



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, January 18, 2021 12pm – 1pm

Location: Zoom Call

NOTE: Technology Issues with today's meeting prevented many attendees

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?
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- Additions to the Agenda?

2. Training & Presentations

- No presentations today

3. Grants

- COVID-19 Grant Funding
 - CERA (Covid Emergency Rental Assistance) program has officially started, and will continue through at least September 2021. Neighborhoods, Inc. has assumed responsibility for the program. **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. **Must have rental arrears prior to December 20, 2021**
 4. Up to 80% of Area Median Income
 5. Up to 150% of Fair Market Rate
 6. Up to 16-18 months of rental assistance, based on eligibility
 7. Up to \$1500-2500 of utility assistance, based on eligibility
 8. Up to 6 months of internet stipend, based on eligibility

4. Housing Solutions Board Update

- Next HSB board meeting is January 28, 2022 at 10:00AM

5. New Business

- Direct Services Update – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
 - Haven – no updates available.
 - SAFE Place – no updates available.
 - Battle Creek Homeless Shelter – no updates available.
 - SHARE Center – no updates available.
- HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell, Kristyn Denison
 - No updates available
- HC Agencies' Updates

- Michelle – Summit Pointe – continuing to work with veterans who need assistance in our community
- Alfredia – Albion Healthcare Alliance – open enrollment season was successful. Focus on vaccination efforts. Healthy Babies initiative this spring.
- Kate – Senior Services – increased poverty limit to 250% of the poverty line for calendar year 2022 only.
- Christina – ISK Street Outreach – focusing on PIT count for 7 counties. “Push” for permanent supportive housing. Contact adjustments due to Covid protocols.
- Gerald – Calhoun Connect – first meeting coming up in early February. Recruiting new team members.

6. 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.
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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** – Maggie Honaker, Cindy Carrier
 - Need emails of case managers ASAP to Maggie Honaker
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- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Whitney Wardell
 - Rental Housing Roundtable was held on Wednesday, 12/15 and Thursday, 12/16 via Zoom. Topics covered included evictions, CERA, and introducing the new HARA. Will plan to meet quarterly.
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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
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- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - TEMP Plan will be implemented as needed, pending weather conditions. SHARE and BC Shelter continue to be open during the day.
 - HUD PIT Count coming up on January 26 (overnight) and January 27 (daytime). Battle Creek Shelter, Salvation Army, and SHARE Center will be participating during the daytime. Recruiting enumerators to help with daytime surveys – breakfast, lunch, or dinnertime.
 - 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>

7. Next Meeting

- February 15, 2022 @ 12:00PM via Zoom