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

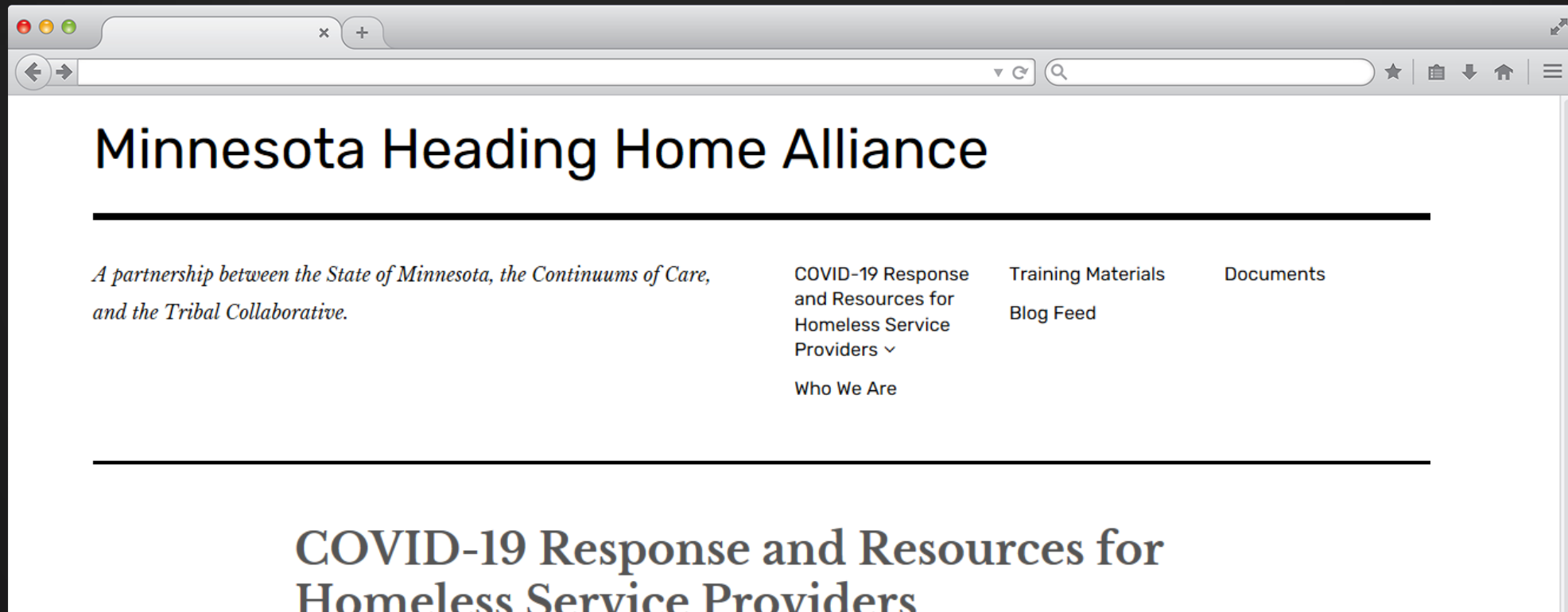
October 7, 2020

# Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:35	Important updates from the State of Minnesota
1:35 – 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!**

# Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) Request for Proposal

- **RFP published: Monday, October 12th!**
  - Between \$14-15 million available
- **Eligible applicants:**
  - Non-profits and local units of government
- **Eligible Activities:**
  - Emergency Shelter: Motel/hotel, temporary shelters, drop-in center, and day/overnight warming shelters
  - Homelessness Prevention: Includes those persons HUD considers at-risk of homelessness (e.g. temporary doubled-up), not those literally homeless
  - Rapid Rehousing

# Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) Request for Proposal (continued...)

- Entities can apply for more than one activity!
- Application is structured for individual entities to apply
  - Sub-grants are allowable, but adequate details must be provided about the partner entities roles and amount to be received
- Prioritization for non-entitlement areas (83 counties that do **NOT** receive their own ESG entitlement allocation from HUD)
  - 10 points available to entities serving individuals/families experiencing homelessness in those areas

# Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) Request for Proposal (continued...)

- **RFP opens Monday, October 12th**
- **Proposals due Thursday, November 5th**
  - Contract period: *Anticipated* start date December 1 (2020)-September 30, 2022
- **RFP and Application Documents:**
  - <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/open-rfps/>
  - (*search: "MN DHS grants"*)
- **Frequently Asked Questions:**
  - Send all questions to Katelyn Warburton ([katelyn.warburton@state.mn.us](mailto:katelyn.warburton@state.mn.us))
  - **Check back frequently!** Three rounds of FAQs to be posted.



# Food Security Workgroup

- Welcome Lisa Bayley

# Emergency Staffing Pool

- Eligible facilities for emergency staffing include: homeless shelters, shelters for domestic violence survivors, site-based supportive housing programs, boarding care, and board and lodge programs.
- Applicants must certify that they have at least one suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case among staff or guests and that they have already implemented their program's contingency or crisis staffing plan.
- Once approved, the staffing firm will try to place temporary employees within 48 hours. Temporary staff can be assigned to the program for up to 14 days.

