

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89303195677?pwd=K04yVS9sa0pTemwrVGpUdmZFKzlrdz09>

September 17, 2021

Present: (29) **Officers:** President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Vice-President: Sharon Peace, and Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC)

Membership:

Jodi Arnold, LSS	Scott Metzel, Hope Center
Mike Basford, State of Wisconsin	Seth Raymond, Hospitality Center
Chris Broslavick, Racine Dominicans	Matt Rejc, City of Racine
	Esther Roberts, City of Racine Neighborhood Enhancement Division
Melania Brostowitz, Fight to End Exploitation	
Cristen Chaffee, Burlington Transitional Living Center	Vicky Selkove, City of Racine
Jori Chambers, Women's Resource Center	Melissa Taggart, HALO
Kaylee Cutler, RUSD	Iraida Vazquez, Institute for Community Alliances
Eugene Dunk, Molina Healthcare-Community Engagement	Tamara Patton, WI PPC Racine/Kenosha Regional Committee
Claire Hackett, HUD FPM	Angela Sanchez, SAFE Haven
Karen Harrison, Racine County	Pam Handrow, Bethany Apartments and WRC
Meredith Intine, Burlington Transitional Living Center	
Jeffrey Knott, HALO	Brendan Saunders, City of Racine
Kimberly Leslie, Ascension	Barbara Sims, DVA WI Govt
	Denise Staufeneil, Women's Resource Center

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 Pam Handrow

Consent Agenda – approved as presented Motion by Pam Handrow.

1. Committee Reports:

- Minutes from the June and August 2021 membership meetings
- Treasurer Report - No updates

2. New business

- a. Updates from COC Director
 - Informational meeting for HUD started this week. Funding guidelines are 2021 Continuum of Care funding Competition are on the website.
 - Walk-through of the website; updates are in red with date of update, events are also posted as Teresa is aware of.

3. Presentations:

Melania Brostowitz, Executive Director, Fight to End Exploitation

- a) Prevent and Assist Victims through trained advocates.
- b) Provide technical trainings to system partners such as Case Workers, Educators, Law Enforcement, Social Workers, Medical Professionals, etc.

- Also has a relationship with the FBI.
- Agency works with local police awareness through training. This enables the patrol officers to clearly identify victims of human trafficking.
- c) Community Awareness through speakers, presentations, community events, film screenings, art, music and other resources.
 - Save the Dates the two October Information Sessions: October 12th from 10:00-10:45 and October 14th from 6:00-6:45pm

Jori Chambers, Assistant Director, Women's Resource Center (WRC)

WRC provides crisis intervention, advocacy, education and prevention services for a diverse population of victims or individuals at risk of Domestic Abuse and/or sexual assault. Women, men are welcome. WRC's new Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Womens-Resource-CenterRacine-Wi-102745402138606>

Pam Handrow, Director, Women's Resource Center, Director Catherine Marian Housing, Inc.

Bethany Apartments offers women and children who have experienced abuse or violence a place to live, heal, and grow in a supportive, safe, and secure environment.

- Bethany Apartments is working with WRC to present a film series regarding the state of domestic violence.

Community Updates

City of Racine

- The City is continuing the COVID-19 vaccine program. The Black Nurses of Racine and Kenosha Association is transitioning operations of the pop-up clinics to Health Care Network. The Racine City is offering \$100 gift cards for City residents. The State gift cards is still in place until Sunday and the first dose must first dose be administered by Sunday, September 19. www.vaccinateracine.org.
- Racine has allocated additional for the City of Racine Evicted Prevention program. Contact Here to Help program for more information.
- Racine Financial empowerment Center (FEC) continues to offers free one-on-one financial counseling to the City of Racine residents. Collectively the debit was reduced by \$100,000 to date. www.racinefec.org

Hospitality Center

The center is open 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with breakfast and dinner meals. Today 136 people was present for lunch and there was space for 45 people to enjoy lunch on site. Everyone else took the meal to go.

Hope Center

Hours of operation is Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. otherwise by appointment. Point-in-Time, counted 16; 13 men and 3 women last July. The planning committee will meet in November to prepare for January 2021 count. t-

Department of Health Services (DHS) Homelessness Form

Monday, September 27, 2021 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. The agenda includes COVID-19 updates and an overview of mental health first aid and other training offered by NAMI, Overview of Resources vs Substance abuse and mental health.

Coordination with Housing and Health Care

HUD's compliance with the FY 2021 Appropriates ACT. To qualify our CoC must submit at least one new permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project that demonstrates coordination between housing providers and healthcare organization, new project should be created the through reallocation of the COC Bonus.

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The next event is Wednesday, September 29 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. the online event will include a silent auction along with raising awareness. <https://www.endabusewi.org/event/soar-above-at-home-an-evening-to-support-survivors/>

Molina Healthcare

Molina Healthcare is hosting a Community Baby Shower at Racine WDC with Familia Dental on Saturday 10/16. Folks should register at Familia. Event is free and will have speakers and giveaways. Flyers will be available next week.

United Way of Racine County

United Way kicks off the 2021 campaign at Racine Party on the Pavement, downtown Racine from noon to 7:00 p.m.

UW- Parkside

Nonprofit Leadership Conference is November 17 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The focus is advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace. <https://www.uwp.edu/learn/continuingeducation/nonprofit-leadership-conference.cfm>

Future meeting topics:

- October topic - cold weather
- November topic - coordinator entry process

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. MSC

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio