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The Wood County Commission is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents, especially during periods of extreme weather. To provide a clear, consistent, and effective process for individuals and families seeking emergency warming shelter placement, the Commission is designating **United Way** as the primary point of contact for all homelessness-related referrals during cold-weather events.

Last year, several organizations established pop-up shelters in our area. The Commission was approached regarding funding and the operation of these shelters. At that time, these concerns were referred to the Wood County Health Department and the County Emergency Management Division.

During this event, it became evident that there was little to no coordination or communication among shelters. The Commission believes that a streamlined and organized point of contact is necessary to address these issues.

Working with United Way, the Commission aims to ensure that shelters requesting assistance meet required guidelines to ensure the legal compliance and safety of both occupants and staff in pop-up or established emergency shelters.

This partnership will help ensure timely responses, reduce confusion, and improve coordination across the community. The Wood County Commission appreciates the continued collaboration of United Way and our local service organizations as we work together to protect vulnerable individuals during the winter season.

For assistance or additional information, community members may contact United Way at sdecicco@uwamov.com or 304-580-0570.

Sincerely,

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

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