MEMORANDUM

To: DMHAS Private Non-Profit Providers

From: Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D.

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Subject: DMHAS COVID-19 Provider Update #19

Our update today contains information regarding several very important areas. The first relates to provider reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses. All providers should have received a correspondence regarding these supplemental funds. I also have included a reminder about PPE which continues to be available for our providers. Finally, I am re-sending information regarding a volunteer program that may be of interest to providers. I want to again extend our appreciation for your work during these very difficult times.

Reimbursement of COVID Expenses
The Department is working closely with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to review the needs identified by providers due to the current public health emergency. OPM will be providing an allotment from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for DMHAS' contracted human services providers. At this time, all providers should have received a correspondence from the DMHAS Fiscal Department regarding these supplemental funds. Please refer to that correspondence if you have questions regarding how to access these funds.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
DMHAS continues to receive additional shipment of PPE's. If your agency needs additional PPE, please request an order form by sending an email to lauren.siembab@ct.gov. Please understand that we may not be able to fulfill your exact request based on the number of provider agencies we are trying to support, so do your best to approximate what you need for the next 2-4 weeks.

Volunteers Available to Assist Providers

The Connecticut COVID-19 emergency management team (including the Office of the Governor, state agencies, and nonprofit partners) has launched a coordinated volunteer recruitment and placement effort. Volunteers registering through this process may be available to support the work of your organization.

Governor Lamont has asked Connecticut residents who are not immunocompromised or living with other underlying health conditions, under the age of 60, and not currently ill with COVID-19 or otherwise to consider volunteering to help meet the pressing needs of other Connecticut residents. More than 1,900 Connecticut residents have registered to date to be placed as volunteers!

Information on volunteer labor needs will be entered into the Connecticut Disaster Assistance Response Technology (DART) web-based tool, made available through the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD). Connecticut residents interested in volunteering can register online through DART. The DART system matches volunteers with organizations in need, and makes the connection via the point of contact that you list in the online form.

- **If you would like to participate in this effort, please fill out the brief Agency Registration request form to start the process. After you register, you will be able to add the specific volunteer needs of your agency to the database.**
- **If you have already registered, but have additional needs, please update your organization's information in the database to include those new volunteer needs.**

The Governor's daily updates continue to show that we are having fewer hospitalizations and deaths across the state. Under Governor Lamont's leadership, the state has begun to slowly re-open sectors that have been closed. Our collaborative efforts are having positive effects. Thanks for everything you have done. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at Miriam.Delphin-Rittmon@ct.gov or Deputy Commissioner Nancy Navarretta via email at Nancy.Navarretta@ct.gov.