



## Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

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Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12pm – 1pm  
Location: Zoom Call

### 1. Moment of Silence for Antwoine Davis

### 2. 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?
  - Diana Siscoe from MSHDA
  - Stephanie Oles, MSHDA
  - Todd Artis, Haven, Director of Outreach
- Additions to the Agenda?

### 3. Training & Presentations

- MSHDA Housing Agency Presentation
  - Diana Siscoe, Housing Agent
  - Reported that Calhoun County currently has 142 housing vouchers, with 13 current openings. Pulling from the general waiting list as there is no one currently on the homeless waiting list.
  - Working with Liberty Commons, Oak Meadows, Silver Star on family placements
  - Reminder about Futures for Frontliners education program for first responders and essential workers to continue their education
  - Landlord programs available including a \$100 incentive for participating in the HCV program and some funding set aside for help with repairs after HCV tenant vacates property. Flyer is forthcoming.
  - MSHDA offices are currently closed and business is being conducted primarily via phone and email. Diana Siscoe to work with Paulette Porter about packets that need physical signatures at the HARA.
  - FSS and KTO are 2 programs available that are designed to support self sufficiency with savings towards downpayments or home improvements, subsidies for mortgages.
- TEMP Plan (extreme cold weather in Battle Creek)
  - Work being pursued in Marshall and Albion as well, to be announced in the future.
  - Presentation will be included with the Minutes.

### 4. Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership – Maggie Honaker

- Next Board meeting is November 20 at 10:00AM

### 5. New Business

- MSHDA Housing and Resource Fair – TODAY, Nov 17, from 6:00-7:30PM
  - <https://michigan.gov/mshdaeevents>
- HIC/PIT Count for 2021
  - Will be moving forward with both sheltered and unsheltered count.
  - Will look different this year due to Covid restrictions. May continue to work with partners from last year, but will need to be creative on how we reach unsheltered given Covid restrictions.

- Homelessness Awareness Month
  - <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/empower/#HAM>
- Direct Services Update, incl coronavirus action plans – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Robert Elchert
  - Haven – have open capacity. Women’s LRP program has been successfully launched.
  - SAFE Place – continue to provide non-residential programming virtually. Due to state announcements, they will be moving clients into hotels to promote safety and social distancing. Still accepting new clients, based on immediate danger – call 965-SAFE to speak with a crisis advocate. Hope to have everyone back into shelter by Christmastime.
  - Battle Creek Homeless Shelter – currently have a 56-person capacity, nearing that total with 50 people this morning. Offering meals 3X daily, laundry 3X weekly, showers newly hooked up. NOTE: Meals are available to the community at large, not only those staying in shelter.
  - SHARE Center – Drop-in Center has reopened, providing peer support for mental health and substance use recovery. Open from 9:00AM-5:00PM on Monday-Friday.
- HARA (Summit Pointe Housing) Update – Jamie Schook or representative
  - Have been operating with a skeleton crew since Covid outbreak. Staff is back now and working to catch up. May contact the general phone or email for questions and referrals. For a crisis situation, please contact Paulette or Whitney. Eviction Diversion program through MSHDA is ongoing and still has funding available through year-end. City grant dollars expected in early 2021.
- COVID-19 Grant Funding
  - United Way hoping to re-activate Disaster Relief Funding program, goal by Thursday 11/19. Add landing page
  - ESG CARES Funding NOFA will be released soon, to be processed as an Amendment to the existing grant, estimating about 125% of first round.

## 6. Updates on collaborative workgroups:

- **HMIS Data Quality User Group** – SP Housing, Tara McKernan
  - Meetings have resumed every other Wednesday at 3:00PM
  - New Level 3 page added for initial record.
- **Veteran by Name List** – Hannah Patton, Cindy Carrier
  - Thursdays at 12:00PM weekly virtually
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker or Anna Moss
  - No updates
- **Income Increase / Employment** – Robert Elchert
  - Limited face-to-face contact
  - Available by appointment, 269-964-8133
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
  - Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.
  - Email Laurel Clark at [lclark@uwbckr.org](mailto:lclark@uwbckr.org) if interested in participating
  - Cancelled for November
- **Calhoun County Connect & VA Stand Down 2020** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
  - Email Laurel Clark at [lclark@uwbckr.org](mailto:lclark@uwbckr.org) if interested in participating
  - Currently on hiatus until February for next year’s event
- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** – Deborah Grays, Patrick Paradine, and Todd Artis
  - Continuing partnership with Kalamazoo-IST
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Maggie Honaker
  - Reminder: 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>

## 7. Next Meeting

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