Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
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Racine CoC/Alliance Committee & Workgroup Reports

September 15, 2023

All committees and workgroups can always use members' participation. Please let Teresa or the Chairperson of the group know if you are interested in joining.

- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Workgroup**: Chair – Nicole Hunt (R/K CAA)
  The workgroup continues to meet on the second Monday of each month via Zoom. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Nicole Hunt (nhunt@rkcaa.org) or Teresa Reinders (treinders@haloinc.org) for the Zoom link.
  We are working to develop surveys for agency directors and agency staff on DEI policies and procedures usage and seeking ideas on areas of training suggestions for group participation.

- **Coordinated Entry Committee**: Chair – Iraida Vazquez *(Institute for Community Alliances (ICA))*
  Case Managers, our Housing Navigator, and Iraida meet every other week to discuss placement options and availability. Due to the need to maintain client confidentiality this workgroup is only open to Case managers and the housing navigator. Participants must have permission cleared by Iraida Vazquez to attend. This restriction includes listening privileges on phone-in and/or virtual attendance.

  There are 2 new workgroups under this committee – CE Planning Workgroup and the Prevention Assessment Workgroup

  - **Coordinated Entry Planning Workgroup**: Chair – Iraida Vazquez *(Institute for Community Alliances (ICA))*
    The purpose of this workgroup is to review the process of Coordinated Entry now that the CDC has lifted the status of the health pandemic/emergency. The group is looking to replace the VI-SPDAT assessment tool. It has met regular since July 14, 2023.
  - **Prevention Assessment Workgroup**: Chair – Iraida Vazquez *(Institute for Community Alliances (ICA))*
    The purpose of this group is to review any assessments previously used and develop an updated resource to be used should funding become available for prevention activities.

- **Health Services and Homelessness Workgroup**: *Interim Chair – Teresa Reinders (CoC)*.
  No workgroup meeting.

- **HMIS[1] Committee** – *Co-Chairs: Benjamin Cornell (SAFE Haven) & Jori Chambers (Women's Resource Center*
  Meets every other month on the third Thursday. The last meeting was May 15th. July was cancelled due to the Home for Everyone conference. The next meeting is September 21, 2023.

- **Housing Workgroup**: *Chair – Kathy Snyder, Racine Revitalization Partnership*.
  No meeting scheduled yet.

- **Leadership Council:** *President – Kaylee Cutler*, Racine Unified.
  Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023.
  During the FY2023 CoC HUD funding competition the Leadership Council has approved, based on recommendations from the Rating & Ranking workgroup,
  1. a new funding priority list (8/15/2023) The new priorities are: 1, Chronic; 2. Aging 55+; 3.

Families with Children; 4. Domestic Violence; 5. Youth; 6. Veterans; and 7. Gender identity/expression.
and
2. the final funding rating and ranking results (approved 9/11/2023). Applicants were notified of the funding results outside of HUD's eSNAPS tool on 9/11/2023. Those applications are to be submitted to HUD by September 28, 2023, as part of our CoC Collaborative Application.

- **Landlord Workgroup**: *Chair – Rebecca Pritzel, CoC Housing Navigator*.
  We are still in the process of creating a presentation for meeting with the Landlord Association.

- **Point-in-Time Workgroup**: *Chair – Scott Metzel, HOPES Center*.
  After discussing the various options, it was decided that there will not be a special summer PIT unless it is mandated. The street outreach team will conduct a PIT count on the night of the count and the following 7 days and record it in the PIT provider. No special preparation is needed by the COC.

- **Rating & Selection Workgroup** (AKA: Rating & Ranking Workgroup): *Chair – Position open*.
  The group has diligently worked to provide rating and ranking for the FY23 HUD CoC funding competition. The group recommended changes to the funding priorities for the CoC, which the Leadership Council approved by unanimous vote on 8/15/2023 (see Leadership Council section for specifics). The group also met to conclude the rating & ranking process for the FY23 HUD CoC funding competition. A copy of the ranking distribution, and funding amounts will be posted on our website.

- **Shelter workgroup**: *Interim Chair – Gai Lorenzen (HALO)*.
  The group met in May to discuss and review housing projects and the need within the community. Discussion also examined the Wisconsin EHH^2 grant to be released in May. (As of this writing it has been released and the group will be scheduling another meeting to discuss the distribution of funds and writing for the grant.

- **System Performance committee:** *Co-Chairs – Scott Metzel (HOPES Center) & Iraida Vazquez (Institute for Community Alliances (ICA))*
  Met Friday, May 15 and Friday, July 07 to review system performance measures.

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Abbreviations:

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

DEI *– Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

DV *– Domestic Violence*

EHH *– The Emergency Solutions Grant (**ESG**), Housing Assistance Program (**HAP**), and Homeless Prevention Program (**HPP**) are collectively referred to as the EHH Program.*

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/*

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*

YHDP – *Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project*

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[1] HMIS – Homeless Management Information System https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/

[2] EHH – Emergency Solutions, Housing Assistance, and Homeless Prevention Programs - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Assistance Program (HAP), and Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) are collectively referred to as the EHH Program. These funds provide emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and housing assistance for homeless individuals and families. These funds are released, distributed, and monitored through Wisconsin of Administration (DOA) Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR).