



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—Annual Membership Meeting

*November 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.*

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

1. Welcome 9:02am
2. Approval of Agenda – approval needed, requires a motion from the floor to accept: Motioned Melissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jori, unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes from the membership meeting
  - a. Approval of May 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Amendment to change United Way Racine to United Way Racine County, **motioned to accept meeting minutes Lakisha, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam, unanimously approved**
  - b. Approval of August 15, 2025, meeting minutes, amendment to change United Way Racine to United Way Racine County, **motioned to accept meeting minutes Kathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin, unanimously approved**
4. Director’s Report: Teresa submitted report in Constant contact. We are doing a quick turnaround for the CoC Nofo application and will do a presentation further down agenda to keep things moving.
5. Old Business –
  - a. Collaborative Applicant process: Bob reports still ongoing, met with Racine County staff earlier this month and went over the MOU for transition of the Collaborative Applicant. The County is dealing with budget right now so really bust. Reviewing the language. As for the current timeline, we are hoping this will be approved and begin in February 2026 when the planning grant begins.
  - b. 501(c)(3) process: Bob reports that Gai, Pam, and he are working on it and is slow as we have been working on the MOU and Governance docs. Mary Beth asked: Is there a deadline we want this done by? No deadline, and it has just been slow with the government shutdown and Chris asked if paperwork is done and in process, or still need it done. Not done. Encourages to get it done as it will be slow process even more so now.
6. New business –
  - a. Elections – Bob wants to thank outgoing members, Scott Metzel and Pam Handrow for all the work they have done over the years.
  - i. Slate of nominated members for Board of Directors to serve 3-year term –
    1. Slate of nominates from presented by the CoC Board (alphabetical order)
      - a. Jori Chambers
      - b. Lakesha Davis
      - c. Liz Powell
      - d. Shebria Small
    2. Will take nominations from the floor for slate of members. Individuals must have provided permission for their nomination to the Board. Members may nominate themselves for a position on the board.  
Any members who want to nominate themselves or others in attendance, no nominations from the floor.  
**Motion to accept slate of nominations from board to serve on board: Kathy motioned, Justin seconded, abstention: Liz Powell, doesn’t want to vote for self but does want to serve, unanimously approved**
  - ii. Slate of nominated officers for the CoC board presented by the Board of Directors–
    1. President: Robert B. Held Vander Wyst
    2. Vice President: Kathy Snyder
    3. Secretary: Melissa Taggart**Motioned to approve slate of officers to board of board: Liz, Scott seconded, Melissa Taggart abstains, unanimously approved**

- b. HUD CoC Funding update relating to federal administration updates: Teresa presented FY2025 CoC Nofo funding policies (see attached PowerPoint)
  - i. Policy Priorities shift from Housing First to Treatment as a priority before being housed  
Advancing Public Safety
  - ii. Funding shift from PH to TH causing higher rates of evictions and homelessness
  - iii. Advocate, talk to representatives to include a provision in an upcoming appropriations bill that directs HUD to renew all existing CoC program grants that expire in CY2026
  - iv. Lakisha has 92 people on wait list for TH at Loving Kindness
  - v. What are we going to do with this NOFO is important: Nothing is going to change NOFO, Funding pushes policy, changes in approach to homelessness back to 80s – 90s, forced back to streets but no public encamping, how are we going to use funding to aligning services to policy push to best serve out community.
  - vi. All on website, need to schedule a meeting, December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for application locally and NOFO application is due January 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - vii. Rating, Ranking, and Evaluation group members: Liz Powell, Kathy Snyder, and MaryBeth Kallio

7. **Agency/Community updates**

Members are encouraged to share what is happening within their organizations and around the community.

December 21<sup>st</sup> Longest Night, watch website for a Service of Remembrance at St Lukes, Pastor Holly Anderle will be leading the service.

Vets Place Central moving people into TH that are veterans.

Next PIT count, January 26<sup>th</sup>, orientation opens 12/29 to 1/19. Link on website

Laurie Bauer from DOC, struggle to find housing for Homeless Sex Offenders, like landlord in areas that are permissible. City of Racine requires going before board to get approval.

- 8. **Next meeting:** Friday, February 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
- 9. **Meeting ends at 10:14am**, Irida moves to adjourn Scott Seconds.