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**Weekly Provider Webinar:
Statewide Updates on COVID-19 and Homelessness**

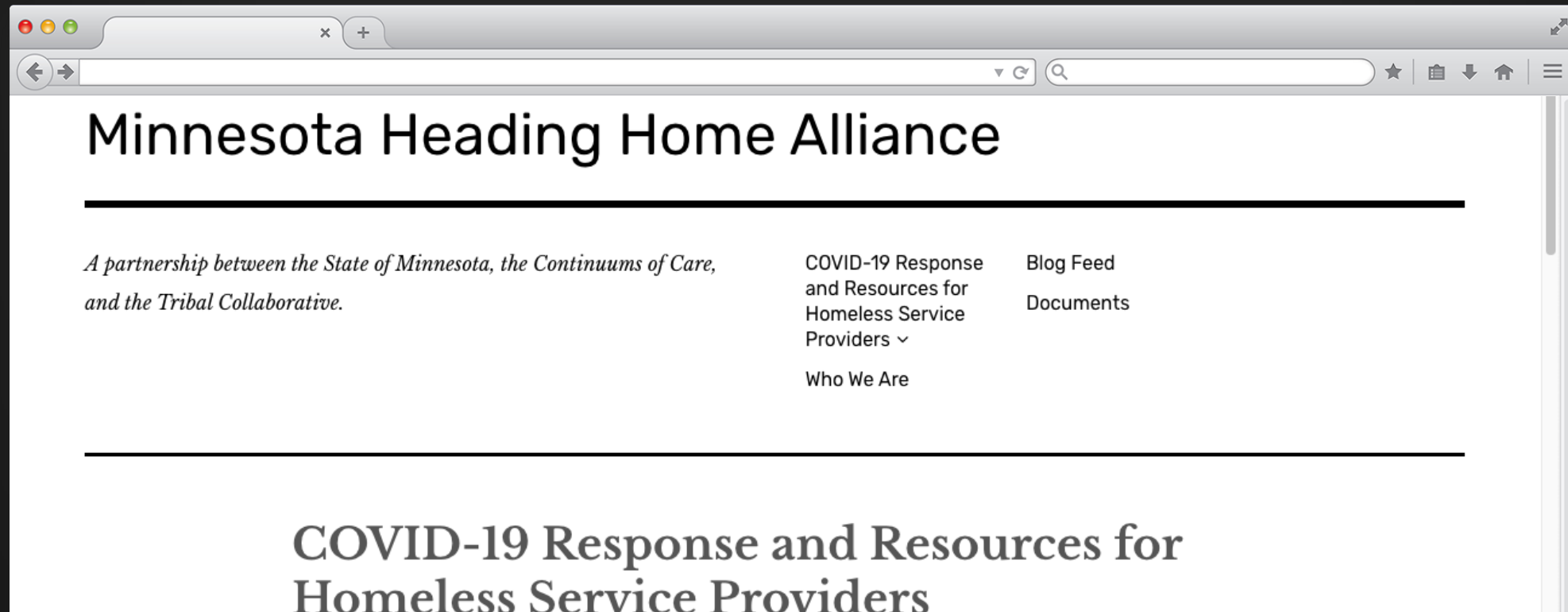
June 10, 2020

Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:30	Important updates from the State of Minnesota
1:30 – 1:55	Questions and answers
1:55 – 2:00	Closing remarks and adjourn

Visit the Heading Home Alliance COVID-19 page

- Latest resources, guidance, and contact lists
- <https://headinghomealliance.com/covid-19-response/>



We need your help spreading the word

- For announcements about these calls, sign up for Minnesota Housing's eNews
- <http://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/enews>
- Select "Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness"
- **Please encourage your colleagues to do so!**

MDH Interim Testing Recommendations

Testing of Individual Guests

- Guests with symptoms should be immediately isolated and tested
- Testing quarantine asymptomatic guests (for example, on day 7 or day 14)

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Testing of Symptomatic Individual Staff and Volunteers

- Active screening of staff and volunteers includes a temperature check **and** asking about symptoms
- Staff should not work while sick, even if presenting with mild signs or symptoms

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Testing of Asymptomatic Individual Staff and Volunteers

- Close contacts should be excluded from work for 14 days
- MDH recommends testing at day 12 before returning to work after 14 days

*Staff and volunteers identified as a contact who must continue to work should wear a mask for source control and be tested at day 7 and day 12 after the date of last exposure to the case.

