

**Kalamazoo County**

continuum



**OF CARE**

**United Way of  
South Central Michigan**



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# December Agenda

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Welcome/Sign in the chat

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Group Agreements

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CoC Updates

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Service Provider Updates

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Housing Updates

# Group Agreements

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- **Speak your truth:** Say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard, and your contribution respected. Be aware that the impact of your words on others may be very different from your intent.
- **When things get difficult, turn to wonder:** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or experiencing challenging emotions, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what she is thinking?" "I wonder what brought him to this place?" "I wonder what they are feeling right now?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself."
- **Identify assumptions and suspend judgment:** Our assumptions and judgments are usually invisible to us, yet they undergird our worldview. By identifying our assumptions, we can then set them aside and open our viewpoints to greater possibilities.


# CoC Updates

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# CoC Updates: Funding

- **CoC Mini-Grants(up to \$15,000) are available on a rolling basis to CoC member organizations.** Details can be found here: [Mini-Grants – Continuum of Care \(kzoococ.org\)](https://kzoococ.org/Mini-Grants-Continuum-of-Care)

# CoC Updates

- CoC will be closed from 12/23 through 1/3. UWSCMI will be closed from 12/24 - 1/1
  - CoC Grants manager role will be posted before the end of the week
  - RFP early 2025 to hire consultant to assist with 3-year Plan to End Homelessness
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# Winter Shelter Options

Westminster Presbyterian (1515 Helen  
Portage, MI)

11/19 through 3/27/25: Tuesday and Thursday  
10am-2pm

NOTE: Both Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and  
Ministry with Community relax their  
restrictions during extreme weather  
conditions




# What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count?

- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a point in time)
- Generally conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community





# 2025 Point in Time Count

- Thursday January 23rd, 2024
  - 5pm – 12am
  - Volunteers will be led by Outreach specialists and are required to take a 90-minute training. There will be both in person and online training opportunities
  - Volunteer recruitment information will be shared before the end of this week (this will include training dates)
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# Housing Choice Voucher Waistlist Update

# HCV Waitlist update

- HCV waitlist suspended July 1 due to budget shortfall. This impacted individuals/families on the waitlist.
- During this time MSHDA held listening sessions with HARAs / CoCs across the state
- MSHDA announced the HCV waitlist will be reinstated in Q1 2025 !!
- Before the waitlist can be reinstated CoCs must update Coordinated Entry Policy to reflect the use of By Name Lists and any prioritization factors for households referred to HCV Homeless Preference.
- Following policy approval by MSHDA HARA staff with active HCV waiting list portal access can add households using the approved Coordinated Entry policy, up to the total allocation noted for the CoC (<144 households)



# HCV Waitlist update By Name List

- Real time, up-to-date list of the unhoused population in any given community
  - Made up of various unhoused sub-populations
  - Created and monitored by HARA/COC
  - Prioritization based on CoC determined factors, assessments, available resources, and household eligibility requirements
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# HCV Waitlist update

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The CoC met with HARA and Access Point agencies (HRI, ISK, CCDOK) and Community Consultants to discuss prioritization:

It is acknowledged that this is an imperfect solution as there are not enough resources to all the families in need

**Proposed prioritization:**

Populating the list with people who are on the existing by name list by order of chronicity:

Unsheltered: singles/families

Sheltered: singles/families

\*utilizing data to determine the proportion of each group

# HCV Waitlist next steps

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- January SOC meeting we will look for additional feedback on CES policies
- Language will be created based on feedback. CoC Board will approve changes prior to submission to MSHDA

If you have an event or happening that you would like to share

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Send an email to [coc@uwscmi.org](mailto:coc@uwscmi.org) with a copy of the flyer and/or the details





# **Service Provider Updates**



# **Housing Provider Updates**



**Thank you for your  
partnership.  
Next meeting:  
Tuesday January 21st,  
1pm**

