

Overview of Weekly Provider Webinar Speakers Bureau

General information on the webinars: Beginning in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness has been holding weekly webinars to provide public health information, funding updates, and other updates in response to the pandemic and provide a space for people get questions answered. Typically, around 120 people around the state join the webinars and come from a variety of perspectives including state and local government staff, shelter and outreach staff, transitional and supportive housing staff, and advocates. You can check out past webinars here -

<https://headinghomealliance.com/weekly-provider-webinar-materials/>

When: The webinars take place every Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. On the **first Wednesday of each month**, the first 20 minutes of the webinar will be reserved for speakers bureau members to share.

What: This is open time each month for lived experience experts to share ideas and feedback with the webinar audience. There is no set agenda or questions you must respond to. Some things that could be helpful to think about:

- Things state and local governments and nonprofits should think about as we transition out of the pandemic and look toward the future and have new resources to use
- Ideas for people with lived experience of homelessness to help shape the response to prevent and end homelessness
- Ideas you have for supporting people experiencing homelessness
- Where have we been successful in supporting people experiencing homelessness? Where have we struggled?
- What obstacles are you facing and what can the state or other partners do to help clear the path?
- Are there things that could be helpful for supporting access or information about the COVID-19 vaccine?

This is not a forum for solving individual situations, but welcome individual experiences that can help illustrate a broader idea or areas for improvement.

Who: Anyone who has lived experience of homelessness is welcome to sign-up to share. To ensure people don't feel rushed and can get their points across, we recommend 3-4 people sign up each month.

If you want to sign up to speak or learn more, please email elizabeth.dressel@state.mn.us, or call 651-248-5548. Elizabeth will send out a link to join the webinar and be available to answer any questions you may have. Speakers bureau members will be compensated for their time.

Other Information: On the first Tuesday of the month from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m., ahead of the first Wednesday webinar, we will hold an **optional** prep session for anyone who plans to speak. This is an optional opportunity to test out the technology and ask any questions you may have. You can join the prep session following this link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6398840334529480972> or by phone dial 914-614-3426 and enter code 227-169-230.