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Good afternoon, everyone, and thanks for joining the ... Update Webinar, presented by our Chicago DFS, and CD PH. My name is Nicole Bahima, I'm the Vice President of Community Partnerships that are Chicago and today. I'll be helping facilitate the conversation, just like past webinars. We have everybody on mute and please use the questions tool to submit any questions or comments you have. And we'll pause a couple of times throughout today's session to make sure we have time to answer those questions.

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So, today, we're going to remind you about the webinars, format and schedule I'll tell you in. Our next one is going to be, we'll hear from ... about a covert 19 status update. ... will talk about updates and resources for shelters and provide a cares Act funding overview. When at Barnes from Chicago, we'll talk about rental assistance from the via the State homeless prevention funds with Meredith from Shepherd, who can talk to us about how do we get out the vote among our participants and clients. And then I'll share a series of announcements about various things going on in the Class C, and then we'll wrap up for the day.

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So we're not going to hold a covert 19 Chicago CST webinar in November, DFS. It's going to host a special webinar for shelter providers on Friday, November 13th. And they'll talk a little bit more about that later on in the presentation. So the next time we are all together will be on Friday, December fourth. And we have we can paste into the link the registration link for the next webinar.

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And with that, I'm going to turn it over to Mariann from CD PH.

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Awesome. Thank you.

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Awesome. Thank you. Um, Yes. So this is a good overview of the Kogod 19 status update for the city as a whole.

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So, we can see there are 90,000 confirmed approximately 90,000 confirmed cases of coven, thus far.

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With a little over 3000 deaths amongst Chicago residents as of October 21st, and 80,000.

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Roughly 80,000 residents have recovered. So yes, indeed, we have come a long way.

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But Kogod 19 is still very much alive and well so we're not out of the woods just yet.

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So just a brief introduction about myself. So my name is Marion. I am the Data Manager for the Homeless Team.

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So really, I'm closely monitoring the testing efforts.

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The rates of positivity, what kind of resources might need to be allocated to what particular shelters, making sure those facilities have the most proper and up to date guidance to distribute all that kind of stuff.

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So, essentially, the goal of this unit altogether is really to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 amongst the city's sheltered populations. So individuals experiencing homelessness, obviously can't close their doors, right?

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So and considering how fast coronavirus spreads amongst closed congregate settings, Homeless shelters are particularly the highest risk.

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I know in the last couple of webinars, CD PH has gone into detail regarding the various cross functional pieces involved specific to reaching out to the shelters and the testing effort.

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But, you know, it's, it's just as a quick reminder, it's really because of all of these cross functional collaborators with medical providers, shelter operators, academic centers, and these advocacy groups is really how the city is able to implement such robust testing, data capture, and ultimately reporting.

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So, this is absolutely a team effort.

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So I just want to briefly go over how far we've come this year, in terms of the data specific to the homeless population.

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So since March first.

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Approximately 6703 residents and, or staff of homeless shelters, and 96 encampment, residents, have been tested for COVID-19.

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CCPS has facilitated testing at 49 shelters and nine encampment sites across Chicago.

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And some of these individuals were tested through their providers or local health care centers.

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But the majority were tested through a widespread testing initiative, partnership between CD PH, Rush University, Medical Center, and University of Illinois Health.

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Widespread testing began in early April, and as of October third, 686 people experiencing homelessness and or shelter staff have tested positive.

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Overall, the percent of homeless residents and staff who have tested positive have been decreasing over time from 46% back in April to now at the start of October, We are below just under 3%.

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So several rounds of testing were performed at sites with larger outbreaks and we tend to see lower positivity rates in shelters, in repeat rounds of testing.

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So that indicates that efforts to stop transmission within the shelter's are working.

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So CDE PH, continues to reinforce safety amongst the shelter population.

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In proper mass squaring, hand-washing, socially distancing, and of course, self isolating if anyone ever feels sick.

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So, seedy PH actively does actively trek cases of covert 19 amongst the shelter residents and step shelter staff into 1 of 2 ways. So, the first is routine outreach to the shelter providers for any reports of newly identified cases in residents or staff members.

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So, this is what the, the CDC has the investigators do in their outreach.

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And then, the second way is we follow up on cases reported to surveillance with addresses of no shelter, so, essentially, cross matching reports of new cases with known shelter addresses, Once the case is reported to CD PH, we conduct an investigation to identify potential exposures amongst close contexts in the shelters things. And then, CD PH. In collaboration with Russia UIC offer that shelter based testing for all those at risk, even asymptomatic individuals, and so this is really where the difference lies.

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So, unlike clinics and traditional hospitals which focus on people with symptoms, we prioritize congregate shelters, congregates shelters for widespread testing.

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Um, so this is a breakdown of testing so far, as of October third.

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So ... has been to 49 different shelter programs, and nine different encampment sites.

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A total of 6703 shelter residents and or staff members have been tested.

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686 of those residents or staff members have tested positive, and the overall percent positivity rate to date, or as of October third, is a little over 10%.

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And the known ovid related deaths amongst either shelter residents or stuffs or both.

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So for the past 24 weeks, Chicago's percent positivity rate in shelters with at least one reported case has been below 15%.

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And this particular dataset is pulled, biweekly.

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So our data shows that, on average, the percent of people who do test positive for coded 19 or that percent positivity rate within the shelter programs is decreasing over time.

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So it mean meaning we're likely seeing lower rates of spread within shelters and preventing larger outbreaks.

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So, after testing, we work directly with residents and staff of the settings to ensure any positive individuals are safely isolated, either in their homes, if they are staff members, or on-site, or in a city provided facility.

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If, for instance, the particular facility is unable to isolate, they're the positive resident.

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So we helped the shelter team apply the public health guidance for infection control.

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And so this again, includes socially distance protocols, proper use of of PPE mask wearing, basically any type of face coverings, routine, hand-washing cleaning, all that stuff.

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So if our testing shows a high percent percent positivity rate, which is generally defined at around 5%.

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But this is decided on a case by case basis and how many individuals are tested at R at a particular site, we often return to the shelter for a second round of testing, and often find a much lower percent positivity rate.

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So, you know, in addition to adhering to the public health guidance, testing is an important element of our citywide strategy to protect people experiencing homelessness during this period of kogod response.

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So, again, this is a collaborative effort, and only accomplished with all these, these teams working together.

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So, thank you to all participating parties.

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And I think the shelter based services team has some information to share, so I can pass that on.

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Thank you.

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Everyone. I, Can you all hear me?

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Yes, we can.

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Yep. Great.

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I am so excited to be joining this call today because I have silently joined many of these webinars. And in my new role, I'm excited that I get the sheriff and new resources with all of you. My name is Mary Kate Schroeder.

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Coming from the FSS and transitioning over to ...

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and leading Shelter Based Services, so the PH is able to find them.

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Work to set up infrastructure for health care and shelter.

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We know that, you know, inequalities and inequity for health resources for people experiencing homelessness existed before Koby and that Covidien has just exacerbated this issue. And so we're really excited to be partnering with Heartland Alliance Healthcare in Lawndale, Christian Alliance.

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As Lead co-ordinating Organization to implement the shelter based service team, the three prong of shelter based services should be aware of our primary care, behavioral health, and infection control.

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And so while, while the money came through, because a coven and spreading the flow are spreading, stopping the spread unsheltered.

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I think it's really exciting, because long term, that feels like an opportunity to stand-up them, Sustainable networks, are providers that can deliver appropriate care to folks who are experiencing homelessness.

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So some of the activities for you all to be aware of that are going to be happening in the next few weeks as we kickoff.

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one, we have flu vaccines available through the DPH, and those will be administered through the LBOs.

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So Hartland Mondale and now have more information coming.

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I'm also hoping to do them either webinars or town Hall just about the importance of getting the flu vaccine.

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And we also have some information coming around rapid testing capabilities in shelter.

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Through our testing team, there's also baseline assessment that the shelter based service teams are doing.

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Just to get them information on general population And some primary care and behavioral health insights on, on residents to help inform the kind of services that we need to deliver. And then some information on facilities.

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That's really important for understanding isolation needs and social distancing and we've had our kickoff with hartland and lawndale and so they'll be reaching out to the shelters that are that they're covering for separate kickoff.

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Thanks, everyone.

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And I'm going to turn it over to Mara.

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They exist thank you, Mary Kate, and more on McAuley, Deputy Commissioner for Homeless and Domestic Violence Services at DFS.

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And I will just be sharing a few updates, similar to our regular update.

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We are continuing to support decompressing Shelter System.

