



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, August 17, 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?
- Additions to the Agenda?

2. Training & Presentations

- Nicole DuPont, The Coordinating Council (TCC)
 - Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

3. Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership – Maggie Honaker

- The July Board meeting focused on allocations for the FY2021-2022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The following allocations were approved.

	HARA	HAVEN	BCHS	BCCF	TOTAL
Street Outreach		\$ 8,500.00			\$ 8,500.00
Emergency Shelter - Operations		\$ 5,000.00			\$ 34,909.00
Emergency Shelter - Essential Services		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,909.00		
Homeless Prevention - Financial Asst	\$ 22,000.00				\$ 115,028.00
RRH- Financial Asst	\$ 46,000.00				
Homeless Prevention - Case Management	\$ 15,000.00				
RRH - Case Management - Housing Stability	\$ 27,042.00				
RRH - Case Management - Homeless Prev Waitlist	\$ 4,986.00				
HMIS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,204.00		\$ 19,204.00
Admin Cost				\$ 14,403.00	\$ 14,403.00
Total	\$ 120,028.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 25,113.00	\$ 14,403.00	\$ 192,044.00

- The Board also proposed several amendments to the Emergency Solutions CV Grant, including Covid related scope for bathroom modifications, case management, application fees, flooring, staffing, and street outreach. These amendments are being presented to the state for approval.
- Board meets on Friday, 8/20.

4. 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
 8. Tenant AND Landlord email addresses are required for the portal.
- Direct Services Update – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
 - Haven – Women/Families shelter remains quite full, but availability for warm shelter overnight.
 - SAFE Place – Continuing to use hotels as overflow for high lethality cases. All services continue to be offered, some in virtual format, some in in-person format.
 - Battle Creek Homeless Shelter – upcoming dental clinic, exploring family shelter space options. Averaging more than 35 guests per night.
 - SHARE Center – Life programs underway again. Planning Open House in September.
 - HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell
 - No update this month.
 - Other HC Agencies' Updates
 - MCAH Training – SOGIE 101 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xIS5gz-hAM>
 - MCAH Training – Equal Access Rule - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvaY-uMp1xU>

5. Updates on collaborative workgroups:

- **HMIS Data Quality User Group** – Ashley Allred/Nancy Doyal
 - Meetings have resumed every other Wednesday at 3:00PM
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- **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton, Cindy Carrier
 - Thursdays at 12:00PM weekly virtually
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- **Interagency Services Team** – Ashley Allred, Cindy Carrier
 - Every 4th Wednesday, virtually
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- **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 Marsha Keefer at marsha@smfoodbank.org if interested in participating
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- **Calhoun County Connect & VA Stand Down 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier/Ian Pegg
 - Email Ellen Lassiter Collier at elcollier@safepaceshelter.org if interested in participating
 - First Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM
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- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Ron Leigh, Christina Morgese, Todd Artis, Mitch Misiasz
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- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - (16) Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) have been awarded to Battle Creek Housing Commission (BCHC), in addition to (5) EHV vouchers through MSHDA. The HARA will be providing case management for the BCHC vouchers, while the Haven will provide case

management for the MSDHA vouchers. Referrals may be made directly to the HARA or the Haven to be added to the voucher waiting list.

- The MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant was submitted July 30 to the state.
- We are still waiting for the HUD Continuum of Care Grant to be coming sometime in August. More news will be communicated once the applications are live.
- The State Action Plan will soon be released for 2020.
- The Calhoun County strategic plan is coming up for review this summer with the Housing Solutions Board. If you would like to be part of that endeavor, please contact Maggie Honaker at maggie@solveitforward.com.
- 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>

6. Next Meeting

- September 21, 2021 @ 12:00PM via Zoom