



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, February 18, 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
 - Revised CE policy and VAWA emergency transfer plan is on the docket for vote
 - City of Battle Creek will be presenting
3. **Updates on collaborative work:**
 - **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing, Tara McKernan
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 - **HARA Update** – Trish Winchel
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 - **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton
 - Meeting tomorrow, meeting every week. Need community support to locate all vets within the county. Program is now named “All Vets Housed!” Next AVH meeting is March 3, 1:00pm, at the Haven. Working towards a declaration of ending homelessness – BY NAME – processes in place to manage programs to house all homeless who want to be housed (focus on veterans) and stay housed.
 - **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
 - Next planning meeting is April 8
 - Next engagement event is April 23, topic of lead paint in housing
 - **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
 - Benefits coach is currently on medical leave
 - **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
 - 4th Monday of every month at 3:00pm. Over 200 emergency boxes have gone out. Working on ready-to-eat kits now
 - **Homeless Health Fair 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
 - First Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm
 - Looking into grant applications now
 - **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - Working on restructuring IST meeting, meeting on hiatus for now
 - **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Deborah Grays, Patrick Paradine, and Cindy Kerr
 - Deborah Grays is back from medical leave
 - Robert will send an invitation for the next Outreach team meeting
 - Starting to focus on Albion, building resources into that community
 - PATH looking at possibilities for evening support if we have leads available
4. **New business, Training, and Presentations**
 - Career Life Expo – February 26 from 1:00-4:00pm – will include 80+ resources and employers. Shuttle available from Michigan Works!

- PIT Count 2020 update - Tara McKernan
- Urban League and the 2020 Census
 - Kyra Wallace, President and CEO for Urban League, presenter
 - 2020 Census Hub for Calhoun County (one of 13 hubs in Michigan) – bring awareness, specifically to hard-to-count populations. Overcoming distrust and other barriers.
 - Census this year is online and is 9 questions long, click for each person in the household
 - Partnership with Michigan Nonprofit Association and the Battle Creek Community Foundation
 - Impacts public safety, schools, housing development, healthcare, various government functions, business development
 - **Need enumerators to help canvas individual households. \$21.05/hour.** Temporary work, from May to October 2020. Michigan Works! is one of the recruiters. Will be at Community Action next week. Will be at the Career Life Expo on 2/26.
 - March 12, postcards will be sent to each household to log into Census system.

5. Next Meeting

- March 17, 2020 @ 12:00PM