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So our shelters are continuing to operate at a reduced bed capacity to allow for social distancing one of the key components that Mary Ann shared earlier.

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At this point in time, we are providing alternate bed capacity at two city leased facilities, so Calumet High School is now a shelter for single men and Young Women's Leadership Academy as a shelter for single women and families. And at this point, we will be continuing through March of 2021 with the DPH Guidance. So, really continuing to re-iterate that with all of our shelter provider.

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Our overnight shelters serving adults will continue operating 24, 7 again, at least through March when we're able to evaluate the status of the pandemic at that point.

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And we're continuing to work with the DPH and our Shelter Delegate to plan for winter preparedness.

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We will be hosting a shelter provider, check in on Friday, November 13th, from 1 to 2 PM to really talk about bed availability and what things may look like in the winter.

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So you'll be receiving a save the date for that shortly if you're DFS, a shelter provider.

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And we, I think Mary Kay covered some of the opportunities with the shelter based services contract that we will continue to serve as a liaison with our shelter delegates and ... and the LTO partners. Next slide.

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In terms of outreach, we are continuing to make testing available to unsheltered residents through the DFS, Mobile Unit.

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And the support are doctor partner at Heartland Alliance Health.

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After that testing team in partnership with the DFA team and some other outreach providers tested at that range of enhancements in the late spring and summer and, and so higher the low positivity rate in that effort.

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We determine that, you know, having testing available through the mobile unit, which is cycling through different locations, is good, is a good step at the client, but if there were no signs of any increased transmission, we would be then co-ordinating with the larger testing team.

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We are continuing with our outreach partners, citywide canvassing, and continuing to assess for, you know, risk factors, and connect people to medical services, as needed.

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And we'll continue to maintain the hand-washing stations and porta potties and are continuing our outreach overnight and during the day.

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Again, we are as we're planning for winter. Or we'll also be talking about indoor opportunities that are safe or social distancing when we need warming spaces for the summer.

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So we wanted to take the time to share out with the community of the final picture of care that funding flowing through FFF.

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I've shared out different, at different times as we had that information. But I thought it would be a good opportunity to share a more comprehensive.

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Look at how our cares Act funding to address homelessness is being allocated, the overall, EFSF will continue to support three critical strategies to prevent homelessness, and protect those currently experiencing homelessness from PubMed 19, \*\*\*\* preventing people from becoming homeless.

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Sorry, from becoming homeless as a result of coded. Protecting people on the street and in shelter, and then housing people as quickly as possible, especially those at highest risk for serious illness.

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Again, funding allocation was informed by community recommendations through the ...

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System Funding Workgroup, what the FSS heard from providers through our shelter survey and other channel and then co-ordination with the DPH and other city departments, and the reality of spending on crisis response activities.

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So, this first slide shows the overall picture of where Care Act, What was allocated between categories. And, in the next slide, I'll show, we'll share the golden activity that each category. So, or shelters.

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OK, so for shelters, we, sorry, for Rapid Rehousing.

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We're funding the Expedited Housing Initiative as really our largest, our largest strategy. knowing that housing is really the solution to homelessness.

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And that's the real solution to keeping people safe in our drop in centers, in our shelter and outreach and drop in categories, you know.

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Again, we're funding our alternate, our alternate beds and Opera, and the resources, we need to keep the shelter decompress it and then continuing to support shelters and drop in program for a few different periods of time during the pandemic for rental assistance.

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We have really invested funds here due to the increasing number of renters facing eviction due to loss of income. As a result of ...

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19 and we have translated our rental assistance program at DFS into an online platform to provide one method available. Citywide to submit rap applications.

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So that portal open for the first round of applications in July and will re-open Thune for another flight and will continue to open as funds are available. For shelter diversion, we will be piloting and national best practice to support household accessing shelter.

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To get them back into housing as quickly as possible, this is something that is really developed out of the work within the EOC implementation structure and our diversion workgroup.

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But we will be at some point issuing an RFP for that opportunity.

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And then again, we're continuing to support HM HMIS as a really important infrastructure for our community and managing our data. Just also want to note that this was not the full picture of all funding that was dedicated to addressing homelessness. Other relevant funding has come from the state and other city departments, but wanted to provide an update.

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So, this is really a significant part of homeless funding for our city, So I will pass it on to Lynette aren't now.

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Good afternoon, everyone. Thanks more.

