



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 12pm – 1pm

Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Maggie Honaker, Co-Chair
2. **Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership** – Maggie Honaker
 - New Policy 11 – Homeless Coalition Local Funding Policy & Procedures
 - Be Scene On Air with Sherii Sherban yesterday (11/18) to talk about Homelessness Awareness Month. Lee Talmage (BC Housing Commission), Alisa Parker (Legal Services), and Maggie Honaker presented.
 - TEMP Plan will offer Volunteer Training in December on December 11, 12, and 14. Training consists of 2 x 4-hour sessions on a variety of topics to support volunteers working in a shelter environment.
3. **Updates on collaborative work:**
 - **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing
 - **HARA Update** – Trish Winchel – funding and grants are available for prevention of evictions, rapid rehousing situations. Section 8 waiting list is growing, to about 50. Booking about a week out.
 - **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton VOA – meeting each week, making strong progress. Built for Zero to kick off in January
 - **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Ann Moss – next event is planned in January
 - **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert – new employment and benefits coach started yesterday
 - **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark – focus is on emergency boxes program
 - **Homeless Health Fair 2019** – Lora Stevens/Maggie Honaker/Gerald – 442 people in attendance, approximately half of attendees were seniors. Program went very smoothly. Successful hire from MiWorks!. Feedback for future includes name change, 2 new co-chairs. Next year is Friday, 10/16/20.
 - **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker, no new updates
 - **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Ahja Surratt/Patrick Paradine/Cindy Kerr – planning phase for TEMP and PIT Count. SHARE Center and Haven received a burn grant for winter care kits, to be put together over the next couple of weeks.
4. **New business, Training, and Presentations**
 - Guest – Dr. John Bizon, State Senator
 - Closing of the Econolodge on 12/12 for 90 days for facility remediation – all families have been contacted and surrounded with supportive services
 - Chris Lussier – City of Battle Creek – working on 5-year consolidated plan, which informs and aligns how funding is spent in our community. Since July 2019. Will vote next May 2020. Handout on progress to date. Analyzing survey data now, developing themes, root causes. Focus group in December. Data Theming on 12/3 at BCPD Community Room.
 - PIT Count 2020 discussion, led by Tara and Trish from Summit Pointe Housing – need a number of volunteers, including dinner at the SHARE Center, lunch at Salvation Army, drivers to canvas counties. Tara will be putting together trainings for volunteers. Date has not yet been announced by gov't, but usually the last Wednesday in January.

5. Next Meeting

- December 17, 2019 @ 12:00PM

6. Community Meeting Contacts

What's Brewing meeting

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