

November 2025 Quarterly Meeting: Executive Director Report

CoC Competition

- Waiting to hear/see what a potential NOFO will look like for CoC funds
- Processing possibility of cuts to PSH & RRH, limits to % we can request in those categories

CoC Organizational Activities

- 2025 Summit:
 - 9/10-9/11 in Baraboo, focus on system performance measures & advocacy
 - Almost 100 paid tickets
- 2026 Conference:
 - Theme: Stronger Together-Aligning Providers & Strategies to End Homelessness
 - Feb. 10-12, 2026 at Hilton Paper Valley, Appleton
 - Secured several keynotes & finalizing speakers (calls 9/25, 11/3, 11/11); anticipate registration release 11/17
 - Received sponsorship confirmation from Bitfocus, DEHCR, Hawkins Ash, & Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
 - Conference planning group meeting (8/18, 9/3, 9/17, 10/9, 10/30, 11/13)
- Preparing for November Quarterly meeting (virtual on 11/14), drafted agenda & gathered documents
- Attended Board of Director mtgs: 9/2, 10/7, 11/4; Exec mtgs: 9/18 & 10/22; meeting 9/30
- Staff – Supervision & meetings related to 2 Teams & joint projects
 - Grants Team – led by Meredith McCoy (Monitoring & Compliance Manager) with a focus on Marching to Zero for spending all grants and outcomes/performance; developed monitoring policy & risk assessment tool; identify training needs; review all CoC policies and create cadence for feedback and review.
 - Systems Team – led by Ryan Graham (Homeless Systems Manager) with a focus on building relationships, expanding partnerships & coalition support; TA for ESG funded shelters (Adam) and YHDP (Erika)
 - Website: in process, meeting bi-weekly to review progress, estimated preview date mid-December 2025, need pictures
 - 1915i collaboration with DHS: Adam & Molly are the points of contact. They are hosting a 1915i workgroup, reoccurring last Thursday of the month, DHS attends as possible, staff give updates, and the rest of the meeting is designed for agencies to discuss what is working, what isn't working, questions, best practices, etc.
 - Hired Homeless Systems Specialist, scheduled to start 11/24, joining the CE team
 - Working on team alignment, improving communication, creating more opportunities for feedback, and enhancing internal tracking and storage
- Action Plan
 - The 12-month period will be 9/1/25-8/31/26. The progress report is due 3/15/26 and the annual report is due 8/20/2026.
- Point-in-Time (PIT)

- Sent out HIC for August-Oct 2025
- Finalize July 2025 PIT data; Preparing for January 2026 PIT count (January 28-29)
- Working on revisions to PIT methodology, goal to release for comment and feedback before end of November 2025
- BOS Committee Support
 - Attended Finance & Audit mtgs: 8/26, 9/24, 9/29, 10/21
 - Attended Governance mtgs: 8/12, 10/14
- Local Coalitions/Agencies
 - Coalition Presentations on the “State of Homelessness” – the goal is to provide this for all coalitions by end of 2025.
 - The presentation is an opportunity to educate, answer questions, and create awareness of the crisis not only for those that work within the homeless crisis response system but also expanding beyond to other organizations, groups, elected officials who are all necessary to make change within the community.
 - The 5 handouts cover the following topics: CoC overview, Homeless Crisis Response System, Homeless Definition, Coalition specific data, and Advocacy.
 - The slides will cover: CoC Structure and Purpose, Homeless Crisis Response System, Data Driven Decisions, Role of Coordinated Entry, System Improvement, Advocacy
 - As of today:
 - ✓ Completed by Carrie: Brown, Central, Dairyland, Fox Cities, Jefferson, Ozaukee, and Rock Walworth
 - ✓ Completed by Staff: WinnebagoLand, West Central, Kenosha, NWISH, Washington, North Central, Northeast, NWISH
 - ✓ Scheduled in November: Coulee (Carrie-in person 11/18)
 - ✓ Scheduled in December: Lakeshore (12/9)
 - ✓ Scheduled in 2026: Southwest (2/19)
 - ✓ TBD: East Central, Waukesha, Rural North

