



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

## Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Racine County

### Membership Meeting

October 3, 2025, at 9:00AM

1. Welcome 9:04am called to order

Attendance:

Melissa Taggart - HALO  
Jori Chambers - Women's Resource Center  
Iraida Vazquez - Institute for Community Alliances  
Lakesha Davis – Loving Kindness  
Robert Held Vander Wyst – Legal Action of Wisconsin  
Teresa Reinders – CoC Staff  
MaryBeth Kallio - United Way of Racine  
Laurie Bauer - Department of Corrections  
Nicole Arnold - Molina Healthcare  
Kristin Latus - Racine County  
Gai Lorenzen – Community member  
Scott Metzler = HOPES Center  
Lori Life - Racine Vocational Ministry  
Walt Williams - City of Racine  
Irma Love - HALO  
Kathy Snyder Racine Revitalization Partnership

2. Approval of agenda- Mary Beth Kallio Made a motion to approve- Gai Lorenzen 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved

3. Review and approval of the proposed amendments to the Governance Charter for the Homelessness & Housing Alliance of Racine County.

Robert Held Vander Wyst went through the changes that are being proposed as follows:

Section:

1.1 Took out history of naming of organization. Changed the name from Racine CoC to Alliance throughout the document.

5.2 change from Journal Times to appropriate media

5.2 Review entire membership every year instead of 5 years.

5.3 annual meeting in November

5.4 grammatical change annual meeting as its own thing

5.5 grammatical change

6.1 added any other duties set forth by the Alliance- Mary Beth asked what "other duties" other duties was clarified - grants, fundraisers, we could assign anything that isn't covered by HUD could be assigned to those duties. Lakesha asked if historically there any duties like that have been assigned. It was stated that no but there have been times that it was in thought Process but to actually done.

6.2 c I, ii, iii, iv additions of representatives of the Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant and the process to have them be appointed or sit on the Board and/ or on general membership regarding voting and non-voting members.

Teresa asked since Board meetings are closed to public how would that work with non-voting members- It was stated they would be able to attend the meeting have a voice but not able to vote.

6.2. d changed one homeless or formerly homeless individual to one person with lived experience of homelessness or housing

6.2.f changed from 4 to 5 categories

I persons with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability as their own category

Quasi Government

add Housing Authority of Racine County as Quasi Government agency

6.2.2 removed the Directors staggered terms

6.3 Removed Chair, Vice Chair and treasurer

6.3.2 Term January following the Annual November meeting until Dec 31

6.3.5 Resignation acceptance by Alliance and Board

7.1 50% plus 1 of voting Directors of the Board E

8.1.1 b the HMIS Lead, a designated Alliance staff Member

8.1.1c person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability

8.1.2 Rating Ranking and Evaluation Committee removed wording to remove the number of minimum make it sure to be able to get members to perform duties.

8.1.5 Committee changed to Workgroup and changed grammar to read better.

8.1.6 Addition of this section for Ad Hoc Committees or workgroups to have time limits and the process of establishing the Ad Hoc committee or workgroup and the process of approval of timeframe, reporting, extension and the process of dissolution.

Teresa ask we approve the professional and Training Workgroup would that go in here. Robert asked if she was asking if that work group be a standing work group or committee. Teresa asked that this should be added as a change, and it was agreed that we would do it in the next round of changes which Gai said we believe will be having soon due to knowing there are some things that need to be changed.

Lived experience question by Teresa regarding time frame for lived experience for serving. Teresa will look for the HUD explanation for Lived experience

Mary Beth asked what the standing work groups are now. Robert said they should be listed on the website for the CoC. These are listed on the committee page on the CoC website.

9.1 Collaborative Applicant

This was were the most changes were made and created.

Teresa clarified that HALO is currently the collaborative Applicant, Melissa Taggart is the representative.

Racine County has not been approved as of today. This section outlines the application process for the Collaborative Applicant, approval process,

9.2 annual performance review of the Collaborative Applicant-

Teresa asked if the reporting will be reported to the Alliance meeting it be at annual meeting. What if Collaborative Applicant starts or ends in the year and not at the right time. Answer: it will be reported at the annual meeting

9.3 Responsibilities of the collaborative applicant- this lists the responsibilities or applications of grants, monitoring, providing data, processes and board approval and all other duties the collaborative Applicant is responsible for.

9.4 Participation for Board of Directors- this is the process and approval for the representatives of the Collaborative applicant and duties regarding voting/ non-voting, term limits, responsibilities of those representatives

10. HMIS Lead- This outlines the process for the lead, the software designation, HMIS Governance Charter, and the responsibilities of the HMIS Lead.

11.1.c Conduct and attendance of Board members, committee members- this has been added stating if they are on the Board or committee that they attend meetings. The Alliance will consider the circumstances of absences by Board. After 3 absences an officer or Alliance member will reach out to director or committee member.

11.2.3 b and c- Abstention from Decision Making- This involves Quorum and member abstaining. This states that as long as Quorum was decided at beginning of meeting the vote is in regard to majority at that point if there are abstentions.

Teresa gave us an example when HUD would come to our meetings and abstain from voting because they felt it was not appropriate to vote on something when they oversee our grants.

11.2.5 d organizational conflict- process of notifying the Board if an individual has a conflict of interest regarding voting.

12 d question by Teresa that we said 1 year but here it says 5 years

Kristin asked- regarding the efficient operation of the organization and meeting goals- length of stay or can language that residents are receiving the services, timeframes, and moving through the CoC and meeting metrics. Gai and Teresa stated these are listed in the Standards.

After reading it says in b it is 1 year and in d it is 5 years in more depth.

11.1.c Mary Beth asked Is the 3 absences in a calendar year or what is the time frame? Robert asked should it be consecutive absences? And Clarification of who this applies to? Robert stated it would be a Board member or a committee member.

Laurie stated if there are scheduling conflicts perhaps we want to reschedule meetings to a better time

Robert called for a requesting a motion to all the word Iraida made a motion to add consecutive in 11.1.c Kathy Second All approved.

Teresa has a point of concern regarding the 11 consecutive years. This may need to be addressed at a later time. Gai explained this was in regard to when someone served 1 year and then 3 3-year consecutive terms.

Bob asked for a motion to approve the proposed changes. Walt Williams made a motion, Lakesha Davis Second the motion. All approved

These changes pass. A cleaned-up version will be given to the Alliance membership soon.

Teresa wanted to extend her appreciation to all who shaped this document and thank you from the membership for all their hard work.

Gai to make announcements regarding Elections. We can have up to 31 members. If anyone would like to apply for the Board you can reach out to a Board member.

Next meeting Annual Meeting November 21 at 9am

Motion to adjourn Kathy made motion Mary Beth 2<sup>nd</sup> All approved