[Click here to access the online application](#)

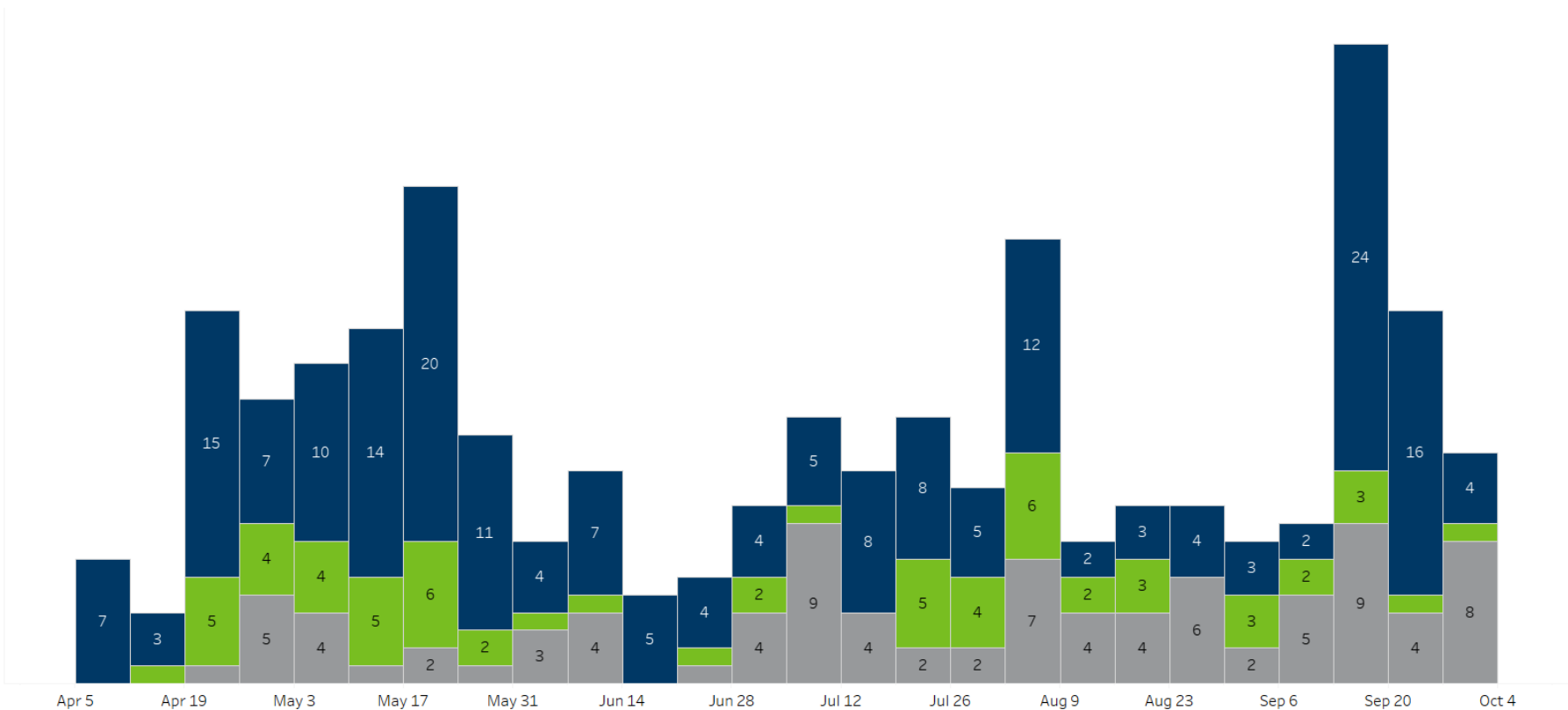
# MDH Case Update

## COVID-19 Summary of People Experiencing Homelessness and Staff\*

as of Wednesday, October 7, 2020

- Sheltered
- Unsheltered
- Staff

Since April 2020, 362 PEH and staff have tested positive for COVID-19.





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# MN AmeriCorps 2020 Summer Emergency Response Initiative

October, 2020



# MN AmeriCorps 2020 Summer Emergency Response Initiative



- 300 AmeriCorps members placed in emergency programs
  - Food Security
  - Affordable Housing – Habitat for Humanity
  - Emergency Homeless
- 95 Host partner sites from across the state of Minnesota
- 1,000+ applicants

# Opportunity: Create AmeriCorps Program



## Request federal funding to support AmeriCorps Homeless program

- August 2021 – July 2024
- 100+ AmeriCorps members annually in Minnesota
- Full and/or part-time placements
- Identify and design a clear role for AmeriCorps

## Cost

- 2/3<sup>rd</sup> from Federal Funding (approx. \$20k per year)
- 1/3<sup>rd</sup> local match (approx. \$10k per year from other public funding sources, philanthropy, host sites, etc.)

# AmeriCorps in Minnesota: Overview & Background



- 2,000 AmeriCorps members annually in Minnesota
- Key roles for AmeriCorps in Minnesota
  - Reading & Math Corps
  - Green Corps and Conservation Corps
  - Senior Corps
- Demographics of AmeriCorps members in Minnesota
  - 66% white and 34% people of color and indigenous
  - 33% 25 years and younger, 33% career changers, 33% 55 years and older

# Questions & Discussion

Are there needs that AmeriCorps members could fill in Minnesota?

Would you like to provide insight into the program design for a new AmeriCorps program?



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## Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!