

August 2025 Quarterly Meeting: Executive Director Report

CoC Competition

- Completed Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) and submitted to HUD (7/29)
- Awaiting potential 2025 NOFO

CoC Organizational Activities

- Conference Planning
 - Planning 3rd Annual CoC Conference in Appleton (2/10 - 2/12/26)
 - Planning mtgs: 6/12, 7/10
 - planning theme, keynotes, creating presentation proposal application, identify potential sponsors and topics
 - Planning for our **Collaborative Summit** (9/10-11) – registration is open, hotel block ends 8/26
 - Day 1: Jenna Gormal (End Domestic Abuse), panel, roundtable
 - Day 2: Tasha Mae – training case managers on advocating effectively for clients & how to teach clients to advocate for themselves
- Attended Board of Director mtgs: 6/3, 7/1, 8/5; Exec mtgs: 6/11, 7/17
- 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
 - Systems Team – led by Ryan Graham (Homeless Systems Manager) with a focus on building relationships and expanding partnerships
 - Ryan, Sara & Kate attended NAEH in Washington DC (July 2025)
 - Website: Adam continues to work with One Branding on website overhaul; staff scrubbed and re-posted website material.
 - 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.
 - Local coalition governing documents are required prior to 1915i approval. As of today:
 - 19 coalitions have approved governing doc
 - 2 complete pending coalition-level vote
- Action Plan
 - Action Plan 24-25 have been scored.
 - Coalitions should be identifying 25-26 goals and submitting selection forms. Goal selection deadline is 8.29.25. 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 May 2025-July 2025; new format in July.
 - Kate and Adam are the points of contact for the July PIT (July 23-24). Upcoming deadlines include:

- Data review deadlines – 1st (8/7), 2nd (8/21), final (9/4)
 - Other key deadline of 8/21 for the following: PIT match, unsheltered coalition letter, locations visited, and Post-PIT survey
 - Working on revisions to PIT methodology, goal to release for comment and feedback in Fall 2025
- BOS Committee Support
 - Attended Finance & Audit mtgs: 6/11, 7/17
 - Attended Governance mtgs: 6/10, 7/8
- 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 information can be presented by me or the coalition’s WIBOS staff support person; virtually or in person. Ideally, there will be 2 hours for the presentation (which includes time for questions and discussion).
 - Target Audience – your coalition members, those working with people experiencing homelessness, decision makers, elected officials or their staff, folks that you want to influence, etc.
 - 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:
 - 5 coalitions done – Brown, Kenosha, Washington, West Central, Winnebago
 - 1 scheduled in August – Central
 - 2 scheduled in September – Dairyland, Jefferson
 - 6 scheduled in October – Fox Cities, North Central, Northeast, NWISH, Northwest, and Rock Walworth
 - 7 – dates unknown - Coulee, East Central, Lakeshore, Ozaukee, Rural North, Southwest, and Waukesha

Grant Spending – As of June’s invoice:

Grant Name	Status	Notes
SSO CE 24-25	Closing out	Ended 6/30. Funds accounted for, have not submitted final eloccs draw yet. APR due 9/28.
SSO CE 25-26	Just started	Started 7/1. More funds for supportive services for each sub-grantee
SSO CE DV 24-25	On track	Ends 8/31. Working to ensure all funds are spent. 20% remaining
HAP 24-25	Under Spent	Received an extension from DEHCR until 12/31.

		9 sub-grantees still 52% of grant remaining to be spent
DV RRH 24-25	Under spent	Ends 9/30. 60% of grant remaining.
YHDP SSO CE 24-25	Under spent	Ends 9/30. 32% of grant remaining.
YHDP SSO 24-25	Under Spent	Ends 12/31. 66% of grant remaining.
CoC Planning CY25	On track	Started 1/1. 66% of funds remaining Will be used to support increased monitoring-related travel, and the Collaborative Summit in the Fall.
Bezos Day One Fund - Year 1 - Year 2	Under spent Just started	Finished out year 1, underspent. Has a plan to utilize some of the remaining funds. Signed contract for Year 2.
HOME ARP - Year 1 - Year 2	Closing out Just started	Total grant award \$200,000 (ends 6/30) Ended 6/30, working to close out grant Increase in funding, increased # of subs to 17.

- Grants
 - Submitted CoC Builds grant (Newcap) on 6/26
 - Finalized desk monitoring for HOME-ARP, no findings or concerns; received award letter for HOME-ARP \$355,000 from DEHCR, signed contract
 - Was not selected for the NAEH Workforce Innovations Grant
 - Completed HUD’s Issues & Conditions for the DV RRH, YHDP SSO CE, and YHDP SSO. Board Chair signed HUD contracts and I returned them to the HUD Field Office.
 - Work on closing out SSO CE grant and HOME ARP – both end 6/30; working on close payments and end-of-year reporting
 - Preparing SSO CE DV contracts; ends 8/31
 - Received extension on HAP until 12/31; conducted HAP 25-26 RFP process – reviewed apps, scored and ranked. Completed the DEHCR application including 6 sub-recipients, submitted with an extension on 8/6.
- Collaboration:
 - Urban Triage – sent draft MOU 2/5. Received email several weeks ago, staff met with Urban Triage staff, urban triage sent a new MOU. Feedback and comments were provided. Another version submitted. Additional feedback and comments provided. Staff met with HUD SNAPS staff about this situation.
 - Working with WAHRS on potential collaboration opportunities, including compensating youth attending the WAHRS conference
 - Received Ho Chunk Nation Resolution & Membership Application
- Match: Continue to focus on local coalition-level, committee, PIT, and Board match
 - Looking into possibility of doing a dues assessment discount for coalitions generating substantial amount of in-kind match

National Conferences/Trainings/Webinars/Meetings

- Request by HUD TA to provide information/guidance to Michigan Balance of State CoC (7/9), upcoming follow up meeting scheduled next week

- Attending Rural Community of Practice meetings (6/10)
- NLIHC: Advancing Homelessness Solutions Webinar (5/21)

Advocacy

- National:
 - Supporting NAEH, NLIHC, and NHLC's asks for support to reach out to our Reps
 - Met with Baldwin staff – 6/30
 - Tracking a variety of things at the federal level including:
 - Recent Executive Order – Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets
 - FY26 Funding Picture (House proposal, Senate proposal, now waiting for compromise)
 - Contract Language – no guidance received as of today's date
 - Current lawsuits
 - A coalition of DV, Sexual assault, housing, youth, and homelessness organizations field a lawsuit challenging conditions placed on federal grant agreements by HUD and HSS that target diversity, equity, inclusion, and transgender rights. End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin & Wisconsin Coalition against sexual assault are part of the plaintiff group!
 - A coalition of 21 state attorney generals has filed a lawsuit to block the recent multi-agency federal restrictions on public benefits. WISCONSIN is part of that coalition.
 - New proposed bipartisan legislation - the Reducing Homelessness Through Program Reform Act (S. 2234)
 - SAMHSA – ending SOAR TA center as of 8/18
- State-level:
 - Invited to participate in virtual, invite only summer skills series (Aug-Oct) sponsored by NLHC, NAEH, CBPP, CSH, NLIHC, and NCH. The 5 part series will cover topics like: Power Mapping, Creating & Sustaining Coalitions, Building Relationships with Legislators Session, Bridging the Divide with Conservative Lawmakers, and Crafting a New Narrative.

Media

- Spoke with reporter – Janella Mella (7/11)
- Responded to questions by WPR reports on recent Executive Order

Policy Development

- Revising Emergency Shelter standards following feedback from DEHCR
- YAB Compensation Policy v3 approved at June Board meeting
- CE: Bypassing policy and CE: MOU policy approved at July Board meeting
- Assisted with Proposed Bylaw Change for August Board meeting
- Upcoming policies to be posted for comment/review:
 - Working on revised Monitoring Plan & Risk assessment (Meredith)
 - PIT Methodology (Kate)
 - YAB Compensation Policy – addendum for trainings/conferences (Erika)

State Collaboration & Advocacy efforts

- Collaboration conference calls with Dane, Milwaukee & Racine CoC leads – these calls include DEHCR & Mike Basford (6/12, 7/10)
- Attend WI IAC quarterly meeting virtually (6/25)
- Coordinated discussions with other 3 CoC leaders & state agency staff on collaboration efforts, addressing issues & concerns =
 - DHS - Ending Homelessness Partnership meeting (6/11, 7/9)
 - DHS – 1915i Check-in (6/26, 7/31)
 - CoC Leader & ICA Quarterly Check-in (6/11)

Upcoming:

- Vacation (10/16-10/20)
- Staff attending A Home For Everyone (July 2025) – Liz, Sara, and Adam; Erika presenting
- Erika presenting at NHSDC (Fall 2025), additional staff may attend
- Presenting at the Inform Conference in La Crosse (Nov 2025)