



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

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**Tuesday January 16, 12pm – 1:30pm**

Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - Lee Talmage or ELAINE HUNSICKER, TCC (for Nicole DuPont)
2. Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership
  - Elaine Hunsicker, TCC
  - ◇ Kent London, SP Housing and Tim Lieser, Catholic Charities are new Housing Solutions Board Members
  - ◇ HUD Grants Awarded for FY2017!! ALL projects for our county were approved. We will have our very first PSH project!! We received a total of \$311,584. \$6k more than the request; we did not get any reductions in funding which is fantastic. We did not get the bonus project - the website has all of the updated figures.
  - ◇ New CoC Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Form will be voted on this Friday at HSB Meeting. The Nondiscrimination Policy with a Grievance Form will be given to clients at Intake at all Access Points. This gives us an opportunity to ensure that we are all in compliance and serving our clients needs in a fair and transparent fashion.
3. Updates on collaborative work:
  - **HMIS User Group, HARA Update, Veteran by Name List** – Elaine Hunsicker, TCC
  - Vet's By Name:
    - Next meeting is on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at Summit Pointe Housing
  - HARA Information:
    - HCV wait list pulls have slowed down as to when they are coming in, but we are still definitely adding to the wait list to keep it built up
  - HMIS Information:
    - AHAR was fully accepted by HUD...yay!!
  - **PIT Count Update** – Elaine Hunsicker, CoC
    - As of right now, we have 14 volunteers. 8 are for the street count on 1/31. We only have 2 for the street count on 2/1. We need more for that street count.
    - As of right now, I'm looking at doing 3 teams of 3-4 or 4 teams of 2 along with a homeless volunteer.
    - We have plenty of volunteers for the dinner and the breakfast.

- We will be doing the count at 4 sites this year: Share Center, Salvation Army (confirmed?), Emmett Street Missionary and Freeway Church (Albion). Haven and SAFE Place are doing the Shelter count.
  - We have received cereal, feminine products, and blankets from Brenda at In As Much (a huge thank you to her!).
  - The PIT Count on 1/31 is a full moon!!
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – NO UPDATE
  - **ID Task Force** - Robert Elchert, United Way
  - **Coordinated Entry System (process and deadlines)** – Elaine Hunsicker
    - The CoC website has been redesigned to now include 4 pages; HSB, Homeless Coalition, Coordinated Entry and Funding. The CES policies, forms and presentations are on the site for public view. Trainings will be added soon.
4. New business, comments, and organization update
- Presentation by **BENJAMIN MOE, The ARK**
5. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2018**