



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

**Tuesday, August 16, 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?
  - Carolyn Boyle, VOA

### 2. Training & Presentations

- Jean Miller, Nation Outside

### 3. Grants

- The MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant application has been submitted. The following projects were approved by the Housing Solutions Board.

	HARA	STREET-Haven	HAVEN	BCS	BCCF	TOTAL	Percentage
Street Outreach - separate from Emergency Shelter		\$ 15,100.00				\$ 15,100.00	8.2%
Emergency Shelter - Operations				\$ 15,009.00		\$ 30,109.00	16.3%
Emergency Shelter - Essential Services			\$ 15,100.00				
Homeless Prevention - Financial Asst	\$ 21,100.00					\$ 106,890.00	58.0%
RRH- Financial Asst	\$ 43,600.00						
Homeless Prevention - Case Management	\$ 14,100.00						
RRH - Case Management - Housing Stability	\$ 23,142.00						
RRH - Case Management - Homeless Prev Waitlist	\$ 4,948.00						
HMIS	\$ 2,744.00		\$ 8,744.00	\$ 6,948.00		\$ 18,436.00	10.0%
Admin Cost					\$ 13,827.00	\$ 13,827.00	7.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109,634.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,844.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,957.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,827.00</b>	<b>\$ 184,362.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- The HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO has been opened. The first webinar was held August 11.
- HUD CoC Local Application Forms are due by August 22, 2022 to Maggie Honaker.
- United Way – coming in September/October

### 4. Housing Solutions Board Update

- The HSB met on July 22 and August 9, 2022 to review, prioritize and approve funding allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant.
- The next meeting is on Friday, August 19, 2022. The focus will be the evaluation tool for the HUD CoC projects being submitted.

### 5. New Business

- Direct Services Update – Melissa Smith, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
  - Haven – Quarantined a few Covid cases. Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies available to share. This Friday is annual golf tournament to support MLRP. Family Shelter completely full. Men’s shelter has capacity available.
  - Battle Creek Shelter – Men’s shelter is about half capacity. Women’s shelter is full every night. Participating in CERT Listening Session tomorrow. Gloria’s Homes will be discussing recovery program on Friday.
  - SAFE Place – At full capacity. Are still screening for high lethality.

- SHARE Center – Stacia is new Employment/Benefits Coach. Lacey is new Family Case Manager. Construction planning is ongoing. CERT Listening Session on Thursday. Will be hiring peer support and recovery coach (October timeframe). Cafeteria full every night.
- HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell
  - TBRA (\$60K remaining) and CDBG (\$150K remaining) funding still running.
  - Some hotel/motel vouchers available for limited cases.
  - CERT Listening Session participation this week.
  - Albion services available on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- HC Agencies' Updates
  - CCSS – Helen Guzzo – Senior Fair at Kellogg Arena on Sept 8. 9AM-1PM. Expecting 100 vendors. Seniors 60 and older. Tekonsha Senior Health and Safety Fair on Oct 6. Calhoun County Fair table tomorrow.
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## 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
  - Coordinated Entry Focus – wrap in the SHARE Center grant component
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- **Veteran by Name List** – Cindy Carrier, Michelle Pascoe
  - Meeting on every other Wednesday at Noon right now.
  - All Vets Housed status still under review by the state. Cindy to contact Cecelia.
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- **Interagency Services Team** – Nancy Doyal
  - Next Meeting at the Haven on August 25.
  - Ongoing landlord focus
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- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Whitney Wardell
  - Upcoming Roundtable in October (after CERA)
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- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
  - Stacia has completed SOAR Training.
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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
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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.
  - Blanket Collection ongoing.
  - Planning to meet at SHARE Center for September meeting.
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- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Ron Leigh, Justin Heflin, Todd Artis, Mitch Misiasz
  - Justin Heflin has joined the team from the PATH Program
  - Biggest challenge reported is finding housing
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- **Coordinated Entry System – Maggie Honaker**
  - HUD CoC Local Application Forms have been distributed through the listserv and the website. If you would like a copy sent directly, please contact Maggie Honaker.
    - Renewal Projects
    - New CoC Bonus projects – up to \$29,835
    - New DV Bonus projects – up to \$59,670
  - Calhoun CoC Equitable Results Team (CERT) is now fielded. Boonikka Herring has been named the Chair.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- September 20, 2022 @ 12:00PM via Zoom