

HHARC Steering/RDC Committee Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020; 9:05am to 9:58am; Virtual via Go To Meeting

Present: Teresa Reinders, Michelle Lussmyer, Sharen Pease, Ed Miller, Liz Powell, Iraida Vazquez, Sharon Pease, Gai Lorenzen, Pam Handrow, Frannie Lassa, Scott Metzel, James Schatzman, Mary Beth Kallio

1. Group Survey—Teresa will work on finalizing a survey regarding what organizations are doing amidst pandemic (i.e. plans for re-opening, staffing, needs, services, etc); there will be a link to google survey and will also be available in Adobe PDF via email
2. June Alliance meeting—will be held June 19th as a virtual meeting; Teresa will set up link using HALO Zoom account; Michelle will send out the meeting information to the group; There will be a systems report presentation—will record and send out ahead of time for review prior to discussion during meeting
3. Joint Steering/RDC meeting—will have a joint meeting on July 8th at 9am; Pam and Teresa will figure out a steering committee/RDC schedule for the remainder of the year; Teresa will set up July 8th meeting and Michelle will send out notification with agenda and meeting information
 - a. Evictions
 - b. Prevention Funds
 - c. Rental assistance
 - d. Account via NOURISH—wouldn't have to requisition checks from HALO and would have W-9
 - e. How to move forward—virtual meetings, in person, next steps
4. Evictions/Resources—Teresa has a link showing which apartments have HUD fund and cannot evict until July 15th—she will share this with the group; RKCAA has prevention money—do not know how much; HALO has city ESG and state CARES funds for prevention—Brendan and Gai will meet to discuss how money can be allocated—currently money is being released but we do not know the rules/guidelines yet; Hospitality is working with HALO and may make the most sense to be a central location for prevention funds; the Steering/RDC group recommends keeping money at a few agencies and keeping centralized—tie Legal Action to it; look at WISP/Coordinated entry assessment; As of June 8th RKCAA will have funds to help with arrears—the reason needs to be COVID related—DOA is still working on guidelines
5. Next Steps—What actions does this committee want to see happen?

- a. List of options for directions the group could take
- b. Have one telephone number to refer individuals for services (look into and have conversations with 2-1-1 and the county); wherever they call should have the ability to pre-screen (create pre-screen form)
- c. Create materials and get the message out regarding resources
- d. Survey current service providers
- e. Once more is known—look at eviction/prevention services and establish: who has them, what will they be, who is eligible, how can the program(s) be accessed; Iraida is willing to create a matrix of eligibility and funding resources and to keep it up to date

Article in FORBES: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/dimawilliams/2020/05/04/renters-can-now-check-whether-their-apartment-building-is-covered-under-the-federal-eviction-ban/#72f9368e2e76>

Fannie Mae Renters Resource Finder <https://www.knowyouoptions.com/rentersresourcefinder>

Freddie Mac Renters Resource Finder <https://myhome.freddiemac.com/renting/lookup.html>

If you are struggling to pay your rent, you can also contact the Freddie Mac Renter Helpline at 800-404-3097. HUD-certified housing counselors can provide you free assistance with budget and credit counseling, debt management programs and educational resources.

Eviction Lab Wisconsin Scorecard page <https://evictionlab.org/covid-policy-scorecard/wi/>

Resources for tenants: Just shelter: justshelter.org/community-resources/

For the Just shelter site, you may need to manually enter this link as clicking it does not work nor does cutting and pasting it. It is the correct url.