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**Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12pm – 1pm**

**Location: Zoom Call**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Nicole DuPont
   * Please subscribe to the Homeless Coalition Listserv for the most updated information from this coalition: <http://eepurl.com/cwoyDP>
   * New team members?
2. **Announcement**
   * Intersectionality between Trauma-Informed Care and Domestic Violence Training
3. **Training & Presentations**
   * LGBTQ+ Homeless Population -Jaimie Fales, First Congregational Church Battle Creek
     + Have showers available; accessible for those disabled
     + Are open and affirming to LGBTQ+
     + Barriers to access for those unhoused; safest and best housing shelter option; esp if non-binary or transgender; feel bias; advocate for reflective questions – are policies and procedures offer support/trainings/staff understanding
     + For legal purposes must use dead name or given name; they have to perform code switching for legal purposes

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1. **Grants**
   * BC Rotary Grant – Emergency Sleeping Mats
2. **Housing Solutions Board Update**
   * **Vote on MSHDA-CV funds $75k today**
3. **PIT Count 2023 – NIBC - Brendan**
4. **New Business**
   * Direct Services Update – Melissa Smith, Daniel Jones, Olivia Harvey, Robert Elchert
     + Haven – Ice Jam at Woodland Church
     + Battle Creek Shelter - business as usual - full
     + SAFE Place – business as usual – full; can serve age 13 and up who are survivors of sex trafficking (can stay up to 5 days)
     + SHARE Center – business as usual
   * HARA (Neighborhoods Inc.) Update – Whitney Wardell - $4k in ESG prevention; CV allocation
     + Rental Roundtable upcoming in next few months
   * HC Agencies’ Updates
5. **Updates on collaborative workgroups:**

* **HMIS Data Quality User Group** – Nancy Doyal
  + LSA submitted; PIT Count data next; SPM then submitted
* **Veteran by Name List** – Cindy Carrier, Michelle Pascoe
  + TBD
* **Interagency Services Team –** Cindy Carrier, Chair
  + Mt Thursday at 2pm
* **Rental Housing Roundtable –** Whitney Wardell
* **Income Increase / Employment –** Robert Elchert, Stacia Williams
  + TBD – Stacia is employment and benefits coach
* **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless –** Marsha Keefer
* **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven –**Ron Leigh, Justin Heflin, Todd Artis, Mitch Misiasz
* **Coordinated Entry System –** Nicole DuPont

Homeless Connect – 252 attendees; Next one is October 20th; appeal to join planning group.

1. **Next Meeting**
   * March 21, 2023 @ 12:00PM via Zoom

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