



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

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Tuesday, July 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?
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### 2. Training & Presentations

- No presentations this month

### 3. Grants

- MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant local application forms have been received. HSB will review, prioritize and approve for submittal on Friday July 22.
- HUD CoC Grant NOFO expected later this month
- United Way – coming in September/October

### 4. Housing Solutions Board Update

- HSB meeting is Friday, July 22 to prioritize allocations for ESG 2022/23.

### 5. New Business

- Direct Services Update – Melissa Smith, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
  - Haven – reporting staffing shortages. New fiscal year has started. InAsMuch House is very full.
  - Battle Creek Shelter – Average of 31 men overnight. Women’s overnight shelter is full and turning women away. Seeing a number of mental health cases on the rise.
  - SAFE Place – Increasing capacity at the shelter. Reworking the admin position to be a community coordinator/fund developer position.
  - SHARE Center – Stacia Williams has joined FT as employment/benefits coach. HUD family case manager will be Lacey Mathey. ARPA construction updates are underway.
    1. Stacia Williams: [stacia.williams@sharecenterbc.org](mailto:stacia.williams@sharecenterbc.org)
    2. Lacey Mathey: [lacey.mathey@sharecenterbc.org](mailto:lacey.mathey@sharecenterbc.org)
- HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell, Kristyn Denison
  - HCV Waitlist – 7 new households were added this month.
  - EHV Vouchers – a few vouchers are still outstanding
  - Housing Choices LLC has a few applications available, including a 3-bedroom unit. Units are available at Oak Meadows and Liberty Commons.
- HC Agencies’ Updates
  - Battle Creek Police Department – Currently short-staffed with carnival event coming up downtown. Have recently seen some cases of sleeping under ramps.

- CAA (Gaylene Rowland) – water program available for households at or below 150% of poverty level. Deliverable fuel program available, needs SER from MDHHS completed.
- Gryphon Place (Renwick Ballew) – Seeing an uptick in calls, particularly requests for food assistance. Nationwide, new Suicide/Mental Health hotline (988) will be starting soon. Gryphon Place will be back up call center for this area.
- MCAH (Allison Green) – still accepting host sites for VISTA program. Homeless Summit scheduled for October 24/25. SOGIE 101 training webinar is available August 15.
- Southeastern Dispute Resolution (Marc Stanley) – providing mediation services, expanding eviction diversion support. Training will be available to community in October.
  1. [MStanley@sedrs.org](mailto:MStanley@sedrs.org) 517-990-0279
- LSSCM (Anna Moss) – working with SEDR to increase capacity for eviction diversion assistance. Starting to see rise in cases as federal programs wind down. Currently experiencing staffing shortages and slow downs due to a new case management system affecting capacity.
- Albion Healthcare Alliance – Food pantry started. Health and Safety Expo will be held on 9/24 for families with children who are 18 months or younger or pregnant.
- Trinity (Tonina) – Hosting back to school event in August. Community Rooms are available for use.
- Summit Pointe (Michelle Pascoe) – Veteran Navigator – working on blanket drive for the upcoming CC Connect/VA Stand Down event.

## 6. Updates on collaborative workgroups:

- **HMIS Data Quality User Group** – Whitney Wardell, Nancy Doyal
  - Meetings have resumed first and third Wednesday at 3:00PM each month
  - Nancy is the HMIS Administrator for Calhoun County and the primary contact
  - Next meeting is July 20
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- **Veteran by Name List** – Cindy Carrier, Michelle Pascoe
  - Meeting on every other Wednesday at Noon right now.
  - Hannah’s replacement will be joining VOA next week.
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- **Interagency Services Team** – Nancy Doyal
  - Next meeting is in person at the Haven on 7/28 at 2:00PM
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- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Whitney Wardell
  - Successful June Pizza Event. Starting to plan September.
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- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
  - New FT Employment and Benefits Coach, Stacia Williams, is now onboard.
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- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Marsha Keefer
  - Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 3:00PM.
  - Email Marsha Keefer at [marsha@smfoodbank.org](mailto:marsha@smfoodbank.org) if interested in participating
  - No July meeting
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- **Calhoun County Connect & VA Stand Down 2022** – Ellen Lassiter Collier/Ian Pegg
  - Email Ellen Lassiter Collier at [elcollier@safeplaceshelter.org](mailto:elcollier@safeplaceshelter.org) if interested in participating
  - First Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM
  - Event will be face-to-face this year. Event date is October 21, 2022 at Full Blast.
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- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Ron Leigh, Christina Morgese, Todd Artis, Mitch Misiasz
  - Please send referrals to Christina.
  - Office Hours on last Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM

- Street Outreach continues to be very active as unsheltered populations pick up.
- Potential reports of a homeless encampment where 400 meals are being provided each week – Street Outreach team and Haven CEO will follow up to provide services.
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
  - CoC Equitable Results Team (CERT) is just starting for Calhoun County. If you would like to participate, please reach out to Maggie

## 7. Next Meeting

- August 16, 2022 @ 12:00PM via Zoom