



Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
c/o HALO
2000 DeKoven Avenue, Unit #1
Racine, WI 53403

Minutes

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County Membership Meeting

Location : Virtual

May 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Log on begins at 8:45AM

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:01am

Denise Staufenbeil WRC
Jori Chambers WRC,
Teresa Reinders
Laurie Bauer DOC probation and Parole
Bob Held Vander Wyst, LAW
Claire Hackett, City of Racine City Development
Kathy Snyder, Racine Revitalization Partnership
Chris Broslavick, Racine Dominicans
Nicole Arnold, Molina Health care
MaryBeth Kallio, United Way
Iraida Vazquez, Institute for Community Alliances
Irma love HALO
Liz Powell, Racine Community Foundation
Ryan Ellis, Safe Haven
Casandra Robinson, Managed Health Services
Wisconsin
Nicole Arnold
Jeanette Brown, Safe Haven of Racine
Becky Turpin , Independent Care Health Plan
Angela Sanchez, Safe Haven of Racine
Justin Kasdorf, Center for Veteran Issues

2. Approval of Agenda: Liz Motioned, Jori Seconded - all approved
3. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2026 Meeting: Jori Motioned, Liz Seconded all approved
4. Directors Report: See attached

- Update NOFO – Good news, ICA, HALO, CVI received awards for quarter 2 for FY2025 funding. District Court in New Jersey ruled against HUD and all the appeals. Court hearings are weekly. Next NOFO published 6/1/2026, Tier 1 protected for renewals and meet all the requirements for funding. Likely 60% tier 1 by congress but not official, only 30% can be PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing). Letter of Intent will be sent out to renewal projects and also for new projects in the next week or so. It'll also be on the website. Watch out for this and meet deadlines.

* Member of NAACL- We pledged along with all CoC's in WI. Resources will be available in this advocacy group.

5. Status of MOU – Robert reports, looking through notes from last meeting. Board approved MOU and now going back to the county board, approved by subcommittee a few weeks ago, now going to board of supervisor, hope it's approved in June with the hopes to start July/August. Have been working with HUD TA on this transition

6. Governance Charter Review – Every year we are required to review and gather input from all members. Board will review and any changes will be approved at annual meeting.

7. Lived Experience Board Member – We are still looking for someone with lived experience who has been housing insecurities in the last 7 years. If you know anyone that would be good at helping to be a LE perspective, please send that to Bob

8. Conference Update – Kathy, first meeting happened. Another meeting is Monday, May 18th. Looking to have a meeting in Aug or Sep from 9-3 at Gateway wherever they have an opening for us. Purpose of conference – Similar to the Balance of State CoC Conference held in February 2026. Anyone can attend as long as registered. Two track one for case managers and one for general public to learn more about homelessness in Racine and learn from the experts in the room.

9. Agency Updates

Racine Revitalization Partnership- 1309 Grand rehab and hoping to have a new homeowner to buy the home.

10. Next meeting:

Friday, August 21, 2026 9:00am- 11:00am.

Adjourned: 9:24am Iraida Motioned, Jori Seconded. all approved



Activity Summary from CoC Director

March 2026 – May 2026

Funding

At the national level, [NAEH](#), as well as grouping of states of which Wisconsin is a part of, took HUD to court to force compliance with the remaining second portion of the two-year awards. The District Court of New Jersey judge sided with the complainants, NAEH and the States. HUD has been slow in releasing funds; however, they are now required to meet weekly with the judge weekly to document their following the judge's ruling.

As of May 13, 2026, HUD CoC grants are beginning to be distributed to applicants whose previous funding ended March 31, 2026. Our funded organizations, HALO, CVI and ICA, have deadlines within the second quarter. Each has received letters of confirmation that they are being funded, and award letters will be distributed shortly.

HUD has announced that homelessness-related service providers across the nation can expect the 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be published by June 1, 2026. Further, applicants can expect awards to be made by December 1, 2026. The CoC Program is a national competition designed to promote community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness and optimize self-sufficiency. (Source: national HUD email).

