



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 12pm – 1pm
Location: Zoom Call

1. Welcome and Introductions – Maggie Honaker, Chair

- Please subscribe to the Homeless Coalition Listserv for the most updated information from this coalition: <http://eepurl.com/cwoyDP>
- New team members?
 - Welcome Paulette Porter, new Summit Pointe Housing lead
- Announcements/Additions to the Agenda
 - FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) meeting today, hosted by United Way, for local agencies. Scope will include both annual and additional CARES support grant options.
 - A new source for face coverings is available, through SWMI Protective Gear Project. You may reach them through this link: <https://findthehelpers.us/request-form>.

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

- Taking board member applications
- Board meeting on 5/11/2020 centered around prioritization for a state-level emergency solutions grant for Covid-related expenses. A few action items are still outstanding before the Board’s vote, expected later this week.

3. New business, Training, and Presentations

- COVID-19 New Grant Funding, To Date

Organization	Primary Objective	Amt Requested	Amt Received
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	\$ 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	\$ 10,000
MSHDA ESG-CV	Housing, hazard pay, supplies	\$ 310,901	\$ 41,627
PPP - SAFE Place	Payroll protection, utilities	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
	Multiple Organizations, functions		
City of Battle Creek CDBG-CV & TBRA	Case Mgmt, Housing, Utilities, Legal Svcs	\$ 1,027,000	
	TOTAL	\$ 1,556,953	\$ 226,259

- Reminder: Regional COVID-19 Quarantine site – Hampton Inn at Riverside Drive (63 rooms) – for those symptomatic who don’t have a home where they can safely return (per Health Dept referrals)
- Shelters Update, coronavirus action plans – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Robert Elchert
 - Haven – Partnership is now established with Grace Health for testing. Supporting Full Blast, expected until end of May. Working with team to determine best solution for men’s drop-in

shelter that meets distancing requirements. No visitors or volunteers right now. Furloughed staff back by 5/28.

- SHARE Center – Serving 20-30 people daily at Full Blast Day Shelter. Distributing approximately 1200 meals/week, about 3x normal rates.
- SAFE Place – Continuing to work remotely. All services are maintained. Some staff will begin to transition back to the shelter next week, in phases. Developing additional protocols and procedures to open the shelter. Anticipate July timeframe to bring clients back to shelter at minimum capacity.
- Summit Pointe Housing – Continue to serve about 52 households in the hotels. Currently have about 1 week remaining on funding. Have applied for additional funds through various grants.
- People Helping People BC, <https://www.peoplehelpingpeoplebc.com/>
 - A group on Facebook titled “Battle Creek Michigan Area Covid19/Coronavirus Grassroots Resource Network”
- United Way funding opportunity
 - UW-BCKR – have launched a disaster relief fund. To apply, send an email to communityimpact@uwbckr.org for more information.
 - UW-BCKR will be shifting focus from disaster to recovery.
 - Priorities and clarity around PPE will be provided later this week for organizations seeking help in this area.
 - See attached list of organizations supported by UW-BCKR for the greater Battle Creek area.
- The Ark of Kalamazoo Presentation
 - Toni Newell, presenter
Supervisor of Outreach Services
Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo
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 - The Ark (youth shelter) serves youth, ages 10-17. Youth may stay up to 21 days and have access to services like physical exams, mental health screening, counseling, life skills classes, goal setting, school support, and help with families.
 - Youth Outreach (work in communities) includes drop-in events at middle/high schools or community centers, referrals, crisis calls, 90-day case management program, and life skills classes (ages 17-21)
 - Youth Independent Living (apartments) serves transition youth ages 17-21 and includes intensive case management, school advancement and/or job skills training.

4. Updates on collaborative work:

- **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing, Tara McKernan
 - No updates. Working on data reports with MCAH.
- **HARA Update** – Trish Winchel
 - New part-time employee starting – Paulette Porter, housing lead
- **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton, Cindy Carrier
 - Still meeting weekly. Currently working to locate all vets who may have been further displaced by COVID-19 in our community through Outreach.
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
 - Legal Services remains open. <https://MichiganLegalHelp.org> can help connect people to resources. Landlord face-to-face meetings have been postponed due to the crisis.
- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
 - Phase 1 reopening to provide phone support for employment & benefits coaching to start within the next couple of weeks
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark

- Will be meeting in June (Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if you want to participate.)
- Emergency Boxes program has been a big success for curbside delivery.
- **Calhoun County Connect/VA Stand Down 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
 - Looking at various scenarios of what the event might look like this fall, with social distancing and other measures in place.
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - Preparing for HUD and ESG (federal and state) grant cycles this summer.
- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Deborah Grays, Patrick Paradine, and Cindy Carrier
 - Outreach team is currently supporting and focused on Full Blast overnight shelter.
 - Team will be meeting by Zoom later this month.

5. Next Meeting

- June 16, 2020 @ 12:00PM

United Way Disaster Relief Fund

Battle Creek Expenditures

Total raised: \$798,855

Total dispersed: \$752,386

As of May 18, 2020

Areas of Need Funded



**Combination includes funding for staffing, food and other supplies necessary to keep a critical organization running.

Agencies Funded

- Alternatives of Battle Creek
- Battle Creek Family YMCA
- Battle Creek Tabernacle
- Burma Center
- Calhoun County
- Calhoun Intermediate School District
- Catholic Family Services
- Charitable Union
- Communities in Schools of Michigan
- Community Action
- Disability Network Southwest Michigan
- Family and Children Services
- Gracious Homes
- Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries*
- Neighborhoods Inc. Battle Creeks Ministries
- New Level Sport
- Region 3B Area Agency on Aging
- RISE Organization
- SAFE Place
- Salvation Army BC
- SHARE Center
- Senior Services
- South Michigan Food Bank
- Southwestern Michigan Urban League
- Summit Pointe
- The Haven of Rest
- Tri-County Labor Agency
- Voces
- Women's Network/Woman's Coop

*Resources granted in support of individuals last housed in Battle Creek.

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