Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
c/o HALO
2000 DeKoven Avenue, Unit #1
Racine, WI 53403

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2022

Location: Zoom meeting link – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86896706753?pwd=SVFETFNSdSsxVmpHajI1OG8vTVB3UT09

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

Membership:

Bethany Apartments and WRC
Handrow, Pam
Bethany Apartments
Brostowitz, Adam
Burlington Area School District
Meyer, Samantha
Burlington Transitional Living Center
Chaffee, Cristen
City of Racine
Rejc, Matt
Saunders, Brendan
Department of Health Services-PATH
Myhre Foster, Chelsy
Fight to End Exploitation
Brostowitz, Melania
HALO
Anderle, Holly
Knott, Jeff
Love, Irma
Reinders, Teresa
Taggart, Melissa
Health Care Network
Alison Sergio
Hospitality Center
Raymond, Seth
Hope Center
Metzel, Scott
Housing Inc.
Kloster, Deanna **HUD-Milwaukee Office**
Hackett, Claire
Institute for Community Alliances
Pritzl, Rebecca
Vazquez, Iraida
Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine
Stinebaugh, Elizabeth
Pappenheim, Molly
Lovingkindness Homes
Davis, Lakesha
Lutheran Social Services (LSS)
Hass, Jodi
MHS Health WI, Community Health Service Rep.
Hall, Scott
Molina Healthcare
Dunk, Eugene
Racine Revitalization Partnership
Snyder, Kathy
Racine CoC
Reinders, Teresa
Racine Community Foundation
Powell, Liz
Racine Dominicans
Broslavick, Chris
Verber, Jean
Racine Unified School District
Cutler, Kaylee
Racine Vocational Ministry
Life, Lori
Safe Families for Children
Wolfe, Amy
SAFE Heaven
Brown, Jeanette
United Way of Racine County
Kallio, Mary Beth
Veterans Affair-Milwaukee
Spann, Mildred
WI Interagency Council on Homelessness
Basford, Mike
Women's Resource Center
Chambers, Jori
Staufenbeil, Denise

The meeting was called to order by President, Teresa Reinders at 9:01 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. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of consent agenda, March 2022 Minutes, no meeting took place in April Pam Handrow approved and Rebecca Pritzl seconded.Motion carries with 34 approvals.
   b. Committee Reports:
      i. CoC Rating and Ranking Committee
         Had initial meeting to begin process for CoC HUD NOFO 2022.

ii. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Workgroup (DEIW)

Request for individuals who were interested has been met with two declines. The group was unable to establish a meeting time as of this date.

iii. Landlord Outreach Workgroup

Requests for interested individuals previously interested has not resulted in responses to coordinate an initial workgroup meeting.

iv. CoC Leadership Council

Meeting postponed in February as no new business to discuss. Governance Document is in the process of reviewing and updating.

v. CoC HMIS Committee

Met Thursday, May 19. Minutes will begin being posted on www.racinecoc.org website once approved by committee

vi. System Performance Committee

Met May 06, 2022, Discussion: Recommendations to Leadership Council; Presentation from March Alliance Meeting – request for future presentation on Racial Disparity Data; Reviewed System Performance Measure Indicators (October 2021 – March 2022)

c. New business

i. System Performance – Scott Metzel

- Scott shared that at the next System Performance Committee will present on racial, ethnic and gender disparity among population of people experiencing homeless, racial, ethnic and gender disparity by select systems performance, equity analysis in housing outcomes, data by individual people experience homelessness instead of household level data. These points will be presented in winter of 2022.
- The committee found there is limited homelessness prevention data. The committee is only using HMIS data only. Another request was to break down the HEARTH Act Categories of Homelessness. Category 1: primary nighttime residence is unsheltered, shelter, transitional housing of being discharged from an institution 90 days of less after having been unsheltered or in shelter
- Category 2: within 14-days of eviction
- Category 3: Housing instability (at risk of homelessness)
- Category 4: Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, other life-threatening conditions that relate to violence.
- If there are any issues you would like the committee to discuss contact Scott Metzel.

