



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415250236?pwd=LtmPSybsNNHbD405VPnJJH3aZJnpo0.1>

February 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Log on begins at 8:45AM

Mission: We collaborate to serve people experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness in Racine County through housing, prevention, emergency, and supportive services.

NOTE: CoC website <https://racinecoc.org> and the Homelessness & Housing Alliance of Racine County email address is homelesshousingalliance@gmail.com

1. Welcome called to order 9:03 am

Attendance:

Denise Staufenbeil WRC
Jori Chambers WRC,
Teresa Reinders
Kim Blake 21st Century Preparatory
Laurie Bauer DOC probation and Parole
Joan Roehre Hospitality Center
Yvonne MacDonald Hames-HALO
Bob Held Vander Wyst, LAW
Claire Hackett, City of Racine City Development
Kathy Snyder, Racine Revitalization Partnership
Kristen Simonson, Racine Outreach Community Health Center
Chris Broslavick, Racine Dominicans
Veronica Seymour, City of Racine
Katie Knoff, City of Racine City Development
Matt Perz, City of Racine Attorney's Office
Gai Lorenzen, Community Member/Alliance/CoC Board
Nicole, Molina Health care
MaryBeth Kallio, United Way
Nicole Majinski, MKE VA Homeless Programs
Iraida Vazquez, Institute for Community Alliances
Michael Basford, State of Wisconsin
Melissa Taggart, HALO

2. Approval of Agenda motion to approve Gai Lorenzen, Jori Chambers 2nd. All approved
3. Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2025 Meeting motion to approve MaryBeth Kallio, 2nd Kathy Snyder, All approved
4. Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2025 Meeting Motion to approve Jori 2nd Kathy all approved
5. Directors Report
 - Update NOFO- Teresa received another update since the Directors report was put out. Agencies and Board have received emails regarding the latest funding. HUD is now trying to rescind the court order from Dec that replaced the original FY24-25 renewal. The CoC filing without changes was made by the deadline Feb 9. THUD put in a funding bill for 2026 and was approved. Now HUD is trying to put out another NOFO if the court releases the injunction. The messages we are getting is that HUD could distribute qtr. 1 and qtr. 2 and then open up FY26 for competition. March 3 is the next court date. May and June would receive NOFO for the following year. We have not received acknowledgement that our renewal emails have been received. Impact surveys have been sent out to Agencies to fill out by the end of the day today.

6. Status of MOU
 - 2024 Halo informed the Alliance they did not want to be the collaborative applicant anymore. A notice was sent out and Racine County applied and were approved. We have been working on getting an MOU set. The Racine County Health and human services will be looking at the MOU on Monday, if approved it will go to the Racine County Board for approval.
7. Lived Experience Board Member
 - Carol Pagan has resigned her position, we are looking for a person who has experienced Homelessness within the last 7 years for a position on the Board of Directors. If you know someone who would be interested please let Bob, Teresa or a board member know.
8. Systems Planning
 - With the chaos of the recent NOFO, we have realized that we as a CoC have not looked at the need of prioritization for the community. How are we going to prioritize funding for? Over the next year or so we will be starting this process. There will be an ad hoc committee formed to start this process. If you are interested please let Bob know. We will be looking at all of Racine County gaps.
9. Agency Updates
 - WRC- they have pause hand to hand program- supervised visitation program. Recently have lost funding. Reached out to the County to see if there is any possible funding since they send referrals to WRC.
 - WRC Vegas Night May 1 This will be a fundraiser for WRC. Information will be sent out soon.
 - Kathy Snyder- invited to attend Charity EZ- through United Way. This is a way to find funding throughout the United States for nonprofit funding. <https://www.charityez.org/>
 - MaryBeth- Volunteer Income tax assistance is taking appointments until the first weekend in April for persons in the community needing to file their taxes.
<https://unitedwayracine.itfrontdesk.com/apptonline/appt.html>.
 - Halo- Sleep out event will be held June 26 at Grace Church to raise awareness for homelessness. Model of cardboard boxes. Persons attending the event will be given cardboard boxes to sleep in overnight. There will be an educational program and food provided.
 - Iraida Vazquez- ICA has a Housing Navigator position open. <https://icaliances.org/wi-employment>
 - Bob stated January 28 successful PIT. Thank you to Scott and Tessa and everyone who participated. Iraida stated that once the number is submitted to HUD we will release the numbers.
 - Joan made a statement that in all the years she has been a part of PIT she has seen an increase in the numbers of homelessness recently.

Motion to adjourn Jori Chambers, 2nd Gai Lorenzen, All approved

10. **Next meeting:**

Friday, May 15, 2026 9:00am- 11:00am.