

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting

Location: Zoom meeting link –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82741361613?pwd=QlpqT3ZKdk13QWh1WXRKaTVaNhIQT09>

December 17, 2021

Present:

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

Membership:

Ascension Hospital
Leslie, Kimberly

Bethany Apartments and WRC
Handrow, Pam

Cardinal Capital
Wilson, Terri

Burlington Transitional Living Center
Chaffee, Cristen

Center for Veterans' Issues
Pease, Sharen

City of Racine
Rejc, Matt
Howell, Corbin

DEHCR
Thibado, Robyn

Halo
Knott, Jeff

Hospitality Center
Raymond, Seth

HUD FPM
Hackett, Claire

Institute for Community Alliances
Vazquez, Iraida
Pritzl, Rebecca

Legal Action of Wisconsin – Racine
Stinebaugh, Elizabeth

Lutheran Social Services (LSS)
Moran, Derek

Molina Healthcare-Community Engagement
Dunk, Eugene

Racine CoC
Reinders, Teresa

Racine Dominicans
Broslavick, Chris

Racine/Kenosha Committee of WI Poor People's Campaign
Patton, Tamara

Racine Revitalization Partnership
Snyder, Kathy

Racine Vocational Ministry
Love, Irma

United Way of Racine County
Kallio, Mary Beth

WI Interagency Council on Homelessness
Basford, Mike

Women's Resource Center
Chambers, Jori

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:

- 1) Minutes from October will be deferred to January 2022 meeting.
- 2) CoC Director / Alliance President update summary 2021 Initiatives (prior to COVID-19) and into 2022
 - a) **Initiative 1-Breaking the Cycle of Evictions**
 - i) Housing Resources
 - ii) Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) through WHEDA (50)
 - iii) Housing Navigator hired
 - iv) Developing stronger relationship with Housing Authority of Racine County
 - v) Working with DHS, Div. of Medicaid for ways to provide housing services through Medicaid
 - b) **Initiative 2 – Over Coming Stereotypes & Misconceptions About Homelessness**
 - i) Review of 2021 presentations at Alliance meetings
 - ii) Committees
 - (1) Coordinate Entry
 - (2) Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity
 - (3) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
 - (4) Point-in-Time

- (5) Prevention Providers
- (6) Rating & Ranking
- (7) System Performance
- iii) Our Seat at the Table
 - (1) Division of Medicaid – Planning & Funding
 - (2) Emergency System Function 6 – DHS
 - (3) DHS Homelessness Provider Forum
 - (4) Vaccinate Racine Coalition
 - (5) WI. Interagency Council on Homelessness
 - (6) WI Housing First Coalition

c) **Initiative 3 – Maximizing Housing Impact**

- i) Additional Funding Streams on the Planning Board for 2022
 - (1) Department of Human Services – Division of Medicaid – special funding grant to support two positions: (1) housing navigator and (1) supportive service. Specifics will be provided as the process moves to approval at both the State and Federal levels.
 - (2) Collaborative funding 2019-2021-

Racine CoC Grant Funding Source	2019	2020	2021	Total Dollars
City ESG	\$ 148,788.00	\$ 152,754.00	\$ 152,754.00	\$ 454,296.00
City ESG - CV Collaborative Grant ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$ 827,567.00	\$ -	\$ 827,567.00
City ESG - CV LSS ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$ 396,712.00	\$ -	\$ 396,712.00
State EHH ⁽³⁾	\$ 193,600.00	\$ 258,488.00	\$ 215,187.00	\$ 667,275.00
State ESG-CV	\$ -	\$ 638,756.00	\$ -	\$ 638,756.00
Federal CoC (Continuum of Care HUD funding)	\$ 977,863.00	\$ 1,001,094.00	\$ 1,042,779.00	\$ 3,021,736.00
Total City, State, Federal HUD funding to Racine City	\$ 1,320,251.00	\$ 3,275,371.00	\$ 1,410,720.00	\$ 6,006,342.00