ii. Hospitality Center – Seth Raymond

- Seth Raymond co-locations. They follow the family justice model. Family Peace Center Model
- Best models for day services Saint Bens, St Paul.
- Hospitably Center needs to expand services; laundry, showers, intake space for guests and clients, individual for
- Include increase meal capacity-170 people, building space for families to meet and eat together, fully accessible clothes closet and additional space for community resources. This will be success only with collaboration of the community
- Partners: NAMI, RVM Catholic Charities, HOPE Center, HALO,
- To provide wrap around service need others, Veterans, boost crisis counseling

- North side of city of hall, Maintain connection to downtown. Many folks who currently use services resided in downtown. 32,000 square feet of space. Mostly second floor group meeting space.
- Hartland Housing, 55 housing unit with 15% of chronic housing. Critical piece for housing, single bedroom apartments and 8 or 9 supportive housing.
- Next step ongoing conversation with the City of Racine. Heavy into the fundraiser with fall or winter opening fundraising to public.
- Seth has two asks:
    - Need statement of support from the CoC for support
    - Partners to consider if your agency will benefit from co-agency support. Sharing of resources; administrative resources to address homelessness in Racine.
- Alliance realizes this is a need and the community resources. Motion passed that the Alliance will publicly support the Hospitality Center and to move forward with project. Motion passed with one abstention - Brendon Saunders (City of Racine) abstains.

Presentation: Alison Sergio, Executive Director, Health Care Network, Inc.

Health Care Network opened its doors in 1987 in response to the high unemployment rate and critical health needs. HCN is the only free-standing free clinic serving the low income, uninsured residents of Racine County. Care is provided by licensed medical and dental professionals who volunteers. Today, approximately 6% of Racine County residents remain uninsured.

There is about 100 free clinics. All of the free clinics run independently. HCN is the largest with any given time 9000 clients.

Patient Eligibility

- Racine County resident
- Under 250% of federal poverty line
- No insurance and not eligible for coverage
- Eligibility is verified a minimum of every 6 months

HCN Services

- Medical care
- Dental care
- Behavioral Health
- Pharmaceutical assistance, access medication they need. Including onsite pharmacy along with partnering with 16 pharmacies in the area.
- Social Services
- Medical case management
- Diabetic education
- Self-monitoring blood pressure
- Prevent blindness
- COVID-19 education and vaccines
- Uber Health Services
- Telehealth

Program Stats:

- Over 237,000 appointments scheduled (valued at more than $55 million)
  Assistance with more than 97,000 prescriptions (valued at $7 million)
- 32 specialties of medicine and 5 specialties of dentistry available
- 11,000 plus unduplicated patients served, currently 9, 000 active.
- Western location: Waterford clinic is available one day of week and two half days.
- Assess what the barriers are and access the services need that is available.
- Patients prescriptions
    - Western Racine County location receives more call for services for pain medication than eastern Racine County location.
    - Public mirrors the public policies at the time
- Most of Ascension and Aurora are volunteers and dental Racine Dental all volunteers. Based on word of mouth. Not always the case of western Racine.

Agency/Community updates

Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids program (WFCAP)
The website provides information for funeral, cemetery, and crematory service providers regarding WFCAP and contains resources for administering this program. For more information
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/wfcap.htm

Constant Contact
Alliance is using Constant Contact communication moving forward.

Racine Community Baby Shower at Gateway
Eugen Dunk shared this annual event is present by Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin and Familia Dental, June 11 Gateway at Conference Center, 1001 Main Street, Racine, WI. Looking for community resources to 18 table ability to 100 table. Hope to have 100 people on June 11. Send clients to reserve for this no cost event. The first 100 attendees will receive a free diaper bag.

Next meeting: Friday, July 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. MSC by Pam Handrow.
Respectfully submitted,
MB Kallio