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Subject: Update on Extreme Cold Weather Response

Update on Weather Response

Hello,

To those who are involved in responding to homeless and other vulnerable residents during this extreme weather, and those who are concerned, I am providing an update of efforts underway to assist those at risk. I will be at Ann Arbor City Council this evening to provide additional details as they emerge.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo

Mary Jo Callan, Director

Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development

Shelter Options

All community shelters are open, including: the Delonis Center, IHN/Alpha House, Salvation Army's Staples Center, and Ozone House. Housing Access is also open, and able to connect those in need with shelter options. Thus far today, Housing Access has received thirty-six calls from residents in need of housing and/or shelter. This is described as an extremely low call volume for a Monday.

In addition to the seventy-five people at its main site, twenty-five males in its rotating shelter, and sixty-five people in the overnight warming center, the Delonis Center has opened up during the day for those needing a warm place to be. They have loosened restrictions on substance use upon entry during this extreme weather. As of 1pm, they had eighty people utilizing their daytime warming center. They can accommodate up to 200, if needed. If someone arrives who is intoxicated to the point of being dangerous or severely disruptive to other guests, they are provided transportation to the Home of New Vision's Engagement Center.

Washtenaw County Community Support & Treatment Services - Project Outreach Team (PORT)

CSTS and PORT started providing intensive outreach several days ago to prepare homeless and other vulnerable consumers for this weather emergency. They have teams out today, and will continue to outreach throughout today and tomorrow. They report that they have placed several homeless individuals who cannot go to the Delonis Center in hotels. They are also outreaching to all at-risk CSTS consumers to ensure they have needed medication and resources to get through the weather emergency.

Warm Places

The following nonprofits and institutions are open for those seeking warmth:

Ann Arbor Locations -

Delonis Center (312 W Huron St) 24 hours Ann Arbor City Hall (301 E Huron) until 5pm All Ann Arbor District Library Locations (various - See www.aadl.org) until 9pm Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (on Industrial) until 5pm Homeward Bound (3501 Stone School Road) until 8pm University of Michigan Medical Center (1500 E Medical Center Drive) 24 hours IHN Alpha House (4290 Jackson Road) 24 hours

Ypsilanti Locations -

Department of Human Services (Towner St) until 5pm SOS Community Services (114 N River Street) until 5pm Hope Clinic (518 Harriet St) until 5pm Engagement Center (512 N Hamilton - for intoxicated individuals; must have referral) 24 hours St. Joe's Hospital (5301 McAuley Drive) 24 hours