



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, September 21, 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?
 - Ron Leigh, Outreach Case Manager
 - Tonia Swager – Trinity Community Development
 - Paul Ecklund – Disability Network
 - Mike Zaleski – CISD
 - Ren Ballew – Gryphon Place 211
 - Mitchell Hough – VIP Program, Haven
 - Sgt Rabbit & Corp Tom Burke - BCPD
- Additions to the Agenda?

2. Training & Presentations

- Maggie Honaker – Permanent Supportive Housing, Nondiscrimination Policy
- Daniel Jones – InAsMuch House
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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
 - Ron Leigh – Haven Outreach, success with HARA applications/partnership with SHARE Center
 - Nicole DuPont – TCC – Recognize Vivian Davis for her Stand Tall Award – Congratulations!
 - Nicole DuPont – TCC – CHNA Prioritization Meeting upcoming
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4. Updates on collaborative workgroups:

- **HMIS Data Quality User Group** – Whitney Wardell, Nancy Doyal
 - Meetings have resumed every other Wednesday at 3:00PM
 - Nancy 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
 - Chris Bitgood is providing outreach for Vets through the VA.
- **Interagency Services Team** – Nancy Doyal, 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 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
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- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Ron Leigh, Christina Morgese, Todd Artis, Mitch Misiasz
 - Christina - Working with the HARA
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition is underway.
 - Board voted to reallocate dollars from HHAP to Women’s Life Recovery Program as part of Calhoun County consolidated plan
 - CoC Bonus applications are still available.
 - 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

- October 19, 2021 @ 12:00PM via Zoom