



Coordinated Entry Agency Updates – April 22, 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 changes in COHMIS, effective 4/1/2020, online video to review the changes
 - YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmlbiNXq8Lo&t=2s>
- 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")
 - Article from the CS Indy: <https://www.csindy.com/coloradosprings/isolation-shelter-sees-few-visitors-at-least-for-now/Content?oid=21692395>

Peak Vista:

- Drive through testing available at the Peak Vista N. Academy office
 - Available Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm, must be 12-years of age or older
 - Must have presenting symptomology to be tested
 - Can enroll as new patients during testing
- Nurse Care Managers/Care Coordinators are getting trained on VI-SPDAT assessments and HMIS
- Tele-health support available for behavioral health and medical support

VA, El Paso County:

- Crawford House (emergency shelter) is back up and running, referrals can be directed to the VA
 - Tina Randall: 719-227-4431, Tina.Randall@va.gov
 - Must be VA Healthcare eligible for referrals

VOA SSVF:

- Still available for homeless veteran referrals, direct to VOA SSVF team
 - Josh Beaston: jbeaston@voacolorado.org 719-491-1974

Homeward Pikes Peak:

- Street outreach handing out food (lots of bread), connect with HPP SO team for pantry food
 - John Moore: jmoore@homewardpikespeak.org,
 - Jansen Howard: jhoward@homewardpikespeak.org
 - Will be a permanent ongoing program to connect pantry food to unsheltered homeless

Catholic Charities of Central Colorado:

- Catholic Charities working on providing rent assistance for folks.
- Funds will be for folks that have and have not been affected by Covid. Still working out details.
- Email dgreen@ccharitiescc.org for questions. This assistance does not include motels!

Pikes Peak Continuum of Care Governing Board updates:

PPCoC Board Update Meeting 4/17/2020

Isolation Shelter –

- 13 unique individuals have stayed at the shelter to date
- UC Health will likely begin administering COVID tests at Springs Rescue Mission next week
- An article about the isolation shelter will be in next week's Independent
- The isolation shelter will be featured in a national blog by Community Solutions in regards to the unique partnership with CU School of Medicine.
- Jennifer and other CoC and Homeless leads from around the state participated in a call with Senator Bennett Friday morning to talk about efforts to support individuals experiencing homelessness related to COVID 19 and how Senator Bennet's office could help with these efforts.

Food/Water to Support Unsheltered Homeless -

- Salvation Army Disaster Feeding Unit in partnership with Fuel Church and Catholic Charities are distributing hot meals. The operation is feeding between 100-200 people per week
 - 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.
- Salvation Army is partnering with COS I Love You, Care and Share, Crossfire Ministries, and Silver Key to deliver 40-50 boxes of food daily to senior citizens and other vulnerable populations. Will be expanding populations served because they have the capacity to deliver up to 200 boxes/day
- Bottled water is being distributed at each hot meal site.
- 3 water stations are being deployed at the Penrose Library Friday, 4/17 to help address the need for handwashing and drinking water.
- The drinking water group will be meeting Friday 4/17 at noon to discuss putting together a formal ask to OEM for toilets and extra handwashing stations based on CDC recommendations.

The Place –

- The Place street outreach team has been serving unsheltered youth via drop in at the Cucharras shelter facility. Vulnerable youth consistently show up for key supplies and other resources and have spread the word to other young people.
- On 4/20/20, the street outreach team starts a modified schedule out in community using PPE and physical distancing guidelines.
- Team also joined food/water group.
- One young person was symptomatic upon shelter entry. Using the established algorithm with CU Medical School team, and due to various vulnerabilities, the young person stayed in the one room isolation set up at The Place. (That youth filed restraining order against parents and is afraid of adult shelter spaces.)

April 24th Board Meeting -

- Staff is reviewing the results from the survey administered to local providers regarding short-term and long-term needs related to COVID 19.
- Survey results have been shared with City CDD and County Economic Division to help guide funding decisions for CARES Act funding
- Themes are emerging from a strategic standpoint

- What is the CoC's Role?
 - Comprehensive coordinator for most unhoused responses emerging
 - Offering some support and coordination to small groups standing up projects;
 - High level strategy and resource guide to current efforts but not a coordinator;
 - Central convener to create an organized approach to non-congregate shelter for the unhoused in a similar way it did for the isolation center;
 - Going to support in some way getting non-symptomatic people inside since we know that a large proportion of carriers are transmitting COVID while not themselves symptomatic?

Motel/Hotel Discussion –

Suggested that group form to address non-congregate sites for unsheltered that may not want to go to the shelters.

Andy B, Andy P, Alison, Kat, Steve, and Jennifer indicated that they would like to participate.

Stay safe and stay well everyone!