved and to be filed.
    a. PIT took place on January 26, 2022. There were several teams from HALO, Hope Center and Bethany Apartments that helped out. The last team was in about 2:00 a.m. with a sweep after that. The unsheltered count is expected to be at 7.

Presentation: Teresa Reinders lead a discussion regarding CoC structure, goals and happenings.

What tasks or ask of does CoC need of the members.

- Teresa is working on a youth initiative to present at local schools
- Continue sharing performance reports
- Arrange a donation day
- Volunteer opportunities; committees within CoC

Discussion on community resources.

- Provide an online list of available housing; new landlords growing a portfolio to meet the need of affordable housing in the community. Racine Revitalization Partnership, Kathy Snyder is attending Alliance meetings.
- Racine County Here to Help program. Here to help is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 262.638.6400 HereToHelp@racinecounty.com
- 211. IMPACT 211 provides a central access point for people who need help to find community resources. Simply dial 211, 866-211-3380 or test your ZIP Code to TXT-211 (898-211), or search the website https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/
- Extension Racine County annual updates the Family Resource Directory https://racine.extension.wisc.edu/family-living/family-living-news-events/
- Racine County Family Resources one-stop information resources to help families and youth in search of information and resources. https://racine.wi.networkofcare.org/family/
- It was suggested to start a Google document for Alliance partners. Alliance partners would share program information for homelessness in Racine County.
- Past Leadership Racine projects created a resource directory.

Fight to End Exploitation (FEE) received a grant to provide youth services. Potential working with SAFE Haven, Bethany Apartments and Women's Resource Center to expand youth services. As FEE will report back to this group with findings.

Iraida and Teresa are working on the qualitative data. Working with a HUD DA representative to obtain stories from clients who have experienced trauma. The goal is to have qualitative information to tell the story and have meaningful information to share.

- Contact HALO staff to identify clients to interview or interview staff.

Continue to evaluate coordinated entry; what process does the client experience. Clients could be afraid to get services because of the personal information that one needs to share at intake. The information could be 'leaked' to government sources is a fear for some.

Community Sharing

Fight to End Exploitation (FEE)
FEE is expanding youth services by providing teen dating resources.

Racine Revitalization Partnership
RRP Night Market is scheduled for June 4 at 1601 Washington. There is a capacity of 72 vendors, food trucks and they are in search of f band to play.
There is one house available.

HALO
Currently, 113 people under shelter. HALO has reduced the number of hotel vouchers available. HALO is taking people and working the best they can.

Hospitality Center
The center has conducted site visits with Catholic Charities and HALO and other communities' resources that have coordinated resources operating. The goal is to bring a Coordinated Resource Center in Racine.
Hospitality Center is open for breakfast and lunch. Serving 80 – 100 meals a day with option to take place to go. Encouraging everyone to take meals inside to eliminate the garbage waste outside.

Hospitality Center is also a pop-up clinic. Since opening the pop-up clinic there was 180 people that was vaccinated.

United Way of Racine County
VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is now taking appointment to prepare and electronic filing tax returns. https://www.unitedwayracine.org/vita

Legal Services
Case load continues; clients are receiving notices due to landlords selling their properties.

RUSD
We have funds from the government to purchase items for homelessness children in the RUSD district. These funds were set aside to partner with community resources and work with the housing navigator. There are 615 children in the case load. There is also title one teacher to assist with reading and math intervention. Funding support direct the work with students.

Hope Center
By appointment or office hours; Tuesday – Friday 8 – 2 p.m. Two nights a week at night. During the cold weather, outreach is out there.

Future meeting topics:

- March – System Performance report

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. MSC by Kim Leslie
Respectfully submitted,
MB Kallio