In previous years, [tier 1](#) level was funded at 90%. This year, Congress has the funding at 60% of our total CoC funding amount. Our total grant requests can only total 30% permanent supportive housing projects. As far as new projects, we should continue to think of new directions as the next NOFO 2026 since HUD is looking to promote Transitional housing and supportive services above other housing types. Agencies looking at developing a transitional housing unit project, please check out the HUD Exchange for the definitions and requirements to be sure what you were looking at submitting fulfills the HUD requirements. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/transitional-housing/> The HUD Exchange is a free source of information from HUD.

Rating, Ranking, & Evaluation Committee has met and is in the process of creating our request for Letters of Intent to Apply for HUD CoC funding. The request will be sent out to CoC members as well as placed on our website by the end of May at the latest. LOIs will not be binding. LOIs will contain criteria for applying. Applicants must be a member of the Racine CoC to apply under our Collaborative Application.

Partnerships

National level participation

National Alliance to End Homelessness

The NAEH has created six virtual state-level cohorts to facilitate engagement with the Alliance team and engage in regional peer learning opportunities. We have been meeting as a Region 5 cohort which contains representatives from 6-10 states and have been formed based on common characteristics of Congressional lawmakers in these areas. I am participating in this process. We meet every other week via Zoom.

CoC-led national conversation

The first nation-wide, CoC-led conversation bringing together Continuum of Care leaders from across the country met via Zoom and in person on December 9, 2025, in San Diego, CA. I attended two of the three organizing meetings. Our board has pledged to be a founding member. The group will announce whether they met the funding goal to continue on with formal organization. The organization will provide CoCs with resources and professional development from a national level and will function as a professional organization.

State level participation

Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness (WI-ICH)

We are working to understand the full impact of potential budget cuts proposed by the legislature. We have met as a Council to report activity across the state by the various state departments.

Department of Children and Families

Thrive from the Start: Birth to 3 While the grant application was not accepted, we are continuing to explore ways we can develop our own coordination throughout Wisconsin to address homelessness within families consisting of children ages birth to 3 years old.

Ending Homelessness Through State and CoC Partnerships

We have been discussing the State Health Assessment draft and focusing on homeless data. The CoCs are reviewing it to provide feedback. The report has been completed and moved on to state approval levels. Once approved, the state will release it to the public. Our meetings have been sporadic during the rough weather and holiday season. We are working on mapping out resources throughout our state for 2026.

County level participation

Racine County Health Poverty Workgroup: Housing/Evictions

This is a workgroup led by the County Public Health Department in connection with the Racine County Public Health: Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2027 (CHIP). We have not been meeting since winter of 2025.

Racine CoC System Performance

The Committee is working to finalize the results of the surveys conducted to examine the length of time individuals are homeless and why individuals return to homelessness after being housed. We are working to pull together an interpretation for results.

Meetings

- Racine CoC Rating, Ranking & Evaluation committee
- Racine CoC Housing Workgroup
- CoC check-ins with WI-ICH, DEHCR, HUD
- WI-ICH workgroup and Council meetings
- Collaboration with the other three WI CoCs
- Ending Homelessness through State-CoC Partnerships (EHSCP) bi-weekly

Acronyms and abbreviations

CHIP – Community Health Improvement Plan <https://crchd.com/community-improvement-plan>

DEHCR – Division of Energy, Housing and Community Relations (under WI Department of Administration)
<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOA/DEHCRMainPage.aspx>

DV – Domestic Violence

EHH – The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP), and Housing Assistance Program (HAP) are collectively referred to as the EHH Program. Administered under DEHCR
<https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/AgencyResources/ehh-program.aspx>

HMIS – Homeless Management Information Systems

HUD – Housing and Urban Development

LSA – Longitudinal Systems Analysis <https://homelessdata.com/knowledge-base/what-project-types-are-included-in-the-lsa/>

NAEH – National Alliance to End Homelessness <https://endhomelessness.org/>

NHLC – National Homelessness Law Center <https://homelesslaw.org/>

NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity

PIT – Point-in-Time

PSH – Permanent Supportive Housing

SPM – System Performance Measures <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/#guidance> or <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/system-performance-measures-in-context.pdf>

Tier 1- HUD will conditionally select CoC Renewal, CoC Reallocation, DV Renewal, DV Reallocation, and CoC Bonus project applications that are fully within Tier 1 and pass project eligibility, project quality, and if applicable, project renewal threshold review. Racine CoC CE and HMIS are not ranked but are placed in the first tier.

YHDP – Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project