



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, August 18, 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?
- Additions to the Agenda?
 - Lee Talmage discussed need for workgroup to understand and address the trends being experienced at BCHC where families are issued vouchers, but do not respond/hear back. Seeing fewer than 25% complete the full process and lease. BCHC has the ability to fund approximately 600 families. Asking for input from community partners to understand how to reduce barriers and increase response rate. Contact Lee at bchc002@netscape.net to volunteer and provide feedback.

2. Training & Presentations

- Disability Network Southwest Michigan
 - Miranda Grunwell
 - Presentation will be included with minutes

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

- No updates this month. Next HSB meeting is Friday, August 21.

4. New Business

- Shelters Update, incl coronavirus action plans – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Robert Elchert
 - Haven – received \$400K for Women’s Life Recovery Program at Emily Andrus House. Continuing to partner with the SHARE Center for the men’s overnight shelter at SHARE Center.
 - SHARE Center – still in process towards relocating to building at E Michigan Ave. Continuing to provide center operations through the SHARE Center parking lot for now. Restarted State ID program – Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00PM (call ahead). Pursuing partnership with the YMCA. Reconvening the women’s group and yoga programs.
 - SAFE Place – currently full based on Covid reduced capacity. Focus on high lethality cases for emergency shelter, including hotel vouchers. All DV services are ongoing.
 - Summit Pointe Housing – hired a new case manager to assist with the city grant and a new housing lead (Whitney) to oversee day to day operations. Whitney will be attending HC meetings going forward. Continuing to work with community programs on homelessness assistance and eviction diversion programs, with referrals from Legal Services, landlords, and direct contact. Currently completing about 6-10 screens per day.
- COVID-19 Grant Funding

Summary of Grants					
Funding Organization	Grantee	Primary Objectives	Amt Requested	Amt Received To Date	
United Way Battle Creek Kalamazoo Region	Summit Pointe Housing	Hotels (partner with Haven, SAFE Place, SHARE)	\$ 70,875	\$ 70,875	
United Way Battle Creek Kalamazoo Region	Summit Pointe Housing	Hotels (partner with Haven, SAFE Place, SHARE)	\$ 41,600	\$ 41,600	
United Way Battle Creek Kalamazoo Region	Summit Pointe Housing	Hotels (partner with Haven, SAFE Place, SHARE)	\$ 45,000	\$ 20,000	
United Way Battle Creek Kalamazoo Region	SAFE Place	Staffing, food, mileage, technology	\$ 6,657	\$ 6,657	
United Way Battle Creek Kalamazoo Region	SHARE Center	Food, staffing	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
Rotary Club of Battle Creek	SHARE Center	To-go containers, water	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Rotary Club of Battle Creek	Homeless Coalition	Handwash stations, water	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	
Rotary Club - District level	Rotary BC for SHARE	Takeaway Meals Service	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Rotary Club - District level	Rotary BC for SHARE, Haven	Handwash stations, water	\$ 4,920	\$ 4,500	
Homeless Coalition	SHARE Center	Handwash stations, water	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Carewell Services/3B Area Agency on Aging	Summit Pointe Housing	Hotel Vouchers for seniors	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
Carewell Services/3B Area Agency on Aging	Haven of Rest Ministries	Hotel Vouchers for seniors	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Carewell Services/3B Area Agency on Aging	SHARE Center	Food service for seniors	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	Summit Pointe Housing	Hotels (partner with Haven, SAFE Place, SHARE)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	Haven of Rest Ministries	Staffing	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	SHARE Center	Food service	\$ 9,000	\$ -	
Frankenmuth Insurance	Haven of Rest Ministries	Emergency shelter	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Marshall Community Foundation	Haven of Rest Ministries	Emergency shelter	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
MSHDA ESG-CV	Multiple, see below	Various Housing programs, hazard pay, supplies	\$ 310,901	\$ 310,901	
CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program	SAFE Place	Payroll, utilities	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	
CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program	Haven of Rest Ministries	Payroll, utilities	\$ 289,000	\$ 289,000	
City of Battle Creek CDBG-CV & HOME 2019	Multiple, see below	Case Mgmt, Housing, Utilities, Legal Services	\$ 1,016,334	\$ 956,334	
MSHDA Coronavirus Relief Fund Eviction Diversion Program	Summit Pointe Housing	Case Management, Housing	\$ 862,138	\$ -	
TOTAL			\$ 2,754,925	\$ 1,777,867	

5. Updates on collaborative work:

- **HMIS User Group** – SP Housing, Tara McKernan
 - Meeting on Wednesday at 9:00AM
- **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton, Cindy Carrier
 - Continuing to meet via Zoom. This format seems to provide improved connection for the team.
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
 - Working to educate landlords on availability with the Eviction Diversion Program.
- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
 - Support is available from SHARE Center (Employment & Benefits coach), pursuing SOAR certification
 - Support is available from Cindy at Haven for SOAR needs
 - The Calhoun County Service Center is open at Michigan Works! for people with high barriers to accessing assistance online. Mondays and Wednesdays by appointment only.
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
 - Next meetings are 8/24 at 3:00PM
 - Focus on school backpack program and emergency boxes
 - Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if interested in participating
- **Calhoun County Connect & VA Stand Down 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
 - Next meeting is 8/24 at 11:00AM and 9/2 at 1:30PM
 - Continuing to explore new models as the normal model is not possible this year (per the Calhoun County Health Dept)
 - Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if interested in participating
- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Deborah Grays, Patrick Paradine, and Cindy Carrier
 - Patrick will be back into the field in 3 weeks. Haven has hired a new overnight shelter resource.
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
 - 2020-2021 ESG Application has been submitted.
 - 2020-2021 ESG Application Exhibit 1 is underway, due August 28, 2020. We will review at the September HC meeting after the HSB has approved at the August board meeting.
 - Highlights from Peer-to-Peer call this week with HUD focused on themes like HUD CoC grant (upcoming in September), Wintertime Shelter Planning, potential changes to the 2021 PIT Count, and HUD Exchange resources.
 - HUD Exchange has some great resources located under their Covid 19 Community Planning & Preparedness Page. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-community-planning-and-preparedness>
 - Some examples include Housing Problem Solving, Racial Equity, and Justice System Exits

6. Next Meeting

- September 15, 2020 @ 12:00PM via Zoom