

RE: [External] CMHC COVID Relief Review Committee Updates and Next Steps

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Hello All,

I'm writing as a follow up to the review committee meeting last week, where the decision was made to pause the Family Relief Fund work. The pause was in response to the need for further clarification about how this effort aligns with the intent and spirit of the law (statute) regarding LCTS funding and the work of the collaboratives. At that meeting, Laura outlined and shared a summary of the key questions this committee wanted to answer during the pause. I have been have worked closely with Laura and Etonde to determine how we might advance this work, and also have been in communication with Ann Boerth @ DHS for guidance. In addition, we have made a thorough review of legislative language pertaining to the use of LCTS funds and CMH Collaboratives, and sought feedback from community providers, including CAP-HC regarding services and potential improvements

I am confident that the CMHC's COVID-19 Family Relief Fund is well within the intent and spirit of statute, with specific regard to application of LCTS funding. As such, I lend my endorsement for the continuance of the process to administer the COVID-19 Family Relief Fund. In identifying families where the youth are experiencing mental health needs, we have effectively distinguished this initiative from other services where basic needs support is provided. This thereby affirms that this initiative is not a duplication of the role of other organizations. Likewise, we have received clearance from DHS to be able to administer LCTS funds for co-pays and deductibles so long as there are clear and consistent criteria. I am encouraged by the latitude offered by DHS on this, and am excited to be able to move this work forward.

Thank you all for your patience, diligence and ardent advocacy in this process. I am pleased that we can move forward with the COVID-19 Family Relief Fund with greater confidence. Please don't hesitate to connect with me should any questions arise for you. Etonde will be in touch soon with next steps!

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Many of the truths we cling to, depend greatly on our point of view.
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Good morning,

I want to thank everyone again for all your work and support of Hennepin County families during this review process. As discussed, the CMHC has moved into new territory with these Family Relief Funds and we are working through several issues to make sure we meet the requests of the CMHC Governance Team while continuing our role of coordinating children's mental health services and doing so navigating the intent and spirit of the law regarding LCTS funding and CMHCs.

Attached you will find a summary of the key questions we aim to answer during this brief pause. **Please review these questions and let me know if you think we've captured the concerns that were raised by committee members.** We believe this document can help create the necessary guidance needed to finalize decision related to funding.

Etonde and I are working closely with Stacy McClendon and the CMHC Executive Committee as well as DHS to provide clearer guidance around these questions. Etonde, Stacy and I met briefly to discuss next steps. The plan we've laid out includes; 1) Stacy's meeting with Ann Boerth to discuss these questions and to seek answers and/or guidance, 2) Stacy will join the CMHC Executive Committee meeting on Friday, August 7, 2020 to review and discuss the questions that require clearer guidance, and 3) Etonde and I will prepare brief survey among a sample of CAP agencies in Hennepin County to better understand how they are responding to the needs of families who have children with mental health and illness during this pandemic.

We hope to have answers/guidance within the next 5-10 days so we can complete our review process.

We appreciate your patience as we work through these questions and concerns.

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