

May 2026 Quarterly Meeting: Executive Director Report

CoC Competition

- CoC Registration FY26 released; completed 4/7 to include Ho Chunk Nation
- 3/31 – HUD released renewal notice for 2 out of the 3 Quarter 1 renewal grants. KHDS and CWCAC have received Q1 renewal award letters. No word yet on Newcap SHP grant which expired 3/31.
- 4/27 - HUD released an announcement of Q2 awards, grants ending between 4/1-6/30. Reviewing the list, all of our Q2 grants were renewed including the programs operated by: ICA, NCCAP, KHDS, CACSCW, WEST CAP, Walworth County Housing Authority, and WIBOSCOC.
- At the NAEH request, the Court held a status conference on April 27th - a closed meeting with just the attorneys that represent all parties in the case – to address our concerns about ongoing delays with FY25 renewal grants. **The Court has ordered weekly status reports from HUD** beginning next Monday (5/4). The Alliance will be monitoring these status reports closely, and update the field with any important information.
- 5/1 – HUD sent an email out notifying their intent to release the FY26 NOFO by June 1st. Applicants can expect awards to be made by 12/1. According to HUD:
 - *As the number of people living on our streets remains at crisis levels, HUD is committed to reforming its homelessness programs. The status quo of “housing first” and “harm reduction” has failed at great cost to those suffering on our streets and to working American taxpayers.*
 - *To support comprehensive community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness, HUD encourages participation and partnership from a wide range of providers, including faith-based organizations, law enforcement, apprenticeship programs, substance use disorder treatment providers, specialty courts, mental illness treatment providers, service providers within emergency shelter, and more.*
- 5/13 – HUD agreed to withdraw Addendum 1 entirely from all FY25 CoC/YHDP renewals (those being announced now for the 2026-2027 grant year).

CoC Organizational Activities

- 2026 Conference complete! Reviewing feedback and looking for finance close out (Hebron House). Also reviewing lessons learned and tips for 2027
- 2027 Conference planning: reached out to 4 hotels, met with 2, decided on 1 (La Crosse Center); secured contract, IT contract & agreement with Radisson for block of rooms. Staff planning mtg (3/12, 4/8), larger committee mtg (4/29, 5/13); working with Tourism Bureau; updating sponsorship ask & RFP for sessions; finalizing a theme and food. Conference SAVE THE DATE = February 2-4, 2027
- Prepare for & participate in Board of Director mtg (4/7, 5/5), special Board meeting (2/23), & attended Exec meeting (2/19, 3/19, 3/20, 3/24, 4/24)

- Received revised bylaws re-write from Amy Ebling (Ruder Ware), sent to Governance committee
- Staff – Supervision & meetings related to 2 Teams & joint projects
 - Website: One Branding is working on construction
 - Hiring new grant specialist & homeless system specialist
 - Offer accepted for 2nd homeless system specialist, anticipate start dated 6/1
- Action Plan
 - The progress report is due 3/15/26 and the annual report is due 8/20/2026.
 - Support staff are in the process of reviewing the progress reports & will provide feedback.
- Point-in-Time (PIT)
 - Completed HIC/PIT submission of January 2026 PIT into HDX in collaboration with ICA
 - Sent out HIC for February and March
 - Posted Board approved PIT Methodology, planning trainings for Spring 2026 (prior to July count)
- Local Coalition Support
 - Joined leaders in Dairyland at press conference and update with Lt. Governor (3/9); supported presentation about funding streams at Eau Claire Chamber meeting (3/23)
 - Presented at Southwest coalition – virtually (2/19)
 - Support the transition of grants previously held by Newcap in NE, NWISH, and Brown coalitions – including advocacy and meetings with state elected officials; Senator Baldwin’s office; HUD Field, Regional & SNAPS office; working with Newcap, House of Hope, & Foundations; participate in HUD TA triage coordination calls (5/5)
 - Assumed responsibility for Newcap DV RRH sub-contract including 16 households case management and rent payment assistance. Seeking alternative agency to take over the grant long-term.
 - Transitioned SSO CE, SSO CE DV, SSO CE YHDP, and HOME ARP funds to new CE lead in NE and NWISH – Foundations Health & Wellness
- BOS Committee Support
 - Attended Finance & Audit mtgs: 2/23, 3/23, 4/27
 - Participation in Finance transition conversation: 3/10, 4/24
 - Attended Governance mtgs: 3/10, 4/14, 5/12

Grant Spending – As of March’s invoice:

Grant Name	Notes
SSO CE 25-26	Ends 6/30/26. 21 sub-grantees. 36% of grant remaining
SSO CE DV 25-26	Started 9/1. 20 sub-grantees. 47% of grant remaining
HAP 25-26	Started 10/1. 6 sub-grantees. 70% of grant remaining

