

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link -

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April 16, 2021

Present: (27) **Officers:** President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC), Sharen Pease (CVI)

Membership:

Holly Anderle (HALO and First Baptist Church)	Michelle Gehring (NAMI)	Angela Sanchez (SAFE Haven)
Michael Basford (WI Interagency Council on Homelessness ICH)	Claire Hackett (HUD Milw. Field Office)	Brendan Saunders (City of Racine)
Chris Broslavick (Racine Dominicans)	Chris Kerbawy (Legal Action of WI)	Maurika Smith (SAFE Haven)
Jeanette Brown (SAFE Haven)	Gai Lorenzen (HALO)	Nicole Scanlon (Racine Vocational Ministry)
Kaylee Cuter (RUSD)	Irma Love (HALO)	Elizabeth Stinebaugh (Legal Action of WI)
Dale Darrow (HUD Milw. Field Office)	Scott Metzel (HOPES Center)	Melissa Taggart (HALO)
Eugene Dunk (Community Engagement-Molina Healthcare)	Seth Raymond (Hospitality Center)	Iraida Vazquez (Institute for Community Alliances)
Barb Farrar (LGBT Center of SEW)	Mat Rejc (City of Racine)	Jean Verber (Racine Dominicans)

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: M/S/C to receive and file agenda Motion by Sharen Pease.

Two amendments to the agenda: 1) verbal report for treasure 2) verbal committee report

Consent Agenda – approved as presented Motion by Sharen Pease.

Treasurer's report: Check book and records are with Teresa

Committee Reports: Teresa shared the Steering committee team met in March and examined who is not at the table. Teresa will move forward to reinvigorate the Imitative group.

Determined meeting schedule of quarterly check-in

- January/February
 - May/June
 - Optional: August/September to review direction of actions
 - November/December to end year progress evaluation begin thinking ahead for Jan/Feb meeting.
 - 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
- Both have a set meeting dates, Thursday, April 22 10:00 – 11:00 to receive their charge of duties and begin their process of developing agendas for the next election of officers, description criteria for membership. Meeting together for the first couple of times. The committees will develop shared membership and nominating committee descriptions.

Resource Development meets February, April, June, August, October, and December.

M/S/C to accept committee reports as presented Motion by Michelle Gehring.

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: Iraida Vazquez and Scott Metzel CoC System and Performance committee report.

Developed by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), national measure enables us to compare to similar communities, data and outcome driven, measure progress in preventing and ending homelessness, system-wide measure (not project based), Racine Continuum of Care has a Systems Performance Committee. Some of the projects have specific populations: domestic violence, within permanent in Racine, HALO and Hopes have families and children's, and Women's Resource Center has permeant housing for domestic violence population.

There are specific performance measures involved.

- 1) Length of time persons remain homeless
- 2) The extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing return to homelessness
- 3) The number of person homeless
- 4) Job and income growth for people who are homeless in COC funded programs
- 5) Number of persons who become homeless for the first time
- 6) Homeless prevention and housing placement of person defined by category 3 of HUD's homeless definition in COC program-funded projects
- 7) Successful housing placement and retention

We obtain data from Homeless management information systems (HMIS), our contact is Iraida. We also look at Point in time (PIT) Counts. Domestic Violence population is private therefore, the data is limited. Street outreach is a little different. Point-in-Time data is a description of a person or vehicle, At risk population.

Our most recent data is from the fiscal year 2020, the same fiscal year the government uses; October 2019 – September 2020. A timeline discussed the current event which covered wild fires and power cuts in CA (November) to Jacob Black protest in September 2020.

Point in Time	1/23/2019	1/22/2020	Change
Unsheltered	12	11	-1
Shelter	146	150	+4
Transitional Housing	42	46	+4
Total	200	207	+7

Annual*	2019	2020	Change
Shelter	871	493	-378
Transitional Housing	67	39	+2
Total	935	558	-377

*This is an unduplicated count of HMIS users that does not include street outreach or agencies working with victims of domestic violence.

Demographics: Race

- Race (all person) January 2020 PIT Count, native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander 1%, Mixed race 5%, Black/African American 45%, White 49%,
- Ethnicity 6% Hispanic, non-Hispanic 94%, larger in shelters we found
- Demographics Gender Point in time January 20202 male 64% and female 36%

- Gender in households with children point-in time, male 31% and female 69%

There was very little change in the number of people homeless between the 2019 and 2020 point in time counts, with approximately 200 people homeless in Racine on a single night in January.

Both the number of people entering homelessness and the percentage of people homeless for the first time decreased between fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020.

It is not clear whether the decrease in the percentage of people entering homelessness for the first time is an effect of the COVID-19 pandemic or diversion policies implemented at shelter or maybe elements of both, or neither.

On the average, people were homeless in shelter for about 4 months in fiscal year 2020. HALO fund in their diversion strategies, that the stay was longer. The percentage of successful exits 2019 to 2020 both were 44%, with zero difference.

Coordinated entry started in August 2015. HOPE Center, looking at two sides; street outreach, works with people unsheltered and no contact with other resources. Enter information into HMIS, once on list, get into a pulled into a housing project or a youth pulled into SAFE Haven Youth Shelter. HOPE Center also have Rapid Rehousing, we don't choose who we have, we look at budget, currently, we have funding for two families, then we reach out to HMIS and information is given to HOPE Center to contact and connect into shelter. Street Outreach will go to the person and set up an appointment/connection together. All of the people putting, case by case, and looking for housing, addressing the barriers, all clients are treating the same, once voucher is issued to client, then client and staff looks for a place per client's reference. A housing navigator is needed to engage with landlords to take rental assistance. Single units are difficult to find. Rapid Rehousing responsibilities is mediation, between clients and landlord.

Community Updates

CVA– Sharen P: CVA employees returned back to the offices

Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine Office Welcome Elizabeth Stinebaugh to the Racine office. Frannie Lassa took a new position at the state level.

Moline Health Care Services – Serving Kenosha and Racine Counties - Eugen Dunk, Moline services for Badger and Medicare clients.

HMIS, The transition to a new system is going well and the new system will be live on Tuesday.

Michelle Gehring, May is mental illness awareness month

SAFE Haven of Racine, SAFE Haven is celebrating 50 years of serving Racine youth.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio