



Coordinated Entry Agency Updates – April 15, 2020

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All weekly CE Agency Updates and lists of resources will be posted and available on CHP's website:
<https://www.ppchp.org/homelessness/covid-19/>

NOTE: these are not official announcements from agencies, but notes I took during the meeting. If I misrepresented your agency or policies in anyway, please let me know and I will issue a correction.

Updates sent to/from the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care:

- Coordinated Entry HMIS program changes effective April 1, 2020:
 - Adding Prior Living Situation questions to enrollment
 - New VI-SPDAT assessment questions
 - Adding Current Living Situation assessment in CE program when updating a VI-SPDAT
- Homeless Isolation Shelter still running, referrals extended to include social service providers (email follow up on 4/9/20, "How to refer person to homeless isolation shelter")

Apartment Association of Southern Colorado:

- Eviction moratorium throughout the state until May 18, 2020. Includes mortgage forbearance
 - Eviction courts are not being held at this time, but moratorium is specific only to the reason of rent payment inability (so does not include evictions for other reasons)
 - Private landlords may not be aware so may still be issuing notices, but no eviction court to hear the case at this time
- For property managers receiving tax credit for their apartment complexes, eviction moratorium will be extended until July 27, 2020
- Available 1-/2-bedroom apartments at COMCAP: <http://comcapmgmt.com/our-properties/colorado-springs/>
- Available apartments at Griffis Blessing: <https://www.gbrents.com/communities.asp>
- Helpful guide for tenants (also available in Spanish): [A Colorado Tenant's Guide to COVID-19](#)

Peak Vista:

- Testing has been expanded to SRM in very limited capacity: symptomatic people at SRM. It continues at our Risk Assessment Center at Jet Wing (separate entrance from the regular clinic).
- The van goes to the isolation shelter every morning at 8:00, for about an hour. It does not go to SRM anymore as we have moved the Rio capability temporarily to SRM: one provider and all of the support staff; all of the same services that were available at Rio are available at SRM including BH but excepting dental; dental is referred to our main site at International Circle.
- The CU Med School foot clinic has been cancelled on May 9th, may be rescheduled in the future

VA:

- Veteran walk-in still available on site, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
- No new referrals will be accepted for the family GPD program at Partners In Housing, who have notified the VA they will be giving up the program effective in September 2020

Pikes Peak Continuum of Care Governing Board updates:

PPCoC Board Update Meeting (April 10, 2020)

Isolation Shelter – Opened Sunday, April 5th

- 8 unique individuals have stayed at the shelter;
- Referrals coming from Penrose, Memorial, EMS, Salvation Army, The Springs Rescue Mission, and homeless service providers
- Envida providing transportation to Isolation Shelter from above locations. Also available to transport referrals from Woodland Park hospital
- Catholic Charities providing breakfast and lunch deliveries daily. SRM providing dinner meals
- CHP received PPCF funding to cover showers, laundry service, and supplies for the Isolation Shelter
- CSU School of Medicine physician providing 24/7 on-call consultation of Isolation Center staff and shelters should medical concerns arise
- Peak Vista providing medical support with their van daily M-F from 8 - 9 am.

CARES Act Funding to Support COVID 19 Relief Efforts

- CHP & CDD held a joint call during the CHAP Meeting to provide overview of funding and waivers that will be available for COVID relief
- Purpose of funding is to assist affected CPD program beneficiaries and CPD program eligible households to prevent the spread and to mitigate against the economic impact caused by COVID-19 for eligible households
- Before funds can be awarded, CDD must:
 - Consult with local public health and housing officials
 - Ensure no duplication of services/funds
 - Include funding activities in current year's annual action plan
 - Check in with service providers
- 33.9 M to Colorado Communities (non-entitlement funds)
 - City of Colorado Springs
 - CDBG \$1,811,610
 - ESG \$887,124
 - El Paso County
 - CDBG \$641,688
 - State of Colorado
 - CDBG \$6,333,783
 - ESG \$7,363,152
- Additional guidance from HUD is still forthcoming
- Survey was sent to providers to seek feedback on current and future needs
- Needs expressed in survey
 - Immediate Needs
 - Food and Water
 - PPE for clients and employees
 - Sanitizers (hand and surface)
 - Rental Assistance (broader access needed)
 - Ability to social distance
 - Childcare and School communication support
 - Support for those who are ineligible for assistance (such as undocumented residents)
 - Relief staff for providers
 - Tech support/ability for remote work for providers
 - Video doorbells and locked drop boxes for document exchange for providers

- Longer Term Needs
 - Rental Assistance and Homelessness Prevention (broader access and longer terms needed)
 - Food Access
 - Medical access (prenatal, medications, unattended health issues)
 - Mental Health support for clients and provider employees
 - Financial support/stability for clients and nonprofit employees
 - Housing navigation/Landlord relationship building

Food/Water to Support Unsheltered Homeless

- Representatives from Catholic Charities, Westside Cares, Homeward Pikes Peak, PPLD and CHP coordinating how to get fresh water supply and meals for unsheltered homeless
 - Clean water important for drinking, cooking, and washing
 - PPLD will open water station at Penrose Library today. Station will have to be brought in at night to prevent freezing.
 - OEM working to provide bottled water at locations determined to be high need. Distribution will need to be coordinated by volunteers or agency staff. First established location will be Westside, in coordination with Salvation Army Mobile Canteen feeding locations (see below).
 - City and OEM will investigate options for more robust source such as water pumps or accessing outdoor water lines.
 - Logistics of CSU water buffalo make it an unfeasible option.
- Salvation Army Disaster Feeding Vehicle is providing meals to unsheltered homeless on the Westside as of Wednesday, April 8.
 - Hot meals provided Monday, Wednesday, Friday beginning at 1PM until food runs out.
 - Monday / Friday at Sacred Heart Church (2030 W. Colorado).
 - Wednesday at Westside Cares.

Stay safe and stay well everyone!