Grant Spending – As of September’s invoice:

Grant Name	Status	Notes
SSO CE 25-26	Just started	Started 7/1. More funds for supportive services for each sub-grantee. 82% of grant remaining
SSO CE DV 25-26	Just started	Started 9/1. More funds for supportive services for each sub-grantee. 97% of grant remaining
HAP 24-25	Under Spent	Ends 12/31. 9 sub-grantees 24.5% of grant remaining to be spent
HAP 25-26	Starts 10/1	Just received contract (DEHCR). 6 sub-grantees.
DV RRH 24-25	Under spent	Ended 9/30. 21% of grant remaining. Funds remaining, approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rent - \$575,392 ● Supportive Services - \$489,315 ● HMIS - \$44,894 ● VAWA - \$7,108

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural - \$25,717 Admin - \$37,258
YHDP SSO CE 24-25	Under spent	Ends 9/30. 2.0% of grant remaining.
YHDP SSO 24-25	Under Spent	Ends 12/31. 42.6% of grant remaining.
CoC Planning CY25	On track	Ends 12/31. 52.5% of funds remaining
Bezos Day One Fund - Year 2	Just started	Ends 4/30/26. Year 2 started 5/25. 77% of grant remaining
HOME ARP	Just started	Ends 6/30/26. Increase in funding, increased # of subs to 17. 92% of grant remaining

- Grants
 - Submitted final reimbursement request for SSO CE DV (8/31), APR due 11/30;
 - Working on final reimbursements for DV RRH & YHDP SSO CE (9/30), APR due 12/28.
 - State HAP 24-25 desk monitoring – complete. No findings and 1 concern – insufficient client files. (date of letter 10/16).
 - Working on spending plan for remaining CoC planning grant – including RFP for youth engagement, strategic planning for board, Non-HMIS CE project, ICA data matching project, additional conferences for staff to attend, staff supplies, PIT swag, and conference 2026 planning
 - Submitted APR for SSO CE on 9/25/25 (due 9/28)
 - Working on final reimbursement request for SSO CE DV (8/31), APR due 11/30; DV RRH & YHDP SSO CE (9/30), APR due 12/28.
 - Working on HAP sub-contract, released this week
 - Reviewing RFP for YHDP TH/RRH Grant for Rural North/West Central
 - Preparing to onboard new YHDP system navigators starting 1/1
 - DV RRH new sub-grantees (PAVE, Hope House of SCW, and The Bridge to Hope) onboarding
- Collaboration:
 - MOU: Urban Triage – signed MOU on 9/9, period of performance 9/15/25-2/28/28
 - MOU: WAHRS – signed MOU, agreed to sponsor a session (pay for speakers and travel) and compensate YAB that attend their Fall Conference (9/30-10/1 in Sturgeon Bay)
- Match: Continue to focus on local coalition-level, committee, PIT, and Board match
 - Submitted proposal for a dues discount to Executive Committee and Finance & Audit Committee.
 - Set a minimum amount expected for all coalitions, establish minimums, and create thresholds
 - Tracking coalition level match
 - Board
 - Quarter 1 & 2 **\$28,003.72**
 - Quarter 3 (7/1-9/30) was due by 10/15, currently **\$6732.**
 - PIT
 - January **\$58,098.52**
 - All coalitions except East Central, Waukesha and Winnebago land
 - July **\$54,345.91**
 - All coalitions except Lakeshore and Winnebago land
 - Coalitions

- As of 11/1/25 and what is reported on the shared BOS chart: **\$120,599.70**

National Conferences/Trainings/Webinars/Meetings

- NAEH: Virtual Convening of Select BOS CoCs (8/18, 9/15); Advocacy is for Everyone webinar (10/15)
- CoC Convening National webinar (10/15)
- Rural Community of Practice (8/12, 10/14)
- WI Homeless Legislation – Jesse R. & Eric T (NHLC), Alec V (NAEH), Mike Basford (IAC), Teresa Reinders (Racine), & BOS advocacy team staff - 10/30
- HUD PC meeting: Urban Triage (9/11)
- Facilitated conversation with Michigan Balance of State CoC (8/13)
- COSCDA virtual presentation about Balance of State CoCs (8/26)