DV RRH 25-26	Started 10/1. 19 sub-grantees. 70% of grant remaining
YHDP SSO CE 25-26	Started 10/1. 13 sub-grantees. 63% of grant remaining.
YHDP SSO	Started 1/1/26. 15 sub-grantees. 84% of grant remaining
CoC Planning CY25	Started 1/1/26. 73% remaining
Bezos Day One Fund	Year 2 Ends 4/30/26. 1 sub-grantee. Working on carryover plan. About 27% left.
HOME ARP	Ends 6/30/26. 17 sub-grantees. 58% of grant remaining

- Grants

- Close Out

- Closed out HAP 24-25, YHDP SSO System Nav, CoC Planning Grant – submitted APRs
 - Coming to the end of HOME ARP and SSO CE (6/30)

- Replacement Agencies

- On April 24th, we received notice that HUD was in the process of doing the following things:
 - Foundations Health & Wellness for YHPD SSO Grant for NE/NWISH
 - House of Hope Green Bay for Brown PSH and Youth CoC RRH grants in Brown; SHP in NE/Brown
 - The PSH grant in Brown county serving 61 households will be transferred.
 - The Youth RRH grant in Brown County serving 21 youth households will be transferred.
 - The rural outreach grant in the rural 9 counties will be transferred.
 - The rural PSH grant that ended 3/31/26 will be transferred. However, we have no confirmation on the renewal of that grant – which should have started 4/1/26.
 - I reached out to HUD multiple times to find out what the plan or process is for transferring the 26-27 renewal of the rural PSH grant so that the 17 households currently enrolled continue to be served.
 - We are still waiting on information from HUD related to requested transfer:
 - Indianhead CAA for the YHDP TH/RRH Grant for Rural North/West Central
 - We will be transitioning SSO CE in NE and NWISH to Foundations Health & Wellness once we have closed out Newcap’s expenses for March.
 - Seeking a replacement agency for DV RRH in NE/NWISH. BOS staff continue to provide case management and rental assistance support.
 - Home APR
 - Completed sub-recipient monitoring for the 25-26 grant year
 - Received award letter for 26-28 grant year, however the submission was for 26-27. Working with DEHCR to resolve the issue.

- Collaboration:
 - Youth Engagement & System Improvement – IDEA Collaborative – met with Jen (5/12)
 - (1) System Navigation support and YAB recruitment **will be shifting to main focus*
 - Michelle has met with 90% of the system navigators and conducted interviews; compiled feedback with suggested action steps
 - Working on standardized onboarding trainings, the manual, and YAB curation trainings
 - Future action steps include: system navigator peer mentoring, restructuring the monthly meeting, in person ways for system navigators to meet each other
 - (2) CQI work **will be placed on hold*
 - Jen and Erika have gone through our CCP again and reprioritized some goals for the yab feedback; working on plan to gain more buy in outside of YHDP grantee orgs
 - Plan to review ICA reports to see if adjustments need to be made to our CQI report
 - Future action steps include: having a CQI pull structure, working on a statewide collaboration
 - (3) Systemic partnerships **will be placed on hold*
 - Jen and Erika went through our CCP again and identified the full list of initial partnerships
 - Jen has met with Ryan, Molly, and myself about which partnerships are more of a macro vs micro partnerships
 - Jen will work on a more standardized partnership process and be with us to have these initial meetings
 - Strategic Planning with UTECH – completed survey activity & 1st meeting (3/19); completed list for sending out surveys & surveys released; met with UTECH regarding upcoming meeting schedule 4/30.
 - In person with Board, ED, and Meredith & Ryan in Green Bay (5/18).
 - In person with Executive and Governance committee; Meredith, Ryan and Carrie – in person (6/4) in Green Bay.
 - Virtual follow up with Executive and Governance committee; Meredith, Ryan and Carrie (6/17)
 - Erika & Ryan reviewing progress related to the 4 YAB project contracts (WOW, Kenosha, Coulee, and Brown). **Note, this work will now transition to Ryan/me/Holly in the interim.*
- Match: Continue to focus on local coalition-level, committee, PIT, and Board match
 - Board – total **\$49,595.50** (5/1/26)
 - PIT
 - January **\$51,086.47**
 - July TBD
 - Coalitions – **\$19,091** (5/1/26)

Progress toward Goal	Coalition
Met or Exceeded Goal	Brown, Dairyland, Fox Cities, Jefferson, Kenosha, North Central, Northwest, and Winnebagoland
80% to goal or more	
70% - 79% to goal	Coulee
60% - 69% to goal	
50% - 59% to goal	
40% - 49% to goal	
30% - 39% to goal	Washington
20% - 29% to goal	
10% - 19% to goal	East Central, Ozaukee, Southwest
Less than 10% to goal	Central, Ho Chunk Nation, Lakeshore, Northeast, NWISH, Rock Walworth, Rural North, Waukesha, and West Central

