



Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)  
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## Activity Summary from CoC Director December 2025 – February 2026

### Funding

The months of December and January involved creating and recreating local application versions to match each time the HUD NOFO changed versions. It also consisted of waiting for HUD's responses to the Judge regarding the court cases filed by NAEH and various State Attorney Generals separately but heard jointly. Wisconsin was a part of the State Attorney Generals lawsuit. Ultimately, on January 26, 2026, HUD sent out a need to file a CoC's notice of intent to submit the FY 24/25 original applications for renewal funding. The deadline was February 09, 2026. I have submitted our intention to do this. As of February 17, 2026, there has been no further response or information from HUD regarding the funding.

As far as new projects, we should continue to think in those directions as the next NOFO 2027 is around the corner in mid to late spring. I believe it will still be favoring PSH and transitional housing projects. 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.

### Partnerships

#### *National level participation*

##### National Alliance to End Homelessness

The Alliance has created six virtual state-level cohorts to facilitate engagement with the Alliance team and engage in regional peer learning opportunities. Each cohort will contain 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. I attended their organizing conference December 9, 2025, in San Diego, CA. and will continue attending their meetings as we move forward. Our next one is Thursday, February 19, 2026.

#### *State level participation*

##### Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care 2026 Annual Conference

Held Feb 10-12, 2026, in Appleton, WI. I had an opportunity to briefly meet our newly appointed HUD regional representative. We took a tour around the Appleton organization called Pillars. Advocating for Homeless Clients and Those who Serve Them. This was a joint presentation between the Winnebago County Executive and the Senior Policy Director of the National Homelessness Law Center. There were other workshops and speakers on various topics. The CoC sponsored the trip for four agency staff members who desired to attend. Next year it will be in LaCrosse.

### 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* We worked to establish a group and submitted a letter of intent for a technical grant that would address Birth to 3 around Wisconsin. We wanted to include examining homelessness in this age group. We met multiple times to initialize the process and finalize the intent to submit a grant application. The letter of intent was open to all 50 states but limited to approximately 10 states for selection to submit the final application for funding. I participated during our interview on December 4, 2025. **UPDATE:** Unfortunately, we were not selected for this funding but have made a statewide commitment to move the concept forward throughout our established organizations.

### 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 starting again in February to discuss our goals for 2026.

### Wisconsin Housing First Coalition

The Wisconsin Housing First Coalition officially voted to disband and fold into the organization of Badger Housing Alliance. Our process reflected numerous self-reflection efforts on the part of the board of directors of both organizations. Given the negative connection to the Housing First philosophy of addressing homelessness, we decided unanimously to approach the Badger Housing Alliance about blending our work into the advocacy work they conduct. We are looking forward to our blending and expanding our advocacy reach.

### Medicaid 1915i – CoCs and DHS

There is potential that local city and county funding processes are going to be requiring shelter and outreach programs to leverage Medicaid 1915i. While we discussed potential changes to Medicaid and the impact on those experiencing homelessness, it was difficult to discuss any solutions or options without specific information from the federal level at the time we met. This is a billing/payment process not a grant. For more information, please check out this link:

[https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/StaticContent/pdf/1915\(i\)\\_Housing\\_Benefit\\_FAQ.pdf](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/StaticContent/pdf/1915(i)_Housing_Benefit_FAQ.pdf)

### ***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). The work of this group focuses on the western portion of Racine County. We have not met during the holidays.

### ACELERO

I am in the process of renewing our MOU with ACELERO

### 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

- CoC check-ins with WI-ICH, DEHCR, HUD
- WI-ICH workgroup and Council meetings
- Collaboration with the other three WI CoCs
- Wisconsin Housing First Coalition – Strategic Planning, Regular Board meetings
- Ending Homelessness through State-CoC Partnerships (EHSCP) bi-weekly
- Racine County Poverty Workgroup: Housing/Evictions 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>

**YHDP** – Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project