



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday August 20, 2019 12pm – 1pm

Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. Welcome and Introductions with Organizational Update – Maggie Honaker, TCC

- **Share Center** – resuming breakfast meal service M-F and keep dinners M-F. Life skills classes starting in September by Patrick (Haven Street Outreach). Looking to hire Employment Benefits Coach through AmeriCorp @ 20 hrs/week
- **SAFE Place** – new CEO Ellen Lassiter Collier has officially started
- **CoC** – Maggie Honaker has been contracted as the Director of the CoC and the new chair of the Homeless Coalition. Her contact information is Maggie Honaker, Solve It Forward Consulting, maggie@solveitforward.com, 269-317-8888 (phone/text).

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

- Chad Timmerman replaces Cheryl Beard at MiWorks! on the HSB
- Maggie Honaker voted onto HSB and replaces Nicole DuPont as Secretary
- HSB Bi-Laws amended to increase the maximum number of board members from 11 to 15.
- MSHDA ESG Exhibit 1 due August 30.
- Projects for HUD Competition FY2019 reviewed and ranked below.
 - Process discussed and questions answered.

Agency	Project	Project Type	Rank	Tier 1 (slot 1-5)	Tier 2 (slot 6-8)	Sum
Summit Pointe	HMIS Renewal	HMIS	1	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Summit Pointe	PSH Renewal	PSH	2	\$ 62,207	\$ -	\$ 62,207
Summit Pointe	PSH2 Renewal	PSH	3	\$ 65,102	\$ -	\$ 65,102
Summit Pointe	HHAP Renewal (slot 4 and 8)	SSO	4	\$ 19,607	\$ 13,413	\$ 33,020
The Haven of Rest	LRP Renewal	TH	5	\$ 88,330	\$ -	\$ 88,330
Tier 1 Subtotal:				\$ 275,246		
CoC	CoC Planning Grant	n/a	n/a	\$ 15,911	\$ -	\$ 15,911
Summit Pointe	PSH3 Bonus	PSH	6		\$ 60,431	\$ 60,431
SAFE Place	Domestic Violence RRH (DV)	PH-RRH	7		\$ 53,038	\$ 53,038
Tier 2 Subtotal:					\$ 126,882	
TOTAL						\$ 418,039

Applications for individual projects above are due 8/28/2019 in eSnaps. Combined project application is due 9/28/2019, to be completed by Nicole DuPont and Maggie Honaker.

3. Updates on collaborative work:

- **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing – 3 new team members being trained on system. Tara McKernan will be serving as the system administrator for our area.
- **HARA Update** – Trish Winchel – have funding available for discharged vets (regardless of reason for discharge) through September. Private landlords and corporate housing – can cover up to \$1500/person for housing assistance (only \$200 if Silver Star). PSH program has one project full, plus 5 people on the waiting list. Potential new landlord partner coming onboard. Summit Pointe Housing is for sale, which

caused a slowdown on placement for some units, state has now approved. Negotiating low-income housing for units by new purchaser.

- **Veteran by Name List** - Hannah Patton VOA. Next Vet by Name meeting is 9/8 at the Haven. Tuesday 8/27 from 10-3 at BC VA, Building 6. Functional Zero program, led by Haven, to get veterans back into housing as a priority, within time period. Achieving Functional Zero will provide community with more access to funding opportunities.
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Ann Moss. Landlord dinner 9/26 from 5-7pm at Salvation Army. Housing Resource meeting follows dinner to connect housing services providers and landlords.
- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert – hiring through AmeriCorp for Employment Benefits Coach. Contact Robert with any recommendations.
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark – monthly meetings reestablished. Project driven focus. Contact Laurel to participate. For example, a drive to collect kitchen items and supplemental grants to help provide additional meal services.
- **Homeless Health Fair Veteran Stand Down 2019** – Laura Stevens – 10/18, 830AM-1PM, at Full Blast. Food Bank is donating food. Need at least 400+ blankets donated on or before 10/17. Need a bag donor for 600 large canvas bags. Need cosmetologists to help cut hair. Need vendors – plan for 600 pieces to pass out at table – contact Ian Pegg at MDHHS to participate. Looking for volunteers to help with packing food bags at the Food Bank on Wednesday, 10/16 from 10am-Noon, and volunteers for the event on 10/18. Gerald is working with Win98.5 to schedule Podcast channel and YouTube video, also media coverage for Fair.
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker – no update.
- **Street Outreach - PATH and Haven** – Ahja and Cindy, Patrick – challenges with clients not ready to interact with PATH program, difficult into get to services, due to various obstacles, some issues with Summit Pointe. Summit Pointe Peer Support being added at the SHARE Center to help address and rebuild in community (Carli, graduate from WLRP). Ahja working at the SHARE Center every Friday. Chris to provide life skills classes on Tuesdays, 11AM, at SHARE Center. Women and children are less visible due to safety, trust concerns – continue to partner with Insasmuch. Officer Herbstraith is formally assigned as the BCPD officer working with homeless outreach with Carli, Ahja, Patrick, and Robert.

4. **New business and Presentations**

- None today.

5. **Next Meeting:** September 16, 2019 12PM – 1PM. United Way Lower Level Board Room.