Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link -
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86934306088?pwd=SUVWMERTc1BSYkdwQi82QXB2SFEyQT09

March 19, 2021

Present: (34) **Officers**: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC), Sharen Pease (CVI)

Membership:

Judith Bartelt (Center for Veterans Issues)	Sarah Hawks (UW-Extension)	Sean Rhee (WLPH, WI Lead Safe Homes Program)
Michael Basford (WI Interagency Council on Homelessness, WI ICH)	Dolores Hernandez (RCHA)	Angela Sanchez (SAFE Haven)
Laurie Bauer – (Region 2 Department of Community Corrections)	Lynda Jackson (HALO)	Vicky Selkowe (City of Racine)
Tameka Brockman (LSS)	AJ Jelks (HALO)	Maurika Smith (SAFE Haven)
Chris Broslavick (Racine Dominicans)	Salena Kindschuh (Lead Specialist)	Melissa Taggart (HALO)
Jori Chambers (WRC)	Chad Kline (LSS-Veterans Housing & Recovery Program)	Nina Thillemann (HALO)
Kaylee Cuter (RUSD)	Amy Mauel (VHAMIW)	Jean Verber (Racine Dominicans)
Dale Darrow (HUD Miw. Field Office)	Scott Metzel (HOPES Center)	Reghan Walsh (CCPH, Senior Partnership Specialist)
Harry Dettinger, (WI Lead Safe Homes Program, Strategic Communications Specialist)	Spann Mildred (VA-Milwaukee)	Terri Wilson (Cardinal Capital)
Liz Evan (WI Lead Safe Homes Program)	Ed Miller (Revitalize Racine)	
Barb Farrar (LGBT Center of SEW)	Pastor Nys (Giving to the Nations)	
Michelle Gehring (NAMI)	Mat Rejc (City of Racine)	
Claire Hackett (HUD Milw. Field Office)		

The meeting was called to order by President, Teresa Reinders at 9:04 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 Motion by Sharen Pease.
Consent Agenda – approved as presented Motion by Sharen Pease.
Treasurer's report: There was some confusion on the bank account location. Moving forward bank signature cards will be updated.
Committee Reports: Teresa will contact the volunteers who were recruited for the nominating committee and membership committee to start committee work.

- Nominating Committee: Ed Miller, Nina Thillemann, Michelle Gehring, Irma Love, Pam Handrow
- Membership Committee: Gai Lorenzen, Kim Leslie, Kaylee Cutler, Tracy Lang, Judith Butler

New Business:
Scott Metzel, Director, HOPES Center of Racine, reported the equity committee will meet after the April Alliance meeting to discuss data on equity disparities.

Presentation:

Presentation: Reghan Walsh, CCPH, Senior Partnership Specialist, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, Division of Public Health

Lead has been dramatically reduced in the last 10 years due to lead regulation at federal and state level. City of Racine made great strides in reducing lead poisoning. Children lead poisoning this can be stopped.

U.S. banned lead in paint, 1978, gas, 1984, pipes, 1986. Lead poisoning is a statewide program. Since 1996, over 250,000 children under age six had blood lead leaves of five micrograms per deciliter of higher.

Risk Factors

- Age of the child is a risk factor. More likely to get lead poisoning is age 2 and 4. Testing occurs at age 1.
- Family income 86% of children who are lead poisoned are enrolled in Medicaid. They have fewer options for housing. This has driven the lead safe home program.
- Lead affects early brain development. The body thinks lead is calcium, it believes it is calcium and we need calcium for development. The body absorbs very easily.

Affects of lead on children: lowered IQ, behavioral problems – aggression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, speech delay, hearing loss, kidney damage, mental health issues – depression.

Educational outcomes of lead poisoning: in adolescence and young adulthood: learning disabilities, poor school performance, bad decisions, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, school drop-out, violent crime and imprisonment. Missing gray matter was found in the brain of young adults and looking at violent crime, lead poisoning age of 3 were 50% more likely to be arrested for violent crime.

Affects of lead on adults, long-term affects of lead: reproductive problems, high blood pressure, early stroke or heart attack, kidney disease, osteoporosis, early onset of cognitive deficits such as memory loss.

Primary prevention strategies

- Funding to fix lead hazards in housing before children are lead poisoned
- Policies that promote lead safe housing and child care facilities and regulate renovation work practices
- Educate families so they can protect their children from lead.

Prevention program up to 14 million https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/lshp.htm

Lead-Safe Homes Program. Statewide program that might be able to help make repairs to home. Benefits: children, property owners, contractors and communities.

The Lead-Safe Homes Program is looking for state-certified lead companies who are interested in doing lead risk assessments or lead abatement work on enrolled properties (enrolled homes are located all over the state). The program covers all or almost all costs associated with making homes lead safe.
https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5581283/Lead-Safe-Homes-Program-Contractor-Interest-Form

City of Racine has GIS map to determine the year a property was built: https://gis.cityofracine.org/RacineGIS/

Wisconsin is 75% below testing for lead from 2019 due to COVID. For more information on low testing due to COVID https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/11/health/virus-lead-poisoning-children.html?smid=url-share.

There are many ways to bring lead paint into our lives:

- 99% of time it is the old houses, the exterior of home or raising and lowing window that create dust, lead in the bare soil.
- Any paint coating, vanish or painted doors can be a source of lead.
- Painted cabinets opening and closing the doors, and creating the dust
- Children's toys
- Plastics inexpensive mini blinds
- Dust from a rehab job site.
    - Lead on work cloths

Community Updates

Housing Authority of Racine County– Hernandez: The Housing Authority of Racine County will be accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Online Lottery beginning Monday, March 22, 2021 at 8:00am and ending Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4:00pm. The Housing Authority of Racine County will only accept online applications. From the pool of applications submitted online, a computerized random selection process will pull 1,500 applications. These 1,500 applications will be added to the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list. Interested persons may apply at https://www.waitlistcheck.com/WI1383*DHS*

Homeless Provider Forum - On Monday, March 22, 2021, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be hosting a forum for Homeless Service Providers, coalition members/Continuum of Care partners, local and State emergency managers and human service/public health professionals. The Aging & Disability Resource Center will provide an overview of their services and participate in a discussion with participants to answer any of your questions related to their services and partnerships at the local levels with service providers. To join the forum: https://dhswi.zoom.us/j/83474009065

SEWRPC Survey: The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission invites you to participate in an important regional survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on employee commuting and remote work trends in Southeastern Wisconsin. https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/e2f9ac3e25f04af88400ec83008aea63, open for responses from March 17 – April 23, 2021.

The pandemic rapidly changed the way employees work, with many having to quickly shift to working from home and/or adapting to stricter workplace safety guidelines. Your responses can help SEWRPC understand remote work adoption rates and help guide strategies for regional alternative transportation programs in a post-pandemic future. An analysis of the survey results will be posted to SEWRPC's website later this spring or summer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio