Invitation for New Members
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River Valleys Continuum of Care (MN-502 Rochester/Southeast Minnesota CoC) is seeking members to participate in regional planning to prevent and end homelessness across southern Minnesota.

What members do: Members of the CoC work cooperatively to create local, regional, and statewide solutions to end homelessness. CoC members also act to implement federal requirements of the HEARTH Act. River Valleys CoC is the official entity responsible for HEARTH Act implementation in the region, and brings about $2.3 million to the region each year under the Act. To accomplish their work, members meet together monthly to discuss issues and opportunities, and to work on joint projects.

Who members are: The CoC includes representatives from governments, businesses, housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve veterans, homeless and formerly homeless persons, and any other identified stakeholder that benefits the mission of ending homelessness in our region.

The CoC strives to reflect the population of people experiencing homelessness in the region. To improve representation in 2019-2020, the CoC specifically encourages new members who represent the following programs and populations: employment and job training, crisis/emergency housing, hospitals, corrections, persons of color, and persons with lived experience of homelessness. Participation stipends may be available for persons with recent lived experience of homelessness.

How membership works: CoC Membership is unlimited and the River Valleys CoC has initiated an open invitation. Any person or agency may become a member of the CoC, if there is commitment to working together to end homelessness. After attending a few meetings, participants are asked to complete member forms and officially join.

How to participate: Join us monthly at the River Valleys Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting at 9:30am-12pm on the third Thursday of each month at rotating locations in Mankato, Owatonna, and Rochester. The full schedule of meeting dates and locations is available at www.threeriverscap.org/continuum-of-care/minutes. All meeting spaces are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Accommodations can be requested by contacting the Coordinator.

We hope to see you soon! Contact Jennifer Prins at (507) 322-3850 with any questions.