



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

Location: Zoom meeting link –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86896706753?pwd=SVFETFNSdSsxVmpHajI1OG8vTVB3UT09>

July 15, 2022

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

Membership:

Ascension Hospital
Kim Leslie

Bethany Apartments and WRC
Handrow, Pam

Bethany Apartments
Brostowitz, Adam

Center for Veterans' Issues
Bartelt, Judith
Hanrahan, Michael

City of Racine
Brown, Brittany
Saunders, Brendan
Selkove, Vicky

HALO
Anderle, Holly
Knott, Jeff
Lorenzen, Gai
Love, Irma
Taggart, Melissa

Hope Center
Metzel, Scott

Hospitality Center
Raymond, Seth

Institute for Community Alliances
Pritzl, Rebecca
Vazquez, Iraida

**Legal Action of Wisconsin –
Racine**
Stinebaugh, Elizabeth

Racine Dominicans
Verber, Jean

Racine Revitalization Partnership
Snyder, Kathy

United HealthCare
Kloster, Deanna

WI Housing First Coalition
Kenney, Emily

WI Probation & Parole
Bauer, Laurie

Women's Resource Center
Chambers, Jori
Staufenbeil, Denise

Reminders: CoC is website <https://racinecoc.org> and the Homeless & Housing Alliance of Racine County email address is homelesshousingalliance@gmail.com

1. Opening meeting and Consent Agenda

- The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Reinders at 9:06 a.m. with welcome and introductions
- Approval of consent agenda, May 2022 Minutes; no meeting took place in June. MaryBeth Kallio moved a motion to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

2. Committee Reports:

- CoC Rating and Ranking Committee - initial meeting began the process for CoC HUD NOFO 2022.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Workgroup (DEIW) – There were zero individuals answering the request for to serve on the workgroup.
- Landlord Outreach Workgroup - Requests for interested individuals previously interested have resulted in zero responses to coordinate an initial workgroup meeting. We will try again after the HUD NOFA grant cycle is completed.

- d. CoC Leadership Council - Unable to obtain a quorum to meet for approval of 2022 WI State HMIS Governance. Recommended action voted over email was to defer to Racine CoC HMIS Committee for review and approval of that document. The document was sent to Racine CoC HMIS Committee.
- e. CoC HMIS Committee - CoC HMIS Committee Special meeting held July 6, 2022, to approve 2022 WI State HMIS Governance document. The document was unanimously approved.
- f. System Performance Committee - No meeting for June/July.

3. New business

- a. **Meeting notification:** A special meeting will be held Friday, August 18, 2022, to affirm current Leadership Council (LC) positions, authorizing the Leadership Council to continue with less than 15 council members through November 30, 2022. An Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022, to re-elect/elect those who are interested in serving. The Nomination Committee members who agreed to serve on the nomination committee earlier this year will be contacted to begin the process of collecting nominations from interested parties.
- b. **System Performance** – Scott Metzel
Scott shared that the next System Performance Committee will present racial, ethnic, and gender disparity among the population of people experiencing homelessness, racial, ethnic, and gender disparity by select systems performance, equity analysis in housing outcomes, and data by individual people experience homelessness instead of household level data. These points will be presented in the winter of 2022.

The committee found there is limited homelessness prevention data. The committee is only using HMIS data. Another request was to break down the HEARTH Act Categories of Homelessness.

- Category 1: the primary nighttime residence is unsheltered, shelter, transitional housing of being discharged from an institution 90 days or less after having been unsheltered or in the 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, or other life-threatening conditions that relate to violence.

If there are any issues you would like the committee to discuss, contact Scott Metzel.

- c. **WHEDA Emergency Housing Vouchers** - Becca Prioritize
 - i. Priority has been adjusted to provide vouchers for those with the longest length of time homeless to reduce their stay in a shelter.
 - ii. WHEDA 66 referrals, 22 are currently using vouchers the program started running in October.
 - iii. Having a housing navigator is a central point of communication. Looking forward to working with this process. If you know of landlords to engage in supportive services or section 8 vouchers, please get in touch with Becca Pritzl at becca.pritzl@icalliances.org

d. Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Friday, November 18th. The meeting will consist of an election to the Leadership Council and set terms to tighten up the organization structure. Please submit nominations to Teresa at treinders@haloinc.org.