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My name is Lynette Barnes, and Senior Program Manager at ..., and I just wanted to give an overview of the state homeless prevention funds and how participants or applicants can apply for those funds. We still have a substantial amount of funds remaining.

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Our program year for the State program began in July first, and it runs through June 30th of 2021.

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This year, we have a second pot of money allocated for covert 19 release, and it's based on households that were hardest hit.

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So because of the pandemic and we determined eligibility by zip codes.

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So also Kaggle currently partners with 10 community organizations across Chicago to be able to assess and complete applications for security deposits, rent, mortgages, and utilities if that will prevent or eliminate homelessness.

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The goal of the program that is funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services is to stabilize individuals and families in their current homes or decrease the amount of time families and individuals spend in shelters or help families and individuals secure and maintain affordable housing.

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So, households or individuals are determined eligible, if they are Chicago residents impacted by covert 19.

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And, as I said before, within the zip Codes identified by ID just as hardest hit.

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They also can be determined eligible if they are households that are currently experiencing homelessness, an imminent danger of eviction, homelessness, or foreclosure.

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All households must be able to demonstrate an economic or covert 19 crisis, beyond their current cook, beyond their control, and this would include if they were in a shelter or homeless, unable to document that, if they lost their job, due to cope with 19.

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Or, if it was based on loss of employment, even before kovac, 19.

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If it was an amended medical emergency disability law, so a delay of public benefits, If their household had a substantial change, they may have had to double up, or move in grandchildren.

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If there was an illegal action by a landlord, if they were displaced by a government or private action, or any other condition that constitutes a hardship.

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And how these funds can be accessed is the best way is to contact 311, and ask for short-term help, where there'll be connected to an information and referral specialist. at the homeless prevention call center.

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If they are, if it's determined from that assessment, that they meet the criteria, they will be referred to one of the 10 community partner organizations for additional assessment, and hopefully, the application will be completed.

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And payments will be made directly two, the vendor, or the landlord.

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So I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Here's just one right now related to 3 1, 1, wait times.

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I don't know if there is latest information on that.

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That can be shared right now, or maybe we could do that at a future webinar.

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We can certainly look into it and share the information.

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I have, spoke with different staff.

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Add 3 1, 1, specifically at the call center and time has, lesson two mask dramatically over the months, because there different pots of money that are available for homeless prevention.

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So I have not heard from our partner agencies or anyone in the community directly stating that they've had to wait anywhere near when the pandemic first started.

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Great. And then someone asked, asked Lynnette if there's a place to look up a list of eligible zip codes.

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And I can, we can put those on our webpage is approximately 42 web pages, I mean, not 42 zip code, or if someone, I can put my e-mail, I can happily send that out as a one pager.

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I can send that information out to anybody that that needs that.

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We can definitely connect with the person who asked the question afterwards directly. And then if other people want additional, want that same information, you can reach out to caulk programs at all chicago dot org.

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And then Lynette, someone else asked, Is there an exception for zip codes?

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Well, the Illinois Department of Human Services, they've they have funding for, it's called the Cures Act.

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It is based on hardest hit, so that pot of money is specifically for covert 19 beliefs, and they must reside in one of the designated zip codes.

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So areas outside of Chicago, they have funding for downstate in different areas, so you can go on the IES website to see what other continuums have received funding.

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But we can use a different part of state homeless prevention funds if they don't meet the hardest hit criteria.

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So I didn't want to confuse by saying, this pot of money is for zip codes in this pot of money is for crisis, so I just put the general information, ah, provided the general information det all individuals can apply for this if they have a covert 19 related crisis.

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Great. And charisma just confirmed.

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But we'll include the zip code list with the webinar materials when we publish those, which is usually early next week.

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If there are no additional questions, I'll hand it over to Meredith to get out the information.

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Sounds good. Thanks.

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Thanks, Linette, Hi, everybody, and Happy Friday, and happy 11 days left of this election season. My name is Meredith Montgomery, and I am from the Supportive Housing Providers Association. I'm the Policy and Advocacy advocacy co-ordinator. I've just got our contact information if you are interested in learning more about us. Or, also, if you'd like to talk to me after this, this would, that would be perfect.

