



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12pm – 1pm
Location: Zoom Call

1. Welcome and Introductions – Maggie Honaker

- Please subscribe to the Homeless Coalition Listserv for the most updated information from this coalition: <http://eepurl.com/cwoyDP>
- New team members?
 - Margaret Krueger – SHARE Center
- Additions to the Agenda?

2. Training & Presentations

- Ryan Wilson, Al Obayuwana, Hunter Gillaspie – UP Holdings
 - Development Project proposed for Permanent Supportive Housing in Battle Creek
 - 50-unit development, potential site @ 135 N Washington Ave
 - Ryan: ryan@upholdings.net
 - Al: al.obayuwana@upholdings.net
 - Hunter: UPHoldingsHunter@upholdings.net
 - Model using community empowerment roadmap
 1. Health & Wellness
 2. Education & Professional Growth
 3. Family Wellbeing
 4. Financial Health
 - Looking for engagement partners and feedback from the Homeless Coalition

3. New Business

- COVID-19 Grant Funding
 - United Way Disaster Relief Fund program is OPEN. UW reviews applications weekly. For additional information on categories and a copy of the application, please visit: <https://changethestory.org/disaster-relief/>
 - CERA (Covid Emergency Rental Assistance) program has officially started, and will continue through at least September 2021. Partners include Summit Pointe, Community Action, and Neighborhoods, Inc. **Call 269-966-1538 for assistance** or visit <https://ceraapp.michigan.gov>
 1. Covid hardship (unemployment, lost income, increased expenses)
 2. Risk of homelessness or housing instability (past due notices, notice to quit, conditional dismissal, etc.)
 3. Up to 80% of Area Median Income
 4. Up to 150% of Fair Market Rate
 5. Up to 13-15 months of rental assistance, based on eligibility
 6. Up to \$1500-2500 of utility assistance, based on eligibility
 7. Up to 6 months of internet stipend, based on eligibility
- HC Agencies' Updates
 - Takisha Jones – Salvation Army – Emergency Shelter Grant is now open. Link emailed to HC.

- Allison Green – MCAH – webinars upcoming.
 1. See <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/empower/#webinars> for a current list.
 2. See MCAH's YouTube channel for past webinars.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeLqZ_IVYAA5L6nFYxILKxA?view_as=subscriber

4. Updates on collaborative workgroups:

- **HMIS Data Quality User Group** – Whitney Wardell, Ashley Allred
 - Meetings have resumed every other Wednesday at 3:00PM
 - Ashley is the HMIS Administrator for Calhoun County and the primary contact.
- **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton, Cindy Carrier
 - Thursdays at 12:00PM weekly virtually
 - Waiting to hear back from the state on the status of “All Vets Housed” program
 - Chris Bitgood is providing outreach for Vets through the VA.
- **Interagency Services Team** – Ashley Andrews, Cindy Carrier
 - Every 4th Wednesday, virtually
 - 7/28 meeting for case managers across the HC
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
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- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
 - Limited face-to-face contact
 - Available by appointment, 269-964-8133
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- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
 - Meeting on the 4th Monday of the month.
 - Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if interested in participating
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- **Calhoun County Connect & VA Stand Down 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier/Ian Pegg
 - Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if interested in participating
 - First Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM
 - 135 blankets donated along with 70 pillows from McCamly Hotel
- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Ron Leigh, Christina Morgese, Todd Artis, Mitch Misiasz
 - Some concerns expressed over mental health care accessibility for unhoused homeless. Working now with True Care. Also needing additional supports from Grace Health.
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - Awaiting NOFA for HUD grants.
 - Board presentations and Board Vote expected at August meeting.
 - Reminder: HUD Exchange has some great resources located under their COVID-19 Community Planning & Preparedness Page. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-community-planning-and-preparedness>

5. Next Meeting

- August 17, 2021 @ 12:00PM via Zoom