4. Presentation: Emily Kenney, President, Wisconsin Housing First Coalition.

Housing First

Emily works at IMPACT 211 out of Milwaukee County.

Stronger to create a coalition. We have a two-fold approach: Educate decision-makers and service providers. Each community has to figure out to implant the Housing First model.

The previous model was housing readiness; Homeless, shelter: medical, mental, behavioral, transitional, income, and landlord relationship to get to permanent housing.

In Milwaukee, the community had a group of people that failed out of housing readiness and other models.

Housing First works with the homeless to get folks into permanent housing, including medical, mental, behavioral, income, and landlord relationships which equals to life stability. Housing First is focused on housing, we still need immediate shelters.

Services switched from being “I told you to what to do” to “Here is your home, what do you want to do stay here?” This is something that needs to be figured out, and let’s figure this out and support you through staying in your home.

What Housing First is not

- Housing only
- 1 project or program
- In isolation of community resources
- Only PSH/HUD funded
- Housing First is a cluster and mindset shift.

Housing First Principles

- Immediate access to housing
- Consumer choice and self-determination
- Recovery Orientation
- Individualized,

Access to Housing

- Systemically utilize vouchers-housing regardless of ability to pay
- No barriers to entry
- Partnership with landlords
 - Make landlords a part of the team
 - Landlord incentives/recovery
- Variety of housing
 - Tenant-based
 - Master lease (at HALO)
 - Project-based
 - Others-tiny homes
- Recovery Orientation: Harm Reduction
 - An alternative to abstinence
 - Focus is on safety versus stopping the behavior
 - Work is in partnership; what might help with that?
 - Harm Reduction | SAMSHA
- Harm Reduction Examples
 - Risk of eviction because of his parties are loud; can the parties happen elsewhere?
 - Charlotte is at risk of eviction because she is working out of the apartment; can she find another line of business?
 - Ben has stopped taking his medication; now he is up late at night screaming and banging on walls; is there another medication?
- Individualized Supports: Motivational Interviewing is a technique to help a person discover and work through their own ambivalence toward change

Community Integration

- Physical locations are diverse & integrated
- Services also focus on connection to the community
 - CCS may be a great option for giving more options to people in terms of services
 - How are we supporting knowing about neighborhood events?
- How do we create a community within programming?
 - Recovery includes engaging in “normal” activities, not just clinical one
 - Peer Collective has been strengthened by doing things together

Housing First, not Housing Only

- How do your stretch goals relate to the HF principles?
- What do you need support for, and what can you advocate for systemically?
- What is within your control that you can change right Now?
 - As a service provider
 - As a program director/supervisor
 - As an agency director

Abbreviations

- HARC: Housing Authority of Racine County
- EHV - Emergency Housing Voucher provided by WHEDA (Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority)

5. Agency/Community updates

- Racine Kenosha Community Action* Nicole Hunt manages grants in Lake County.
- SAFE Haven scheduled their golf outings
- Racine Revitalization Partnership*
 - RRP Board decided to keep the duplex on 1635 Erie St as a rental.
 - Upper unit is a 2-bedroom for \$1,000 per month.
 - Lower unit is a 3 bedroom for \$1,250 per month.
 - The house at 620 Hubbard will be up for sale for a first-time homebuyer.
 - The house at 939 Center, when finished, will be up for sale for a first-time homebuyer.
- City of Racine*
Brittany Brown, Compliance Specialist, is taking over Brendan Saunders' compliance responsibilities.
- Racine County Directory*
Review your organization services update or add your organization information by august 1. Send information to Sarah Hawks.

Next meeting: Friday, September 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Move to adjourn by Kathy Snyder, seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio