

# Delaware Continuum of Care

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QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 15, 2020

# Logistics

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- ❑ All participants are on mute
- ❑ *Question and Answer function:* Please feel free to submit questions. We will attempt to answer all questions after the webinar, and will share the document with all participants.
- ❑ Chat box: Feel free to use to chat with the group. It's okay to have fun.
- ❑ These webinar slides will be shared via email and posted on the Housing Alliance DE website.

# Agenda

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## 1. Welcome

## 2. Continuum of Care Business

- ❑ Board Membership
- ❑ Continuum of Care Funding Updates

## 3. COVID-19 and Homelessness

- ❑ Informational Resources
- ❑ Local Response (10:30am Governor Carney to speak)
  - ❑ Rita Landgraf, Director of UD Partnership for Health Communities
  - ❑ Linda Brittingham, Corporate Director of Social Work
  - ❑ Ruthann Messick, Food Bank of Delaware
- ❑ CARES Act Federal Funding: \$6.5M in CDBG & ESG for DE
  - ❑ Marlena Gibson, Policy Director, DE State Housing Authority

# Continuum of Care Business: Board Membership

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## New Board Member Nomination

Tyler Shade, Development & Marketing Manager, Family Promise of Northern New Castle County

Tyler is the Development & Marketing Manager with Family Promise of Northern New Castle County. He has been a passionate advocate for those in need all of his life. As a native Delawarean, Tyler is acutely aware of issues affecting the state, specifically homelessness. For the past decade Tyler has dedicated his life to public service. Working at the Center for Community Research & Service, Tyler worked with local communities utilizing an asset-based community development approach to revitalize their neighborhoods. At Housing Alliance Delaware, Tyler's work was heavily rooted within the Continuum of Care, where he became extremely familiar with Delaware's shelter providers, CoC stakeholders, best practices, and everything relating to homelessness. In his current position, Tyler oversees the development and marketing of Family Promise of Northern New Castle County (FPNNCC), ensuring FPNNCC is compliant with HUD regulations, meets targeted outcomes and has funding readily available to serve Delaware's homeless families. Tyler holds an MPA from the University of Delaware.

**E-VOTE NEEDED:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cocboardnomination>

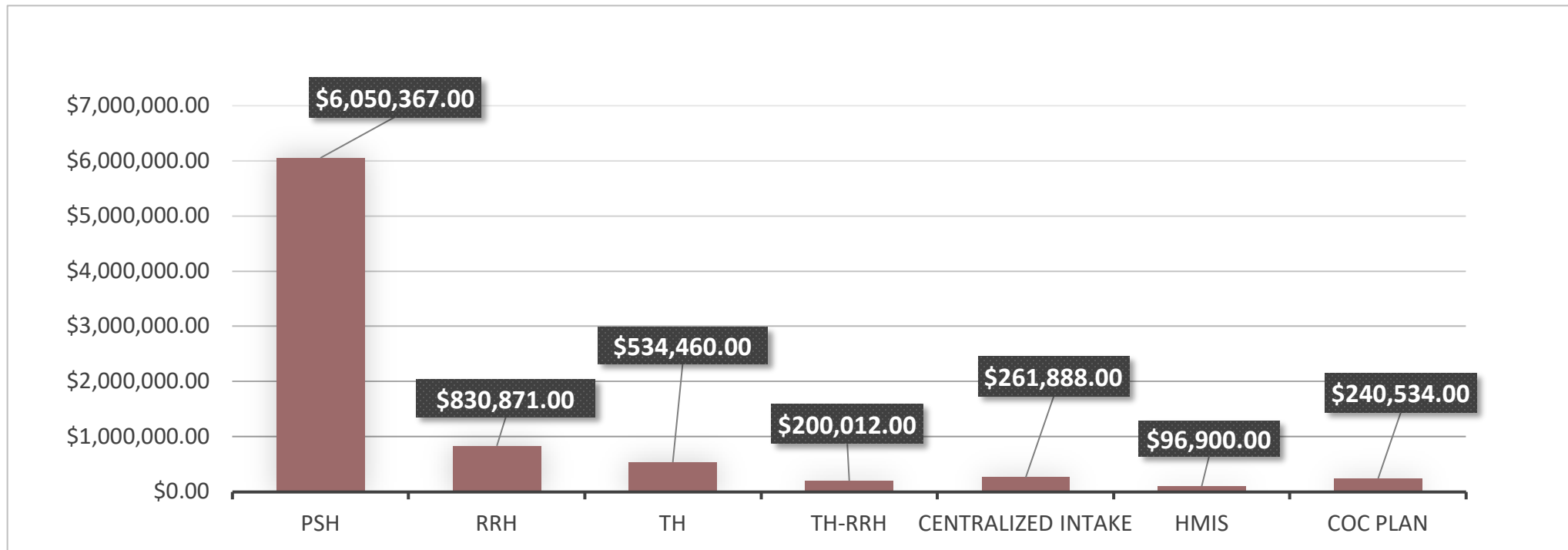
CoC Voting Members, please submit your vote by [Wednesday April 22, 2020](#)

(You will also receive an e-mail about this)

# Continuum of Care Business: Funding Updates

Delaware's 2019 Continuum of Care funding award: \$8,215,032.00

- Full List of 2019 CoC-funded projects: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2019-delaware-coc-grants.pdf>



# Continuum of Care Business: Funding Updates

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HUD CoC COVID-19 WAIVERS AVAILABLE:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/hud-issues-availability-of-regulatory-waivers-for-coc-esg-and-hopwa-programs-to-help-prevent-the-spread-of-covid-19-and-mitigate-economic-impacts/>

Specific to the use of CoC funds, the memo addresses:

- The ability to rent units above FMR
- Extending the time frame for documenting disability for new PSH admissions
- Expanding eligible "housing search and counseling" activities
- Monthly case management requirements for RRH
- Physical inspection requirements for HQI inspections
- One-year lease requirements

# Continuum of Care Business: Funding Updates

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## 2020 Funding Updates

- The CoC, through Housing Alliance Delaware, has contracted with Diana T. Meyers and Associates, Inc. (DMA) to provide technical assistance to the CoC in 2020
- We anticipate at least a minor delay in the release of 2020 NOFA due to COVID-19

# COVID-19: Informational Resources

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- ❑ HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-key-resources>
- ❑ CDC Resources to support people experiencing homelessness: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/index.html>
- ❑ National Alliance to End Homelessness: <https://endhomelessness.org/coronavirus-and-homelessness/>
- ❑ National Healthcare for the Homeless Council: <https://nhchc.org/clinical-practice/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/>
- ❑ Delaware Coronavirus Information and Updates: <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/>



# COVID-19: Informational Resources

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- ❑ Housing Alliance DE: <https://www.housingalliancede.org/covid19-resources>
  - ❑ Brief: Need for Safe Accommodations for Single Adults Experiencing Homelessness
  - ❑ Resource Guide
  - ❑ INFO SHEET: Economic Impact Payments for People Experiencing Homelessness
  - ❑ List of temporary sanitary stations in DE

# Economic Impact Payments

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**A new IRS tool** may help get upcoming Economic Impact Payments (up to \$1,200 for individuals) to people experiencing homelessness. People who did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019 can now file for the payment if.

Please visit the IRS Economic Impact Payments [web page](#) for more Information, and to complete the [Non-FILER FORM](#) If you or your client qualifies to do so.

## **No Bank Account and No Permanent Address?**

If the individual does not a bank account and they do not have a permanent address, they can still receive their payment. Individuals may have their checks mailed to the address of a trusted friend or family member, a shelter if they are currently residing in one, or a place they receive case management or services (day center, state service center, clinic, etc.).

# COVID-19: Local Response

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## *Policies & Resources:*

- ❑ Temporary Moratorium on Evictions & Utility Shutoffs
  
- ❑ FEDERAL CARES ACT: Federal moratorium on evictions from certain “federally-assisted” housing units/programs
  - <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IN/IN11320>
  - <https://www.nhlp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020.03.27-NHLP-CARES-Act-Eviction-Moratorium-Summary.pdf>
  
- ❑ DE-Housing Assistance Program – DE State Housing Authority:  
[http://www.destatehousing.com/OtherPrograms/ot\\_dehap.php](http://www.destatehousing.com/OtherPrograms/ot_dehap.php)
  
- ❑ DANA: <https://delawarenonprofit.org/covid-19/>

# COVID-19: Local Response

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## *Updates:*

- ❑ COVID-19 Homeless Outreach Teams
  - ❑ Placed up to 200 people in hotels/motels to-date
  
- ❑ Significant decrease in shelter capacity
  - ❑ Of the almost 30 emergency shelters in Delaware, only 7 are currently accepting new entries. One of the 7 shelters is only available to veterans, and 3 others are for people fleeing domestic violence.
  
- ❑ DE Community Foundation: COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund - \$50K for hotel/motel rooms for homeless
  
- ❑ Temporary Sanitary Stations (Wilmington, NCC, Dover, Eastern and Western Sussex)
  
- ❑ Shelter supply requests: State is maintaining a wait list until supply chains are restored

# COVID-19: Local Response

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## COVID-19 Homeless Outreach Teams



**Rita Landgraf**

*Director of UD Partnership for Health Communities*

# COVID-19: Local Response

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**Linda Brittingham, ACM, CCM, BCD, CCMHC,  
LCSW, NCC**

*Corporate Director of Social Work, Christiana Care*

Linda Brittingham is the Corporate Director of Social Work for Christiana Care Health System. She also supports social work services at CareVio, a care management product that serves contracted at risk populations. Her background includes service delivery and case management in drug and alcohol, family practice, maternal-child, medical-surgical, oncology, outpatient services, and physical rehabilitation areas.

She is a member of the Clinical Social Work Society, NASW Delaware Chapter where she chairs the Ethics Committee, and Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare

Within Christiana Care, she serves on the Professional Advisory Group for Clinical Pastoral Education, Social Determinants of Health Committee, and the Human Trafficking Work Group.

# COVID-19: Local Response

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**Ruthann Messick**

*Workforce Training Program Manager, Food Bank of DE*

<https://www.fbd.org/how-to-help-during-covid-19/>

Ruthann is the Workforce Training Program Manager at the Food Bank of Delaware (FBD). The program specializes in alleviating academic and personal barriers to employment for students in their 25-week training program and post-graduation wrap-around services.

Ruthann is responsible for the leadership and management of the program which includes development and instruction of curriculum, recruitment and screening of students, research and development of funding sources and scholarships, placement and long-term tracking of students, and relationship development with community stakeholders.

During COVID-19, Ruthann has been busy providing assistance to SNAP Outreach, Healthy Pantry Center, and the Volunteer Room. Ruthann has dedicated personal time to helping others during the pandemic and has sewn approximately 225 masks since April 5<sup>th</sup>.

# CARES Act Federal Funding

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- COVID-19 related funding to numerous HUD programs
- **Key funding related to homelessness:**
  - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$4 Billion
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$5 Billion
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) - \$65 million
- Formula grants distributed to HUD-funded jurisdictions
- Both ESG and CDBG will have multiple allocations to local jurisdictions.
- First within 30 days based on FY20 formula, second within 90 days based on new formula related to COVID-19 impacts
- HUD guidance pending and numerous waivers to facilitate quick distribution



# CARES Act Federal Funding – DE Allocations

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<b>CARES Act Funding – Round 1</b>			
	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>ESG</b>	<b>HOPWA</b>
<b>Dover</b>	\$163,211	-	-
<b>Wilmington</b>	\$1,304,175	\$647,693	\$116,777
<b>New Castle County</b>	\$1,427,933	\$690,366	-
<b>Delaware Nonentitlement (DSHA – Kent &amp; Sussex)</b>	\$1,471,924	\$807,114	\$45,703
<b>Total</b>	\$4,367,243	\$2,145,173	\$162,480

Included in this allocation:

- \$1 B (of \$4 B total) ESG
- \$2 B (of \$5 B total) CDBG

# CARES Act Federal Funding – Draft Priorities

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- **Emergency Shelter Operations**
  - Support to homeless shelters to maintain operations during COVID-19.
- **Motel/Hotel Voucher Program including street outreach**
  - New program in coordination with DHSS, DEMA to provide immediate motel vouchers to clients experiencing homelessness.
- **Homeless Prevention**
  - Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance, Legal Services.
- **Rapid Rehousing**
  - Provide existing rapid rehousing providers funding to maintain current housing supports as well as to help new clients exit from shelter to permanent housing.

thank you