



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

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**Tuesday September 18, 2018 12pm – 1:30pm**  
Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. **Welcome and Introductions – Lee Talmage or Nicole DuPont**
2. **Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership – Nicole DuPont**
  - HUD FY2018 Grant Submitted
  - New Policies in Place on Discharge Planning and PSH Prioritization (on website under CES)
  - Report was conducted on Racial Disparities
  - Haven of Rest has been approved to be a grantee and their funds will be reinstated through an amendment that takes place once the grant is executed. Therefore Haven of Rest will not have access to bill the grant beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Their start date to bill will be delayed until the amendment can be processed.
  - ShareCenter's application for ESG funding has been declined and their current funding is still placed on hold.
    - The CoC will have to reallocate the funds originally allocated to Share Center for the new grant year.
  - **\$32,461 that was designated for Street Outreach is now available for the following options:**
    - Street Outreach
    - RRH
    - Prevention
    - Additional shelter money to Haven
    - Or a combination of the above
  - COMPETITION is open CoC for Street Outreach funds.
3. **Updates on collaborative work:**
  - **HMIS User Group, HARA Update, Veteran by Name List – Victoria Huntington**

### HMIS User Group:

- Rescheduling user group webinar for Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The webinar link will be sent out prior to the meeting.
- This meeting will be an open discussion regarding data quality/clean-up. Users encouraged to contact Victoria about topics of discussion during the meeting.

### HARA Update:

- Security deposit assistance program available.
- 1 spot left for PSH. All family units are filled at this time.

### Veteran's By-Name:

- Next meeting is Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the HUD Vash Office at the VA.
- **Rental Housing Roundtable – Alisa Parker**  
Combo Landlord Rental Round Table and Housing Resource Hour - to increase attendance we are doing combo program to bring landlords and tenants together. Flyer passed out.
- **ID Task Force – Robert Elchert; SHARE Center taking requests; waiting list is until end of October; 12-15 appointments a week; always booked at least a month ahead**
- **Hunger Free Calhoun –next meeting Thursday at 9am at Food Bank**

- Sub-group is Homeless gap; conducted focus group with survey; couch surfing is included as homeless in this definition; finding out about barriers to nutritional needs and how getting food and how buying it; what are the options to get to nutrition not just getting food – Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 10:30m
- **Homeless Health Fair** – Elaine Hunsicker
  - Blanket Drive is under-way; need funding to cover groceries for the fair
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Nicole DuPont
  - Employment Resource Network (ERN) is a new part of our system
  - Info up on the website
  - Elaine is the lead
  - Will be a part of a Panel Discussion at MSHDA Fall Summit

**4. New business, comments, and organization update**

- Salvation Army, Suzi Gore
  - Will pay doctor's office that will pay up to \$200 of bill
  - Pathway of Hope: Case Management Program; helps families with a minor child; direct folks to help people with 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent and referral for resources – 12 month program; 12 month commitment – will stay with you for full 12 months – meetings take place 1x a month; can come in for groceries; any form of contact but need face-to-face 1x a month; can stay connected longer if need be

**5. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Officer Wilder to come quarterly – request.