



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, March 15, 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?
 - Keith Matthews, CPCS
- Additions to the Agenda?

2. Training & Presentations

- Community Health Needs Assessment Review – Nicole DuPont, TCC

3. Grants

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4. Housing Solutions Board Update

- Most recent meeting was February 18, 2022
 - MSHDA Budget Review by Fiduciary, BCCF
 - Update on HOME-ARPA funds – scorecard for project ideas underway
 - Haven/InAsMuch House to be primary contact for discharge from Bronson/First Step during extreme inclement weather
- Next HSB board meeting is March 17, 2022 at 10:00AM

5. New Business

- Direct Services Update – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
 - Haven – very busy with InAsMuch House. Space available at Men’s shelter. Recently rated one of the best veterans’ programs in the nation!
 - Battle Creek Shelter – staff involved with mental health trainings and working closely with First Step.
 - SAFE Place – Received Human Trafficking services grant. Services begin October 1. Focused on logistics and training now.
 - SHARE Center – working on annual report. Recorded 12,000 visits by more than 2000 individuals. Received ARPA funds for capital upgrades to the SHARE Center.
- HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell, Kristyn Denison
 - Working on budgets for ESG and ESG-CV
 - City grants are ongoing, within the city limits of BC
 - Working with providers to provide intakes onsite
- HC Agencies’ Updates
 - Housing Choices LLC (Diana Siscoe) – Calhoun County Waiting List is open through 3/31. Apply through the MSHDA site. 8 are on the Homeless Waiting List.

1. 30 HCV's to fill. 2 EHV's are left to fill. Oak Meadows has 3 x 3-bedroom units to fill.
2. Family Self Sufficiency Program – MSHDA funds in escrow while in program, 1-5 years in length
3. Key to Own Program – MSHDA subsidies available for house payments, up to 10 years.
4. Contacts: Michigan.gov/MSHDA. 517-524-2525. HousingChoicesLLC@gmail.com

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
 - No updates
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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
 - HOME ARPA funding opportunities upcoming.
 - 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

- April 19, 2022 @ 12:00PM via Zoom