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Thanks. So, I just wanted to tell you about three things that we have available right now. And the first is, we have our Annual conference, which is coming up November 12th and 13th. And your registration is open now. So that is a link I wanted to share. We, our first, our first day, is going to be dedicated to racial equity, and looking at policies that we can advocate for change, and really hoping to become an anti racist system. So it's really exciting. I hope you'll attend. Another thing we're working on right now is in an Advocacy for the Illinois inter-agency Council on Ending Homelessness.

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So what we would like to do is we would like the Governor to create the Illinois inter-agency Council on Ending Homelessness through an Executive Order.

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And our vision for that is that they would create a state plan to end homelessness, that then they would implement it so that the objectives are met. So maybe that might be looking at policies, changing policies, adding new policies, and adding new research sources to ending homelessness. And then finally, we would like them to do it in the spirit of togetherness. We would like this to be a non partisan and we'd like the thought leaders in our community to come to the table and help us with a plan to end homelessness.

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And finally, I had the great, great opportunity to do a collaborative webinar a few weeks ago with, with Nicole Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County. We, so that will be a lot more information that I'm going to share in the next few minutes.

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So if you'd like to look at that webinar, it's at Google link below. Also, we have some tools there for action. And I'll reference, I'm a little bit in the next few slides, but it's a great resource, and I hope that you guys will use it and share it, and all to get out the vote. So, If we could go on to the next slide, please.

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OK, so I want to start with this that your vote is your voice in voter registration is advocacy. So, it's really important that we think about it in that framework.

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We know that voting is voter registration, as it's complex for any person, and it's even more so for people who are experiencing homelessness.

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And then wish right now the world that we're living in the the increase safety risks, the just everything that's going on. There's so much to? add that has made voting a little bit more difficult and a little bit more challenging to understand what's with all with, with all of that.

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And then also, when we talk about voting I really want to think and to help people think about voting as, It really helps people become empowered to use their voice. Just to use their voice as a tool to show what they care about, to say, what, you know, to provide input in decisions. And it's really a very powerful tool to help people get connected to their community. And, as there may be case managers, or people who work directly with clients on this call. This is, voting is such a component to help with all levels of stability. So it's really an important part of helping our clients. So all of these factors is it makes it really important for us to help people experiencing homelessness, register, to vote. Next slide, please.

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OK, so in Illinois, we are very good state for voting rights, and we also, we also have a protection and our state and our state legislature are state laws. It's called the Bill of Rights for the Homeless. So a very big misconception is that people who are homeless cannot vote. And if you take anything away today, the thing I want you to take is that simply is not true in Illinois expresses it even more so in our state legislation that says it's called the Bill of Rights. It says that no person whose rights, privileges or access to public services can be denied or abridged solely because they are homeless. and then it specifically expresses the right to vote registered to vote and receive documentation.

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Sorry, there's, like, So it is there, right.

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And so otherwise, how, otherwise stopping someone from voting, who is homeless is a form of discrimination based on their housing status, and I think that that's really impactful to understand that voting voting is so important, and it is protective for those who are experiencing homelessness in our state. The next slide is another really important moment that we are sharing in Illinois.

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So it is, it is very clear that everyone's vote matters. Even though we're going through many things right now, many moments, where it's, it's unsure and things are unsure. Your vote matters. So on September 30th, Governor Pritzker, along with 11 other governors, want it to ensure that their citizens knew that as governors, it's our solemn duty to protect the people of our states. Today we affirm that all votes cast in the upcoming election will be counted, and that democracy will be delivered in this election.

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That means all valid ballots, cast in accordance with the state and local laws must be counted. So, you just want to say that because it's such an important framework. Understand that your, your voice, it, or your vote is your voice, and your vote matters. So, if we could go on to the next slide, please?

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I? think, so, yes. So, it's nice to be making a plan. Perfect. OK. So, briefly, I'm going to talk about making a plan and some of the resources that are available to us.

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So, when we're thinking about when and where we're going to vote or people that we're working with, are going to vote, we, have, in Illinois, the Illinois State Board of Elections is the, like the overseer of all elections. So we have the election's dot iowa dot gov. That will give you a lot of very important information. It also will route you to your local election authority.

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And that's going to be the place where you find things like, like, where are your polling places, When voting is, if you are registered? So those are, this is a really important resource to start.

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And so it'll help you really, in your planning, the next thing to think about is how? So people should be encouraged to make a decision on how they're going to vote.

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In Illinois, there are three ways to vote: You can either vote by mail, you can vote early in person, or you can vote on Election day in person. And a very important thing to know is that all votes must be cast by November third, and I say that specifically when we talk about our maylin option.

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So if you are voting by mail you have to have it postmarked by November third. So all that November third is very critical date, so can we go on to the next one, please?

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She radish. Yep, perfect. OK, so just, I'm gonna give you a lot of information so that you can go and share with your clients and your, your staff and your team to talk about, you know, very important basics.

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So, registration and identification in Illinois to help make sure somebody has registered, or to help somebody register, you can use the election's dot iowa dot gov and until Sunday, October 18th, so you can register online until the 18th.

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If you are going to go online, the person would need a valid state IT or driver's license with the address they intend to be voting on. So this might be a challenge for a lot of the folks we serve. But if it isn't, perhaps they might have their IT connected to a supportive housing unit. You know, they've moved into supportive housing or rapid rehousing. But, if they have a valid State ID with the address that they're going to use, their last four of their social and their birth date, they can register online until October 18th.

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And so, as you are working with your clients, that's something that they can do through their, their phones.

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The 18th, I'm sorry if I maybe said the 28th. The 18th is the last day you can register online.

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Um, and then, but online, but in Illinois, you can register to vote in person up to, up to the second early, and then on election day.

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So, if we're just looking at online, this is how you would do it until the 18th, if that doesn't work out.

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That's OK, because Illinois really encourages voting, and the voting registration is open until Election Day. So if you go in person, you're gonna want to go to one of your local election authorities.

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And it looks like we just put the link for finding out where you would register into the chat box. So thank you for that. And so you'll Golan person.

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When you go on person, you need two forms of identification. And this is usually a place where people can, like, you all can work with our clients, to make sure that they have what they need. So, the letter from a shelter provider is one, is one form of identification. And so, as I referenced earlier, that Google Drive, perfect. We have a template letter from a shelter provider that we've, that we have different partners have used successfully, so please use that link. And then two other IDs.

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So, as you are working with your clients, you want to, the ideal tunnel.

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You want to think about, just as you do with birth certificates and how you get IDs, what can you get from the list? So, that resources there, the next page.

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The next slide, I'm sorry.

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It is, how do you talk to your, your client about what's on a ballot? So, there are three major things that are on the ballot. It's who you would vote for. So, whether it's the local county, the state, or the national level. So, our decision makers, as you guys all know, this year, is a presidential election. It's the one thing that every citizen in the United States gets to vote for. It's a big moment of Unity for us. Local issues might be on there, such as referendums or things like that. Then, this year, in Illinois, you're going to be able to vote on the constitutional amendment. You've heard of this called the Illinois Fair Tax. The constitutional amendment as simply is simply asking if you'll allow the Constitution to change your progressive tax.

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So, so if you haven't worn for, if you have more questions about the fair tax, ... does support the fair tax. We find it will be something that will bring resources into the state that are desperately needed. Next slide, please.

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OK, so, I know, Nicole, I'm not sure if it was on last month's slide, or the last meeting. You have slide, but we really developed our conversations based on the National Alliances framework.

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And so here are the three steps for helping your clients vote.

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So the first is to get the information, which is what I just kind of walk through with you all. So check, and then develop a plan. So that means help the individuals develop a plan. But also how can you, as an agency or provider, help encourage voting. So the second thing is help. Make sure that people are registered. If they are not registered, get them registered. It's super important and relatively easy.

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So as long as you're thinking through some of the barriers that the people you're working with or experiencing, you'll be able to use this information that we talked about today, to help them be prepared, and then get out the vote.

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So, when we talk about this, these are the things I want you to be thinking about. So how can you get out the vote? Obviously, that starts with talking to people about voting. It means, like, as many times as you can, talk to people, you don't have to say, this is who you should go for. Absolutely do not do that. But like, as you're doing intake, as you're having case management conversations, send it out to your case managers in staff meetings. Do resident newsletters. However, you can talk about voting. Do it.

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Yeah.

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So if people are not registered, again, you want to help your clients make plans for voting, so make plans for registering? So one thing you can work with them on is, when do you wanna go do it, you're gonna go register on Thursday. Great. Let me look up where you go. Let me help you talk through your identification, just like you would, in most of the, in any other area of stability you work on in case management.