Notes: (1) These are COVID funds, and do not include funds awarded to LSS in a separate contract under Round 1 between LSS & City of Racine. (2) LSS received ESG-CV outside of the collaborative application for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing. (3) 2019 and 2020 include ICA for HMIS administration. 2021 does not include HMIS as the State contracts separately with ICA for those services

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Assistance Program (HAP), and Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) are collectively referred to as **the EHH Program**. ESG is Federally Administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD awards ESG funding to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources (DEHCR) to distribute to eligible applicants. HPP and HAP are State of Wisconsin funding sources. The Housing Assistance Program, formerly known as the Transitional Housing Program (THP) was re-named under 2017 Wisconsin Act 59

d) **Looking Ahead into 2022**

- i) Structure of the organization
 - (1) Formalize our structure
 - (a) Lack of board – regardless of 501 status
 - (b) Financial accounts
 - (2) Outreach to County – West of Hwy I-94
 - (3) Increase diversity, equity & diversity all levels of COC/Alliance (organization & fund agencies)
 - (a) Lived experience
 - (b) Racial, ethnic abilities and LGBTQIA diversity
 - (4) Increase communication throughout COC/Alliance (Constant Contact)
- ii) Project & Plans
 - (1) Increase understanding of funding sources and dollars to be strategic with types of projects receive funding
 - (2) Increase collaboration with landlords through housing navigator
 - (3) Understanding Category 2 & 3 needs countywide
 - (4) Treasurer Report: Changes need to be made on the account for signers.

- 3) **Presentation:** Coordinated Entry Process in Racine COC, Iraida Vazquez, HMIS System Administrator. Southeastern Wisconsin, Institute for Community Alliance.

There was a data migration to a new database. The data migration took place and HMIS is in the process of reviewing information.

Continuum of Care Interim Rule, formalizes the following CoC Responsibilities

- Coordinating, or be involved in the coordination of, all housing services for persons experiencing homelessness within the geographic area.
- Coordinating McKinney-Vento funds awarded within the geographic area.
- Establishing and Operating the HMIS within its geographic area
- Establishing and operating, or designating, the centralized/coordinated assessment to be used within its geographic area

There are written standard to follow and task that are done by several committee members includes; housing providers, emergency shelter/street outreach providers, supportive services providers, HUD and Non-HUD funded providers, person with lived experience and HMIS Lead.

Coordinated entry system goals include: easy for the client and provide quick and seamless entry into homelessness services, referred to the most appropriate resource(s) for their individual situation, prevent duplication of services, reduce length of homelessness, improve communication among agencies.

Benefits of coordinated entry help persons at risk and experience homelessness and streamlined housing and supportive services projects. Public and private funders are confident that housing and supportive services projects are serving the intended people. Information is shared to improve and act on better outcomes/system performance.

Coordinated entry data was shared such as:

- Homeless by household type
- Homelessness by household type per coordinate entry list
- Racine CPC – Coordinated entry historical data
- Coordinated entry historical outcomes
- Gender by household type
- Race by household type
- Gender, race, and ethnicity by household type

Racine COC needs:

- Landlords willing to lease unites to permanent housing program participants and self-paying clients
- Risk mitigation funding

Community Updates

Alliance, Secretary and CVI

Sharen Peace is retiring after twenty years of service to CVI and clients. We thank her for her service both at CVI and with the CoC/Alliance over the years.

HALO

HALO has a new program to assist clients changing legal names either with the process or help with the finance to file the paperwork.

Point of Time

Next meeting January 12, 2022, 3:00 p.m. if you are interested in attending, Scott Metzel smetzel@hopescenter.org

PIT meeting: Next meeting: January 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. via zoom – Here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87836418300?pwd=QUpmN2xnWEEx1ZjVVCV3FKazNXQVazQT09>

The actual PIT will take place January 26, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. MSC by Sharon Peace

Respectfully submitted,

MB Kallio