Advocacy

- Federal:
 - Looming CoC Competition – NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity)
 - There was an unsuccessful push to get language added to the Senate, then the House stop gap funding that was receiving approved to reopen the Federal government. That language would have protected CoC funds for the 2026-2027 grant year (honoring the 2 year NOFO process launched last in 2024).
 - Importance to continue reaching out to House & Senators to explain the impact on you, your organization, and the people you are trying to serve.
- State-level:
 - On November 6th, the following 3 bills were formally introduced in the State Senate. We are looking for partners to share the impact these bills would have on your community with decisions makers.

2025 Senate Bill 621 – introduced by Senator Tomczyk and co-sponsored by: Maxey, Melotik, Murphy, and Mursau. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues, and Forestry.

- This is the bill that would authorize the Department of Administration to designate public property for use as a “structured camping facility.”

2025 Senate Bill 614 – introduced by Senators Marklein, Quinn, Testin, and Wimberger; co-sponsored by: Dallman, Dittrich, Knodle, Krutz, O’Connor, and Melotik. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues, and Forestry.

- This bill establishes “pay for performance” requirements for certain grants issued under the Department of Administration grant programs with the purpose of alleviating homelessness. This bill also requires detailed data including personally identifiable information be submitted annually.

2025 Senate Bill 610 – introduced by Senators Hutton, Nass, Jacque, Wimberger, and Tomczyk; co-sponsored by: Donovan, Behnke, Dittrich, Gundrum, Knodl, Kreibich, Kurtz, Maxey, Moses, Penterman, Tittl, and Wichgers. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

- This bill adds that the maximum term of imprisonment may be increased by 5 years if someone delivers or distributes, or possessing with intent to deliver or distribute drugs on the premises of a homeless shelter or within 1000 ft of a homeless shelter.

Policy Development

- Revising Emergency Shelter standards following feedback from DEHCR
- Released RFPs
 - Created and posted RFP for Youth Engagement & System Improvement, originally due 10/29 and extended to 11/4. We currently have 4 submissions.
 - Created and posted RFP for Board Strategic Planning, due 11/14. We currently have 1 submission but several inquiries.
 - Staff finalized and released RFP for YAB proposals. Due 12/5. We currently have 0 submissions.
- Created a Compensation for Clients verification form and policy for distribution associated with the Monitoring/TA process, approved by Board (11/7)
- Grants team finalized revisions to the monitoring policy & risk assessment tool; worked with ICA to gather data to test the tool. Approved by Governance committee (11/12) & going to Dec. Board meeting.
- Working with Finance & Audit Committee on two proposals: data sharing agreement with ICA & non-HMIS CE system one time enhancements.
- Upcoming policies to be posted for comment/review:
 - Coordinated Entry Waiver Policy, application, and checklist – comments due 11/17
 - Program Standards for YHDP TH/RRH – comments due 11/17
 - Program Standards for YHDP System navigator – comments due 11/17
 - PIT Methodology (Kate) – plan to release for comment next week

State Collaboration & Advocacy efforts

- Collaboration conference calls with Dane, Milwaukee & Racine CoC leads – these calls include DEHCR & Mike Basford (8/14, 9/18, 10/9, 11/13)
- Attend WI IAC quarterly meeting virtually (9/17)
- Children Come First Advisory Committee (10/28)
- TAC Quarterly meeting (9/4)
- Coordinated discussions with other 3 CoC leaders & state agency staff on collaboration efforts, addressing issues & concerns =
 - DHS - Ending Homelessness Partnership meeting (8/6, 8/20, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29)
 - DHS – 1915i Check-in (9/12)
 - CoC Leader & ICA Quarterly Check-in (9/4)

Upcoming:

- Vacation (11/24 - 11/28, 12/22 – 1/2)
- NAEH Conference March 2-4, 2026 in San Diego, CA