National Conferences/Trainings/Webinars/Meetings

- Rural Community of Practice call – talking about National CoC coalition (3/10, 5/12)
 - Assisted reach out/outreach for other CoCs regarding NACCL
- Attended & presented at NAEH in San Diego, joined with Kate, Meredith & Ryan (3/2-3/4)
- Attended Webinar: NAEH FY26 Federal Budget Priorities (5/7)

Advocacy

- Federal:
 - On 4/28 – HUD published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), “Equal Access to Housing in HUD Program Revisions.” The NPRM seeks to remove regulatory provisions that protect access to HUD shelter and housing programs regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The comment period for the NPRM is open until June 29th.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/04/28/2026-08244/equal-access-to-housing-in-hud-programs-revisions>
 - The Federal Administration has received a budget proposal for FY27 that would codify the harmful approaches to homelessness laid out in the Executive order (*Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets*) and reduce or eliminate programs that make up the nation’s remaining social safety net. The President’s budget proposal eliminates the CoC Program and instead folds homeless assistance funding into a greatly expanded and modified ESG program that results in

a \$400 million overall reduction. [What the President's Budget Proposes for Homelessness in FY27 - National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

- State-level:
 - BOS staff was part of the planning, execution, and follow-up for the combined advocacy day (3/18) with Bos and the Badger State Housing Alliance
 - Erika was on the planning committee meeting monthly for 5 months, then weekly for the 4 weeks leading up to the day. Erika, Molly, and Abby scheduled meetings with legislators and crafted one pagers for the homelessness section talking points. Erika, Molly, and Abby scheduled and held a prep session with those attending the advocacy day that are from the homelessness services sector. Erika made the recruitment form and copy for the newsletter for prep and follow up.
 - Because of the blizzard, the day was pivoted to virtual, which some offices preferred. Of the 54 participants from Advocacy day, 30 were from the Balance of State. The day of, we met with 18 legislators from both sides of the aisle. We also met with the governor – who ended up vetoing the drug use cicero bill, we believe in part due to our advocacy.
 - As follow up, the Badger State Housing Alliance advocacy committee is reaching out to legislators we were able to meet with to continue the conversation. We are also planning to do housing report cards for those legislators during election season.
- Organizational Activities
 - Working on a demo for advocacy relationship management system
 - CoC staff are recruiting for coalition advocacy leads. Several have stepped forward!

Policy Development

- Revising Emergency Shelter standards following feedback from DEHCR
- CE committee finalized revisions several parts of the CE policy & procedure.
 - Board approved (2/3) – introduction, population, geographic areas, and prevention consent assessment referral
 - Board approved (4/7) – Reassigning Clients
 - Board approved (5/5) - access, eligibility, use of CE, and follow up
 - 5 more policies out for comment until 5/8 and will go to Board in June - After Hour Plans, Data Driven, Participant Consent & Pre Screen, and Privacy Protections
- Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and Youth Action Board (YAB) worked on revisions to compensation policies and these will be added to the June Board agenda
 - Transitioned to new agency:
 - Dairyland (UCP to Eau Claire County)
 - Northeast (Newcap to Foundations)
 - NWISH (Newcap to Foundations)
 - Rural North (TSA to ICCA)

- West Central (TSA to West CAP)
- Ended YAB: North Central
- Ongoing work:
 - Central
 - East Central
 - Rock Wal

State Collaboration & Advocacy efforts

- CoC Check in with 4 CoCs, Mike Basford, and DEHCR (2/19, 3/19, 4/9, 5/14)
- Working with Robyn (DEHCR) and Torrie (Dane CoC) to plan homeless track of the Home For Everyone (HFE) conference scheduled for July 29-30th in Pewaukee (2/24, 2/25, 3/27)
- Met with DEHCR (4/22)
- Met with WISCAP regarding Newcap (4/2, 4/7, 4/21, 5/11)
- DHS meeting with 4 CoCs (2/25, 3/18, 4/1, 4/29, 5/13); 1915i meeting (4/7)
- Participate in Children Come First Advisory Committee (CCFAC) meeting (4/28)
- Met with new Milwaukee CoC Coordinator – United Way (4/23)

Other

- Attended UWEC Non-Profit Leadership Training Series: Fund Development (3/11)
- Attended UWEC Non-Profit Leadership Training Series: Strategic Planning (4/16)
- Attended UWEC Non-Profit Leadership Training Series: Financial Management & Reporting (5/14)

Upcoming:

- Virtual WIPFLI Training (5/26 - 5/28)