Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County—Membership Meeting
Location: Zoom meeting link –
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165045934?pwd=Y2crMlBGZlRWdWFlR2Q3akx4QkRpdz09
August 20, 2021

Present: (19) **Officers**: President: Teresa Reinders (CoC), Vice-President: Sharon Peace**,** Secretary: MaryBeth Kallio (UWRC)

Membership:

The meeting was called to order by President, Teresa Reinders at 9:05 a.m. with welcome and introductions.

Name	Organization
Arnold, Jodi	LSS
Broslavick, Chris	Racine Dominicans
Brown, Jeanette	SAFE Haven
Chambers, Jori	WRC
Cutler, Kaylee	RUSD
Dunk, Eugene	Molina Healthcare-community engagement
Gehring, Michelle	NAMI
Hackett, Claire	HUD FPM
Handrow, Pam	Bethany Apartments and WRC
Intine, Meredith (Nikki)	Burlington Transitional Living Center
King, Rhonda	Acelero
Love, Irma	RVM
Patton, Tamara	WI PPC Racine/Kenosha Regional Committee
Raymond, Seth	Hospitality Center
Reinders, Teresa	HALO
Rejc, Matt	City of Racine
Selkowe, Vicky	City of Racine
Sims, Barbara	DVA WI Gov
Snyder, Kathy	Racine Revitalization Partnership
Taggart, Melissa	HALO
Thibado, Robyn	DEHCR
Vazquez, Iraida	Institute for Community Alliances

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

Agenda: M/S/C Motion by Kaylee Cuter.
Committee Reports:

a) Steering Committee: Steering committee will meet in September with the membership and nominating committees.
b) Resource Development Committee: Did not meet / no updates.
c) Nominating Committee: Nominating committee is on hold until the September meeting with membership and steering committees.
d) Membership sub-committee: The team meet in June and scheduled to meet in September.

e) CoC Point-In-Time: We did not officially have to conduct a Point-In-Time, however; the Hope Center conducted a count with street outreach staff. A report will be submitted in September.
f) CoC Rating and Ranking Committee: Seth Raymond is chairing this group. The committee has approved a set of process. The Leadership Council will approve and publish for partner agencies and other wanting to participate in the NOFO process. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
g) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion workgroup: We are seeking new members for this workshop. The goal is to evaluate our organization to ensure diversity, equity and including policies and procedures.

If you are interested in working on a committee contact Teresa Reinders.

New business

a. A few updates from COC Director:
   i. WHEDA Emergency housing Voucher program. We are in the process of preparing our agencies on the requirements for preparing clients for referral.
   ii. Eviction Moratorium. It is adjusted and following CDC guidelines. Clients in need of funding for eviction contact R/K Community Action Agency.
   iii. COVID-10/Delta variant – resurgence and ESG-CV requirements for serving at shelters. Shelters cannot deny services to ref to get tested, to wear a mask or get a vaccine. We recommend shelter programs have to make a arrangement within policies and isolation those individuals.
b. Suggestion to move to every other month beginning in 2022
   a. 20 – 23 people attend monthly
   b. Collective sigh when we didn't meet in July
   c. Continue to be virtual; having a group over 20 in size, moving forward using live streaming to include more folks.

   M/S/C Motion to conducting meetings every other month effective January 1, 2022 by Pam Handrow.

Presentation:

Presentation: Esther Roberts, Manager of Neighborhood Enhancement Division, Department of City Development

The Racine RENTS Initiative consists of six components;

1) Register My Property (Landlords & Commercial Owners)
2) Protect Myself Against Retaliation (for tenants)
3) Learn About Escrow Deposit Program (for tenants)
4) Proactive Rental Inspections (all)
5) Chronic Nuisance Properties (all)
6) Bank Registration of Properties Facing Mortgage Foreclosure

Ester presented on the Rent Safe Racine Pro-active program.

General program for and not complaint-based tenants. The city started a complaint department effective July 1, 2021. Currently there are 16-20 complaints in a week. There are two inspectors for the City of Racine.

City Development main phone line: (262) 636-9151-also screening housing and fair housing issues. Main line to support services for communication division, front office in City hall. First call and only in emergency go in person.

Here to Help program is operated out of Racine County government.

Community Updates

City of Racine
The City is now offering $100 in gift cards for City residents who get fully vaccinated. Details at www.vaccinateracine.org. There is a good neighbor option. Bring in your friend and family and receive $50.00 gift card. If your organization would like us to bring a mobile vaccine clinic directly to your site or event, reach out to me and we'll arrange it - Vicky.selkowe@cityofracine.org

Champs program
City of Racine partnered with Racine/Kenosha Black Nurses Association to train community members to share their stories to encourage people to get vaccine.

Homeless Service Provider Forum
Next meeting is Monday, August 23, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Wounded Helper
Monday August 23, 2021 Care for the Wounded Helper: Understanding Secondary Traumatic Stress, Self-Care and Creating Healthy Boundaries 9-10:30We have promoted three staff to navigators' position.

RUSD
If you have children in RUSD, every year the child needs to reapply for the transition program.

Acelero
Earlier enrollment is available for up 4K. Acelero is hiring a 4K teacher position in Racine.

Center for Veterans Issues (CVI)
CVI Help app is up and running. Contact CVI to add your services to the CVI Help app.
Sharon is retiring at the end of the year. Sharon is our current vice president. The vice president position will be available effective January 1, 2022

WI Poor People Campaign Racine/Kenosha Regional Committee
WI PPC is collecting stories to create a road map of how Wisconsin residents are affected by homelessness. Having this tool could influence state and local policies.
https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/committee/wisconsin/
https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinppc

Bethany Apartments
Bethany Apartments is looking for a Case Manager - contact executivedirector@bethanyapartments.org with resume. Full time 30-40 hours - Master's credits preferred.

Racine Revitalization Partnership
Kathy Snyder is the new executive director for Racine Revitalization Partnership, Kathy@revitalizeracine.org.

Future meeting topics:

- September topic - Fight to End Exploitation, www.fighttoendexploitation.org to highlight October domestic violence awareness
- October topic - cold weather
- November topic - coordinator entry process

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. MSC
Respectfully submitted,
MB Kallio