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So another good tip is to organize a phone tree or text trees, so that you can encourage each other to go out and vote.

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So if you have like 10 people who say that, they want to vote on the 29th, maybe, they can share the link, like you could text each other and say, this is, you know, let's go out and vote. They can also create something called a voting group, where they make decisions to go out to vote together.

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As you talk about voting in person, it's very important to talk about the, First of all the culture shift this year That so many more people have been voting. The lines are going to be longer. The weight is going to be longer than years before, and that's something we want to talk about ahead of time, the big culture change of this year.

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And so, as people are going, they should be prepared for that nation protect themselves, they should obviously be thinking about masks as we all do, and maybe bring in some water with if they have a longer wait. But that's a conversation we want to make sure we're having, is how do you keep yourself safe, and also be prepared.

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Because people are voting, voting matters this year, voting matters period at this year, then, so those are the kinds of things you should be thinking about if you are shelter. one thing you also might want to be conscious of is if you have curfews at the shelter or in and out privileges limited in and out privileges something to maybe think about as you are working with your clients to vote. I feel like I've talked a lot. So I think I'll just go to the last slide of mine and really reminds us with something important. The vote is precious. It's the most powerful, non violent tool we have and a democratic society and we must use it.

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So I just would like to encourage everybody to, to talk to our clients to make sure people are are feeling empowered to have the tools that they need to vote. If you guys want more resources, definitely look at that Google link and I hope that we can work together and you'll join us at our conference. And also, if you have any questions about the inter-agency Council on Homelessness, please let me know. I'd love to talk about that, OK.

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Thank you.

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Thanks so much, Meredith. I'm just gonna do a quick check to see if there's any questions that we need to dress. Somebody asked if, is it too late to request a mail ballot?

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I know, I didn't know the last, OK, so the mail in ballot can be requested until the 29th.

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So, I want to say that with caution because, if you request 129, and it doesn't get back to you in time for you to be able to send it in, on the third, then you might have lost your vote.

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Somebody put some great information here. So, what I would say is, every person should think about reaching out to their local precinct, their local election judge, I'm sorry, Election Authority. And they'll be able to work through some of these questions and issues. One thing that The Chicago Coalition and the Alliance and chip I have really thought through is, it's really a great idea if we can't do the mail in ballot to go in person early and just kind of plan to be there. If you're not registered, bring all your documents. And then the reason why is because anything, any challenge that might come up, you'll have time to resolve it as opposed to the day of the pressure, and the lines and stuff the day of the election. So, really think about using that as you're planning tool. Go early, in person safely and prepare before you go.

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Are there other questions?

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I don't think I see any other questions.

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But we do have a contact information in the in the PowerPoint so people can reach out if they have questions afterwards today.

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Yes, thank you so much this, I really appreciate it. Thank you so much, thank you.

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OK, so I'm gonna go through a series of slides that I'll have some announcements. We'd like to use this section.

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Just to kind of re-iterate some of the messages that you might be getting via e-mail, or in some of the other meetings you're attending, but I know e-mail can be overwhelming. So we just tried to pull out some of the highlights here. So we had a CRC Board meeting on earlier this week. And just a reminder for everybody, the CFC board oversees the COC's strategic direction. You can read all of the minutes and attend the meetings by looking at our website.

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They meet on the even months, the third Wednesday of the even months. And because it's virtual, it's really easy to just listen in the background. The only voting item that was passed at the tober 21st meeting is the chronic under spending re-allocation policy. So this policy really only applies to programs and agencies that receive HUD continuum of care funding. And the policy States that the continuum of care can choose to lessen your grant and re-allocate money if you've chronically under spent for the last three years. So, there are a lot of, sort of caveats in

special circumstances that are written into the policy. We're not gonna go into detail here, and I'll, Chicago Is, meeting over the next couple of weeks to figure out what the implementation of this will look like, so we'll have a lot more information, and reach out directly to the agencies. That would be impacted.

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But, if you're one of those today, you may want to just refer to that re-allocation policy, so your start familiarizing yourself with that.

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So, next, Wednesday, we're holding in all Continuum of Care membership meeting. So, there are a lot of voting items that all seek members need to vote on according to our charter.

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and because this is the first one ever that we've held virtually and so, charisma just put the registration link, whether you're a CC CSC member or not, you can still attend. The meeting voting is restricted to seek members and instructions for how to see if you're a member are on our website.

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And we're going to be voting on an updated version of a Continuum of Care Charter.

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And the Collaborative Applicant MOU, that is between the CRC and All Chicago.

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So all of that is in a series of e-mails that we've been sending out. There's meeting packet information, everything that you'll need to vote.

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And then if you are an agency, you need to make sure that one person at your agency registers to actually be the voting person. We're going to hold voting via survey after the meeting, but only 1 agent's 1 person per agency is allowed to vote. So if you have any questions about this at all, please reach out to us, and we'll help steer you in the right direction.

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And then just a reminder. Hopefully, everybody who was interested in applying has already submitted, or is planning, to submit the response to the rapid rehousing request for applications. It's due today by 5 0 PM. This is taking some of that funding. More I talked about earlier in the presentation for the Expedited Housing Initiative. We need a lot of rapid rehousing providers on board to help house all of the people that we're gonna house over the next year and a half.

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And for those of you who want to go a little bit deeper in knowing about the Expedited Housing Initiative and didn't get a chance to attend the Live Webinar, there's a recording on our website.

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It does really I think I start out in the webinar by saying, we want to make sure that everybody knows that the expedited Housing Initiative is not something that's sort of happening over there. And it's not really touching you or your program. It really does require everybody to pivot and shift the way that we are, housing people. And so hopefully, this webinar is the beginning of

that myth busting. But we'll make sure to continue to talk about this in every situation that we can.

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And then we'll be sharing more information about this topic, the HUD racial Equity demo on our all CSE meeting next week.

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But just a quick preview, The Chicago Continuum of Care has been invited to join the first cohort of communities to do a racial equity demo that really looks at our co-ordinated assessment, co-ordinated entry in our assessment processes. So the project kicked off last month, all Chicago and CSAs are leading the effort. There's been a core team of people identified. And then it's just getting kicked off now. And so we will share more next Wednesday, and more on future webinars as well.

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Great, And more. I don't know if you want me to, I should have checked with you before.

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But I don't know if you want me to read this announcement, or if you have additional information too, share other than what's on the slide here.

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No.

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No new information on what's on the slide, but we welcome anyone who is interested to join them of opportunity.

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Great, thanks. So, Karisma just pasted the link to register in the chat.

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And so, hopefully, if you're interested there, you should be able to click on that to join.

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Great.

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And then lastly, we want to, you know, we, we try to make sure that these webinars have the most in important information and communications about the various things going on in the homeless service provider world. So, please do your part in making sure that these communications are then circulated to the relevant staff in your organization, whether that's sending out a link to the recording and asking people to watch, or making sure that you're sharing some of the updates on our future staff meeting or with your team, whatever works best for you. But we do want to make sure that you're doing that.

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Will post all of the slides and the recording, as well as some of the other resources that we referenced on Monday morning. Please make sure to keep deficit as informed about some of the things on the slide here. And then, again, our contact information on Chicago for questions. Most of you, if you know someone, feel free to reach out directly to them, but if you can't remember who, you should reach out to, always feel free to e-mail seek programs and all chicago dot

org. Then I wanted to do a quick survey just to hear from you all about how these webinars are going, and what additional information you'd like to see us share. I promise. It won't take more than a few minutes to respond to, and there's only one required question, and so you can really breeze through it pretty quickly. So charisma. Just pasted that link in the chat. Please take a few moments.

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Especially, because we might end two minutes early to go ahead and click on that survey to give us some feedback.

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Great. And I'm just gonna do one more quick, check for questions.

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OK, so someone asked, will the board of director minutes be available on the website? Yes, So we try to get those out within seven, or a draft of them out within seven days after. So hopefully by Wednesday, if we're pretty good at meeting the deadline, but hopefully by Wednesday, they will be posted in the same spot. It's pretty self explanatory. once you get to our website, how to find the board materials, but if you ever can't find it, just reach out to me.

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Then one more question came in about the city. enrolling.

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The senior centers in the Expedited Housing Initiative to assist with services for those who are homeless and over the age of 60. And we haven't We haven't talked about that Sherry's I think it's a great, great idea that I will take back to the expedited housing team to see what opportunities there are to connect program in there.

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So, thanks.

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And with that, I think there are no more questions, and, you know, how to get ahold of everybody, if there are additional questions. So, thanks so much for your attention, and we'll see you next time.