



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

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**Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12pm – 1pm**  
**Location: Zoom Call**

**1. Welcome and Introductions** – Maggie Honaker, Chair

- Please pass along this link to your network to subscribe to the Homeless Coalition Listserv for the most updated information from this coalition: <http://eepurl.com/cwoyDP>

**2. Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership** – Maggie Honaker

- New board member, Susan O’Dell (Ganton) was voted in at the March Board meeting
- Taking board member applications for the HSB
- BCHC – reported 982 applicants to recent Section 8 Waiting List Pre-Application. 70 people with current vouchers have been through orientation and are looking for housing now.
- CISD – limited resources available for McKinney-Vento youth
- VA – still issuing housing vouchers. DHS has established a help line at 888-733-7753
- Legal Services – remains open, but virtual. Visit <http://MichiganLegalHelp.org> for connection to resources. Alisa reported they are working with clients to stress the difference between moratorium and forbearance.

**3. New business, Training, and Presentations**

- Summit Pointe is providing continuous 24-hour Crisis Line & clinician support – 800-632-5449 for mental health, substance use, behavioral health issues. May also reach SP main line – 269-966-1460.
- COVID-19 emergency grant funding to-date (see below)

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Primary Objective</b>	<b>Amt Requested</b>	<b>Amt Received</b>
United Way - combined	Housing	\$70,875	\$70,875
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United Way - SAFE Place	Staffing, food, mileage, tech	\$6,657	\$6,657
United Way - SHARE Center	Food, staffing	\$7,000	\$7,000
Rotary (BC) - SHARE Center	To-go containers, water	\$500	
Rotary (BC) - HC	Handwash stations, water	\$1,000	\$500
Rotary (district) - Rotary BC for HC	Handwash stations, water	\$4,920	
Carewell Services - Summit Pointe	Housing for seniors	\$2,500	\$2,500
Carewell Services - Haven	Housing for seniors	\$5,000	\$5,000
Carewell Services - SHARE Center	Food	\$5,000	\$5,000
MCAH - Summit Pointe	Housing	\$10,000	
MCAH - Haven	Staffing	\$10,000	
MCAH - SHARE Center	Food	\$9,000	
Frankenmuth Insurance - Haven	Emergency shelter	\$10,000	
MSHDA ESG Advance - combined	Staffing, shelter costs, hotels	\$60,000	
PPP - SAFE Place	Payroll protection, utilities	35,000	35,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$279,052</b>	<b>\$174,132</b>

- Regional COVID-19 Quarantine site – Hampton Inn at Riverside Drive (63 rooms) – for those who don't have a home where they can safely return (per Health Dept referrals only)
- Shelters Update, coronavirus action plans – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Robert Elchert
  - Haven – continues to operate on a reduced capacity basis to support social distancing. The shelter is working on several maintenance and repair projects, anticipating a large increase in population in June.
  - SHARE Center – currently seeing about 20-40 people daily at the Full Blast shelter. Heritage Cleaners is partnering to help launder clothing. More than 4000 meals have been served over the past 4 weeks, with 30% going to vulnerable homeless currently placed in hotels.
  - SAFE Place – entering week 6 with new model. Seeing an increase in calls to the crisis line seeking need for services. All services are continuing to be offered. Courts are still hearing emergency DV cases.
  - Summit Pointe Housing – currently 76 people have been housed temporarily in hotels.
- People Helping People BC, <https://www.peoplehelpingpeoplebc.com/>
  - The group on Facebook is titled “Battle Creek Michigan Area Covid19/Coronavirus Grassroots Resource Network.”
  - Most recent needs voiced are related to issues with unemployment enrollment and lack of stimulus checks received
- United Way funding opportunity
  - UW-BCKR – have launched a disaster relief fund. To apply, send an email to [communityimpact@uwbckr.org](mailto:communityimpact@uwbckr.org) for more information
  - Applications are being reviewed 3 times per week and have been focused primarily on food, shelter, building remote technology capacity, and some hazard pay for frontline workers
  - Fund currently has a balance around \$139K.
- COPE Network has Narcan available, as needed for your agency. Please call 269-580-8290.
- Michigan Works! is providing unemployment support
  - Navigation and support only, cannot complete forms
  - Coaches are available to help via phone
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Sexual Assault Services presentation
  - Dannielle Kostrab & Laurie Hartman
  - ALL services are FREE of charge
  - 24-hour crisis line is 888-383-2192
  - Business office (counseling, etc.) is 269-245-3925
  - Housing & Sexual Violence infographic included below. Full presentation will be posted to our Homeless Coalition website.
  - Link to Chanel's story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oulxvBMF7Rw>

#### 4. Updates on collaborative work:

- **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing, Tara McKernan
  - Working closely with MCAH to track and provide data services, demographics, data to support crisis efforts
- **HARA Update** – Trish Winchel
  - Focus on temporary housing resources into hotels, shortened office schedule, reduced staff
- **Veterans Resource Group** – Hannah Patton
  - Meeting weekly through Zoom, coordinating housing weekly for vets
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
  - April event has been cancelled. Next event is in July.
- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
  - Services temporarily suspended except for referrals due to Vista furlough
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
  - Email update to be sent this week. Not meeting in person due to demand on Food Bank

- **Homeless Health Fair 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
  - Securing funding now. Still pursuing October event
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
  - No updates
- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Deborah Grays, Patrick Paradine, and Cindy Kerr
  - Outreach has been limited due to staffing temporary shelter at Full Blast

**5. Next Meeting**

- May 19, 2020 @ 12:00PM