



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday March 19, 2019 12pm – 1pm

Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. Welcome and Introductions with Organizational Update – Nicole DuPont, Chair

- Haven – 37 beds a night; Wet 33 beds a night; Goodwill employment project; In-As-Much 22-35 children a night; lots of families with lots of kids; Vet 19-22 people, WLRP 18-20 in recovery program; 8 men graduate from LRP; Street Outreach – Matt Jones is doing great with the program, has found new camps, destroyed camps and brought people back in to the Haven; 8 cases on SOAR; and new intern doing kid SOAR
- Grace Health – ped and obgyn together; bringing in data for homeless served
- Senior Millage – Senior Fair April 4th; Recyclerama; Transportation Flyer
- CAA acquired KZ County
- Senior Service SW will do PACE program of Calhoun County
- Fair Housing – conference 250 spots available, April 26 WMU Campus
- Salvation Army – Big Boy program; Pathway program – goal and guidance (5 openings); 12 month program
- Ark – March 29 – 2pm-4pm on Fridays; every other Friday
- SHARE Center – new website; Willard library creating computer lab and library
- Pet Smart grant – keeping Pets

2. Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership – Nicole DuPont

- HUD Funding - DeBrief

3. Updates on collaborative work:

- **HMIS User Group, HARA Update, Veteran by Name List** – Victoria Huntington

Vets By-Name:

- Next meeting is Wednesday, March 20th at 9:00 AM (not sure if they are going to have this as Vicky is out of the office)

HARA Update:

- HCV has not had a pull list this last month, but we are definitely still adding to the waiting list. Please make sure individuals/families coming have their homeless verification dated within 5-days of their appointment.
- Currently have security deposit program that assists with up to \$350 towards a security deposit only. Must have proof of homelessness, income, and receive either mental health or substance services. This does not have to come from Summit Pointe directly. The services verification can come from a primary care doctor or if they receive services from a different agency.

HMIS User Group:

- Currently working on a data quality exercise county wide. This is hitting all major agencies who use HMIS. This has been sent out to the representatives of each agency to be worked on.
- Going to be setting up the webinar meetings for local end users to join in on to hear updates from MCAH, data quality issues and clean-up, and major reports due to HUD.

Side Notes:

PIT Count final numbers are going to be uploaded into HDX by MCAH. Final count for the sheltered and unsheltered count is 228. MCAH is going to be working on the HIC report, so if we reach out to your agency to verify bed count and utilization for the night of the PIT Count that is what it is referring to.

- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker
 - April 18, Fair Housing, Sal Army 5-6:30pm – companion animals
- **Income Increase / Employment** – Elaine Hunsicker
 - 3 sessions; 9 employment requests; Friday at 10:30am
- **Homeless Health Fair 2019** – Elaine Hunsicker
 - May - 1st Wed of each month at 1:30pm
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Robert Elchert
 - Food Bank renewed interests
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Nicole DuPont
 - Add SOAR piece
- **PATH Street Outreach – Ahje**
 - 10 clients; working with Chris Rabbit

4. **New business and Presentations**

- Presentation: Anna Moss, Legal Services
 - Handed out pamphlets
 - Part of Michigan Advocacy Program
 - Eviction Diversion – Mondays 9am-12pm then 1:30pm-4pm (help about 350 households annually) Majority 3/1 nonpayment of rent (interruption in income that is eventually resolved but it's hard to catch up)
 1. Housing opportunity program –court work is only a part of the program
 2. Rental Housing Roundtable is helpful with resources; also discuss 2nd chance housing; also working on tenant selection criteria; working on larger list of rentals and selection info; collaborative work to bring in more landlords and discuss themes and services they can offer
 3. Creating a Conditional Dismissal Form; prob is that these people that they help may already have evictions
 4. Eviction Diversion program; pole can do intake with their office even after they receive a demand or a court date; the earlier they get to us the better; 17 day dismissal; idea is that no judgment is entered and it gets dismissed;
 5. Eviction from non payment – summons and complaint can occur; 4 district court judges know about and believe in the program – they will refer to Legal services to help
 - a. LS are getting more collaborative with the system over time
 - b. May have repayment agreement; landlords gaining more funds
 - c. Month to month and lease breach –resolution is about house sold, personal conflict can be a barrier, etc

5. **Next Meeting:** April 16, 2019