

May 2023 Quarterly Meeting: CoC Director Report Feb. 10, 2023 – May 18, 2023

CoC Competition

- Received result announcement for FY22 CoC Competition
- Attended HUD Debriefing FY22 webinar (4/20)
- Board approved CoC Project Scoring Tool (5/2) for FY23 ranking & review process
- Completed CoC Registration Review for FY23 CoC Competition, waiting for release of GIW

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- Staff participate in monthly YHDP leadership team meetings – include HUD TA, ICA, WAHRS; attending YHDP Community calls & ICF calls; workshops to continue developing the CQI (continuous quality improvement) plan - including an in-person meeting (2/28)
- Joined WAHRS for WI Youth Service Providers Legislative Advocacy virtual meetings with Senator Baldwin and Senator Johnson’s staff (3/7); met with Congressman Van Orden’s staff (3/22); attended National Network for Youth conference-virtually (3/2-3/3)
- Staff presentation at RHYTAC conference in partnership WAHRS (3/22)
- Staff attended WAHRS AmeriCorp training in Madison and supported State Capitol visits (3/31)
- Met with Racine CoC following a request to provide guidance and suggestions on the YHDP application process. Joined by Dane CoC staff. (5/17)

CoC Organizational Activities

- Organized and facilitated Feb virtual CoC meeting (2/10); planned May virtual CoC mtg (5/19)
- Confirmed a location for the 1st annual Balance of State CoC Conference, in-person, at the Jefferson Inn, Wausau – on Feb. 8-9, 2024.
- Staff facilitated multiple training opportunities including:
 - Housing First Coalition two-day training (2/22-2/23)
 - Cultural Humility (3/1 & 3/8)
 - DHS Healing Centered Engagement (3/2)
 - Alonzo Kelly Toolkit (3/29 & 4/19)
 - Spotlight Series: Embrace – Social Justice in Rural Wisconsin (4/12)
- Upcoming training includes:
 - Trauma-Informed Engagement Model, 2 sessions, in person (5/23)
 - Fair Housing (TBD)
- Staff added a calendar to the WIBOS website to enhance training registration process. Staff working to finalize platform for recorded trainings & access to materials for a fee.
- Attended Board of Director mtgs: 3/7, 4/4, 5/2; Exec mtgs: 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18
- Staff – Supervision & meetings
 - Meredith McCoy (Monitoring & Compliance Coordinator): monitoring CoC projects; helping with sub-recipient monitoring; oversee housing first fidelity; working with Leigh on CQI; working with Leigh & Kate on case management tool kit (see website for draft)

- Supports Coulee, Jefferson, Kenosha, Rock Walworth*, and Southwest coalitions
 - Supports Gaps & Needs, Lived experience*, and System performance* committees
- Ryan Graham (CE System Coordinator): liaison w/WHEDA on EHV; provides training & TA; oversees non-HMIS platform; working to establish formal partnerships with other systems (e.g. 211, HMO, DOC); working on video platform transition to Vimeo with Kate; facilitated CE strategic planning session with Holly for stakeholders (3/27)
 - Supports East Central, Fox Cities, Northwest, and Winnebagoland coalitions
 - Supports Discharge Planning & Coordinated Entry* committees
- Leigh Polodna (Project Coordinator): project manager for YHDP; creates the monthly HIC; oversee PIT process; oversee CQI (continuous quality improvement) plan for YHDP & w/broader implications with Meredith; working with Meredith & Kate on case management tool kit
 - Supports North Central, NWISH, Rural North, and West Central coalitions
 - Supports Lived Experience*, System Performance* and YAB committees
- Kate Markwardt (Grant Specialist): providing oversight and maintaining compliance with sub-contracts among all sub-recipients; source documentation for HAP & DV RRH; works with Hebron House on additional grant review & support; working with Meredith & Leigh on case management tool kit; working on video platform transition to Vimeo with Ryan
 - Supports Brown, Lakeshore, Northeast, and Washington coalitions
 - Supports DEI and Public Awareness & Advocacy committees
- Holly Sieren (CE System Specialist): working with Ryan to transition responsibilities; oversight of SSO staff; providing training & TA; conducting quarterly reviews & assisting with monitoring; facilitated CE strategic planning session with Ryan for stakeholders (3/27)
 - Supports Central, Ozaukee, Rock Walworth* & Waukesha coalitions
 - Supports Coordinated entry* & Veteran Advisory committees
- Action Plan
 - Goal #2 deadline was 3/1; all coalitions should be working on Goal #1 and #2.
- Point-in-Time (PIT)
 - Sent out HIC for February, March, April
 - Finalized PIT data for January count and HIC, submitted to HUD through HDX (4/27)
- Met with HMIS Lead Agency staff (ICA) – CoC competition results & HDX submission plan for 2024 (5/9)
- BOS Committee Support
 - Attended Nominating committee mtg: 2/14, 3/14, 5/9
 - Attended Veteran Advisory Board mtg: 5/17
- Local Coalitions/Agencies
 - PC w/City of Appleton re: upcoming summit & request to be a keynote speaker (4/28)
 - Attend Dairyland coalition mtg: 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17
 - Eau Claire Housing Commission: Regional Housing Study steering committee meeting (2/22, 3/16); met with City staff (3/28, 5/17); met with Eau Claire PHA (5/4)

- Co-facilitate “Ending Homelessness in Eau Claire” community meeting - meet weekly with Dairyland Board rep for planning & monthly for larger group (3/8, 3/29, 4/27); prepared & facilitated 2 hour listening sessions with landlord/property owner (4/17), business (4/19), and city employees (4/20)

