

**Notes & Input**  
**Immediate and Basic Needs Homeless Workgroup Session**  
**October 2, 2018**  
**United Way**  
**11-12:30pm**

<b>KEY LEARNINGS</b>	<b>PROBLEM AREAS</b>	<b>PROVIDED SERVICES</b>	<b>WHAT WE CAN DO WITHIN 30 DAYS</b>
Bundling of resources	Need to look at policies that impact individual and service delivery	Funding cuts impact level of services provided	Mobile food delivery in location where people are
Homeless population steadily increasing in the city/county	Access to housing being denied due to past credit issues	Potential for Community Benefits Agreements	Conversations to take place at Kalamazoo Gospel Mission (KGM) regarding potential extension of encampment time beyond 10-5 (the original commitment was to only have operational until 10-5)
Need for sincerity	Earned (hourly) wages aren't enough for renters	Transportation available but not always the best for quality of life	Acquire more volunteers to provide service assistance to people
The feeling that \$\$\$ is more important than people	Unawareness by service providers/community of barriers experienced by people	Shifting eligibility requirements out of control of service providers	On-site services available
	Not enough volunteers in places offering services	Financing for execution of <i>Housing First</i> strategies (not currently the operating model)	Safe location for people to relocate
	Reentry or past involvement with criminal justice system is a barrier		
	Separation of families and support system		
	The need to put roofs over people's heads immediately		
	Challenges in job market & entry into living wage jobs		
	Not enough public dialogue		
	Fees that feel like people are penalized for trying to advance (poor tax)		

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	Lack of timely communication to people about much of the good work already happening		
	Stigma		
	Stringent/unreasonable eligibility guidelines		
	Levels of control & who can make change		