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Point Prevalence Surveys

- PPS include staff and guests
- Must be prepared for large numbers of positives (isolation)
- When planning, think about a small number (less than 10) versus a large number of cases
- Staff who test positive must stay out of work for a minimum of 10 days after onset of symptoms or date of test if asymptomatic

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Point Prevalence Surveys

Situations when a PPS might be appropriate include (but are not limited to):

- 2 or more guests/staff are test-confirmed within 72 hours
- 4 or more individuals have COVID-compatible symptoms within 72 hours
- A staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and working in the setting while ill or worked in the 48 hours prior to developing symptoms and had close contact with staff and guests

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Planning for a PPS

- A clear plan is required for all aspects of a PPS:
 - Communication with staff, guests, their families, and possibly the public
 - Logistics of specimen collection, transport to lab, and reporting results to staff and guests
 - Medical monitoring of positive guests
 - Staff training on use of PPE
 - Points of contact at MDH, local public health

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PPS Results & Follow-up

- A negative test only indicates that an individual, unit, or setting did not have detectable virus at the time of testing, repeat testing might be needed.
- We generally recommended repeat PPS 7 days after the previous event if positives were identified.

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Cohorting COVID-19 Cases

- If the number of cases exceeds available individual isolation space, cohorting should be done to separate test-confirmed positives from those who are asymptomatic or have tested negative.

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Modified PPS: Testing Units and Buildings

- Sometimes a full PPS is not indicated or practical, in which case a PPS for targeted units, floors, or buildings should be considered.

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Questions?

- Contact Blair Harrison – blair.harrison@state.mn.us
- Find the full testing guidance [document here.](#)

ESG – CV Funding

- Many moving parts impacting decisions around ESG-CV Funding (CARES Act)
- We were waiting for 2nd Allocation to finalize RFP plans. Expected the 2nd Allocation to be a) announced in May *and* b) be much smaller than 1st
- Yesterday, June 9th, HUD finally announced ESG 2nd Allocations (ESG-CV2).

FY2020 Allocations - MN ESG-CV 1&2				
NAME	ESG-CV1	ESG-CV2	TOTAL ESG-CV \$\$	% of MN Funds
Minneapolis	\$3,349,493	\$9,697,637	\$13,047,130	24%
Hennepin County	\$878,034	\$3,577,788	\$4,455,822	8%
St Paul	\$2,049,510	\$5,943,414	\$7,992,924	15%
Duluth	\$719,669	\$1,252,530	\$1,972,199	4%
Dakota County	\$571,921	\$1,537,643	\$2,109,564	4%
St Louis County	\$578,797	\$948,615	\$1,527,412	3%
Total ESG Entitlement Awards			\$31,105,051	58%
Minnesota Balance of State	\$7,590,148	\$15,253,281	\$22,843,429	42%
			\$53,948,480	

- **With the late, large award of ESG-CV2 funding:**
 - Decided to proceed with doing 2 separate disbursements . . .
 - \$7.5M - Want to have funds out quickly. Have Oct. 1 start date if at all possible.
 - Over the next week, several large CRF proposals moving thru legislature, etc.
 - Will help us prioritize the most critical/logical activities to include in RFP #1.
 - DHS takes a long time to get RFPs etc. approved,
- ESG-CV2: (15.8M)
 - Planning underway for a larger scale citizen participation process
 - CoC regions will be important part of this.
 - Second RFP will be produced from that process.
 - Later contract effective date due to additional process/time.

Coronavirus Relief Funding (CRF) Proposals

The Governor's **At-Risk Populations Work Group** develops and implements near and long-term strategies and guidance for populations facing increased COVID-19 risks to protect health and safety and provide person-centered care and housing/alternative sites (outside of inpatient hospitals).

Seven proposed uses of Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) developed by At-Risk Populations work group:

1. **Isolation Space**
2. Enhanced Homecare Benefit
3. **Shelter Response (Homelessness/Victim Services)**
4. **Emergency Housing Assistance**
5. Client Transportation for Greater Minnesota
6. **Emergency Temporary Staffing Pool**
7. MNsure Navigator Fee for COVID Diagnostic Coverage

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Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!