



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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?
 - Jessica Warner, Hood Church
 - Katie Ferris, Grace Health
- Additions to the Agenda?

2. Training & Presentations

- Lynne Olmstead & Katie Ferris, Grace Health
- 134,000 encounters in 2019
- Sliding fee for uninsured patients
- Can facilitate enrollment with Health Michigan Plan/Medicaid
- Fresh Food on Mondays at 10:00AM to anyone in need, in church parking lot across from Grace Health

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

- Presentations & discussion with the board from UPHoldings and Youth Foster Initiative.
- Discussion on upcoming CERA (Covid Emergency Rental Assistance) program and PIT Count.

4. New Business

- **HIC/PIT Count for 2021**
 - Will be moving forward with both sheltered and unsheltered count.
 - Expected date is Wednesday overnight, January 27, and Thursday daytime, January 28.
 - The unsheltered count will be modified this year to promote COVID-19 safety for both our homeless and our volunteers.
 - <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Conducting-the-2021-Unsheltered-PIT-Count.pdf>
 - Volunteers for canvassing today include Patrick, Raul, Mitch, and their teams. Whitney will be leading the event from the HARA. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact Maggie at maggie@solveitforward.com.
- Direct Services Update, incl coronavirus action plans – Ellen Lassiter Collier, Daniel Jones, Robert Elchert
 - Haven – Women & Families shelter is almost full but overnight is still available.
 1. InAsMuch House Direct Phone: 269-788-0965
 2. Haven of Rest Direct Phone:269-788-0960
 - SAFE Place – clients housed back in shelter now. Hotels as overflow, persons experiencing high lethality, immediate danger intimate partner violence.
 - Battle Creek Homeless Shelter – Working on processes and procedures. 40-60 lunchtime, about 100 people per day total. Still actively hiring.
 - SHARE Center – no update today.
- HARA (Summit Pointe Housing) Update – Jamie Schook or representative

- EDP grant program served 300 individuals in households through the end of last year.
- Looking at CDBG and TBRA programs housing services
- Hiring now for housing staff, ongoing staff positions and new staff to support the CERA grant.
- COVID-19 Grant Funding
 - United Way Disaster Relief Fund program is OPEN. UW reviews applications weekly. For additional information on categories and a copy of the application, please visit: <https://changethestory.org/disaster-relief/>
 - CERA (Covid Emergency Rental Assistance) program is in process, awaiting approvals through the state legislature. Expected to extend through 2021.
- Other HC Agencies' Updates
 - Catholic Charities – Youth Independent Living Program at the Ark (ages 18-21). Ark is still open (ages 10-17). Contact Brenda Barnes, Outreach Case Manager, at BrendaBarnes@ccdok.org.
 - Willard Library is hoping to open to the public, with 1 hour to use library services
 - Goodwill Industries (Cecelia Brooks) – computer lab has limited capacity in the building, 4 spaces in the computer lab with a time limit of 2 hours

5. 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, expect roll-out in February.
- **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
 - Services available by appointment, 269-964-8133
- **Hunger Free Calhoun – Homeless** – Laurel Clark
 - Meeting on the 4th Monday of the month.
 - Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if interested in participating
- **Calhoun County Connect & VA Stand Down 2021** – Laurel Clark/Ellen Lassiter Collier
 - Email Laurel Clark at lclark@uwbckr.org if interested in participating
 - Currently on hiatus until February for next year's event
- **Street Outreach – PATH and Haven** –Patrick Paradine and Todd Artis
 - Continuing partnership with Kalamazoo-IST – Deborah Grays has changed positions. Team in transition.
 - Mitch is new Housing Supervisor for the IST. Currently short-staffed with 4 of 7 positions filled.
- **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>

6. Next Meeting

- February 16, 2021 @ 12:00PM via Zoom