



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

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Tuesday, October 19, 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?
  - Helen Guzzo, CC Senior Services
  - Nancy Doyal, HMIS System Administrator
- Additions to the Agenda?

### 2. Training & Presentations

- Ian Pegg, MDHHS
  - Presentation on services and partnership opportunities

### 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
- Direct Services Update – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
  - Haven – men’s shelter has capacity available. Inasmuch house is close to capacity. MLRP and WLRP programs are doing well.
  - SAFE Place – pretty full right now in shelter, in addition to legal advocacy, counseling, resource advocacy, DV Awareness Month. Visit website. Contact Elaine Fleury if you would like more information on partnership with SP.
  - Battle Creek Homeless Shelter – will start providing overnight shelter for women, expected in early November – capacity of 10.
  - SHARE Center – Open House on 9/30, looking forward to capital improvements, expansion of case management services for homeless families.

- HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell, Kristyn Denison
    - Emergency Solutions Grant programs are ongoing
    - Emergency Housing Vouchers – partnership with BCHC
    - Case managers attending shelters bi-weekly to share housing services information
  - HC Agencies' Updates
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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
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- **Interagency Services Team** – Nancy Doyal, Cindy Carrier
  - Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.
  - Email Laurel Clark at [lclark@uwbckr.org](mailto:lclark@uwbckr.org) if interested in participating
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- **Interagency Services Team** – Maggie Honaker
  - Please provide email addresses for case managers to Maggie by 10/27/2021
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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](mailto: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.
    - CoC applications have been received and are currently being evaluated by the HSB.
    - The HSB will vote on ranking and prioritization of projects on October 25 special session.
    - The HUD CoC program competition grant is due by November 16, 2021.
  - 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

- November 16, 2021 @ 12:00PM via Zoom