



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12pm – 1pm

Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Maggie Honaker, Chair
2. **Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership** – Maggie Honaker
 - Next meeting is February 21, 2020
3. **Updates on collaborative work:**
 - **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing, Tara McKernan
 - Biggest issue is processing exit data in a timely fashion
 - This quarter is better than last from a data-quality perspective
 - **HARA Update** – Trish Winchel
 - RRH fund is starting to get pretty low
 - Prevention funding still available, with eviction paperwork
 - Grant supporting \$350 security deposits still available for those who qualify
 - **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton
 - CC VA office (Toeller bldg) interested in being on team for Built For Zero (Veteran homelessness)
 - **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
 - Landlord lunch on Thursday, 1/23. Noon. Goodwill Industries on Capital Ave. Presentation by the city on managing repairs, inspections, orders to vacate education.
 - Meeting every other month
 - Quarterly luncheon or dinners, contact Anna if interested in attending
 - **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
 - Ilesha Parson – new employment and benefits coach, working 9:00am-1:00pm M-F, also participating in SOAR training this spring.
 - **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
 - January 27, 3:00pm
 - Working on emergency food boxes. Designed for 3-day supply until a person can get to a food pantry or obtain food benefits. Have been piloting at various agencies. If you are interested in participating as an organization, contact Laurel.
 - **Homeless Health Fair 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
 - First meeting will be February 5. 1:30PM. At UW.
 - Meets first Wednesday of the month.
 - Date is Friday, October 16, 2020.
 - **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - Updating VAWA policies and procedures underway
 - HUD CoC Tier 1 projects have been approved! Congratulations to Summit Pointe and The Haven of Rest Ministries
 - **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Deborah Grays, Patrick Paradine, and Cindy Kerr
 - Deborah Grays is new with the Kalamazoo IST PATH team

4. New business, Training, and Presentations

- PIT Count 2020 update - Tara McKernan
 - Could still use some additional volunteers for street count from Wednesday 8pm-11pm or Thursday from 5am-8am. Training is needed (contact Tara to schedule). Will work in teams to canvas the county.
 - Cannot use the same data forms from PIT Count for Census. That count must be completed separately in late March. Food Bank is part of the Census and is available to come to lunches/dinners/pantries to collect information for Census.
- TEMP Plan Training
 - Maggie provided presentation on the new Temperature Emergency Mitigation & Provisions Plan.

5. Next Meeting

- February 18, 2020 @ 12:00PM