CoC Grants

Grant Name	Status	Notes
SSO CE 22-23	On track	Submitted invoice to FA for reimbursement (Jan-March); 25% of funds remaining (3 months left of grant)
SSO CE DV 22-23	Under spent	Submitted invoice to FA for reimbursement (Jan-March); 55% of funds remaining (5 months left of grant)
HAP 22-23	Under spent	Submitted invoice to DEHCR (Jan-March) for HAP 1 & 2; 68% of funds remaining (6 months left of grant)
DV RRH 22-23	Under spent	Submitted invoice to FA for reimbursement (Jan-March); 82% of funds remaining (6 months left on grant) Hosted a mtg with sub-grantees and staff to discuss need and options for spending funds
YHDP SSO CE 22-23	Under spent	Submitted invoice to FA for reimbursement (Jan-March); 84% of funds remaining (6 months left on grant)*
YHDP SSO 22-23	Under spent	Submitted invoice to FA for reimbursement (Jan-March); 83% of funds remaining (6 months left on grant)*
YHDP Planning CY23	On track	Grant started 1/1/23, submitted invoice to FA for reimbursement (Jan-March); 85% of funds remaining (9 months left)
CoC Planning CY23	Overspent	Grant started 1/1/23; 69% of funds remaining (9 months left)

(as of March 2023 invoice)

*these are 1 year numbers, but the grant is 2 years for initial contract with HUD

- Submitted CoC Planning Grant CY22 APR (3/15), spent 100% of funds
- Submitted YHDP Planning Grant CY22 APR (4/13), spent 100% of funds
- Continuing to look for additional grant and other funding opportunities to support the organization’s operational budget, coordinated entry, and YHDP system navigators.

National Conferences/Trainings/Webinars

- Facilitate as the Chair the Rural & BOS Community of Practice national mtg (2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9); leadership mtg w/TA (4/4)
- NAEH/NLIHC: Housing First (2/21, 3/20, 4/17)
- Webinar: Housing Solutions in Rural Recreation Communities – hosted by HUD, USDA, EPA (2/15)
- Webinar: HSRC – Role of Transportation in cross-sector collaboration designed to improve housing stability (2/27)
- Met with Eastern Pennsylvania CoC Board (4/17)
- Attended virtually – NLIHC Housing Policy Forum (3/21-3/23)

Policy Development

- Proposed YHDP Prioritization Process – 3rd Priority to Board, approved (4/4)
- Proposed Accounting & Financial Policy changes to address finding in HUD RRH monitoring to Board, approved (4/4)
- Proposed Balance of State CoC Policy Priorities to Board, approved (5/2)

State Collaboration & Advocacy efforts

- Attended EFSP Set Aside Board meeting (5/16) – proposing change to allocation process
- Collaboration conference calls with Dane, Milwaukee & Racine CoC leads – these calls include DEHCR, HUD & Mike Basford (2/28, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19); only 4 CoC leaders mtg (3/1, 4/26)
- Met with United Way of Wisconsin Director to discuss potential collaboration (3/1). We have been invited to the next State meeting on WIRE (Wisconsin Information Resource Exchange) on 5/23 in Madison. Ryan & I will meet with United Way of WI staff and members of discharge planning committee to talk in more detail about the opportunities this could present.
- Attend WI IAC work group meeting virtually (2/28, 4/25); IAC Quarterly meeting (4/19)
- Meeting with 4 CoC & Governor policy staff re: budget (2/15); met with Lt. Governor (4/19)
- Met with Vivent Health Prevention Director and prevention navigators, along with Ryan, to discuss their staff becoming No Wrong Door referring partners (5/15)
- Participated in A Home For Everyone (AHFE) full planning meeting (3/14, 4/4, 4/25, 5/16); homeless track workgroup (3/1, 4/5, 4/25, 5/2); met with Beverly Ebersold (USICH) to confirm her & ED Jeff Olivet's participation (4/12); met with Developer panel members (4/13). Registration is now available!
<https://ahomeforeveryone.events/registration/>
- Attended HUD Milwaukee field office training: Common Findings (2/21) and met with HUD field office PHA rep (5/4)
- Coordinated discussions with other 3 CoC leaders & state agency staff on collaboration efforts, addressing issues & concerns =
 - DHS Medicaid staff (1/23)
 - DHS Homeless Services Provider Forum (assist with agenda, topics, materials, and answering questions) 2/27
 - Planning meeting for new housing/homeless group & State Health Plan including 4 CoC leaders, Mike Basford & DHS staff from multiple departments/divisions (3/2, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17) – beginning with a mapping activity of programs, funding, and services within DHS that impact or connect with homelessness
 - Met with DEHCR regarding HAP grant (2/28, 3/28); requested and received data related to funding recipients and levels for SSSG, ESG, and extra SSSG to cross reference with unsheltered PIT information
- Hosted an Advocacy Forum (3/30), prepared templates for Joint Finance Committee comments, compiled results of the JAMboard activity done during the Advocacy Forum; created an advocacy folder for members to use; watched live or recorded listening sessions of the Joint Finance committee in Waukesha, Eau Claire, Wisconsin Dells, and Minoqua.



Out of the Office: Out (2/16-17, 2/20, 3/20-21, 3/23-24, 4/7, 4/18, 5/11-12); Upcoming (5/25-26, 6/8-9, 7/3-7)

Upcoming:

- Staff are attending the CSH Conference in Philadelphia in May (Ryan & Meredith)
- Keynote speaker at Fox Cities Summit on Homelessness (5/31)
- Presenter at Brown Coalition (7/12)
- Attending NAEH in Washington DC, along with Capitol Hill visits (7/17-19)
- Attending the Leadership Conference in West Virginia (10/16-18)
- Presenting with 3 other CoC leaders at the NASW-WI conference in Milwaukee (Oct)