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Natalie Matthews Awesome, Jeanne! Great work. Appreciate you!

Suzanne Beattie In Albany, NY there were porta potties placed throughout the city for homeless. We worked with the local legislatures and the mayor.

Bridgett Moore Yes

Etel Haxhiaj We are experiencing the same issue in Worcester MA

Etel Haxhiaj We also are trying to figure out how to provide water to folks to drink

Kelvin Lassiter Those in the chat room, please send me your info

Kelvin Lassiter Would love to keep in touch

Kelvin Lassiter Got you @ William

Kelvin Lassiter Already replied

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Lisa Coffman Etel thank you for that feedback. I can connect you with Eric if you want to hear some of the public health rationale that they presented to the City to get them to purchase resources. Please send me an e-mail to

Jeanne Goodman Please try Shawn one more time.

William Higgins <https://www.facebook.com/groups/158304874893138/>

Etel Haxhiaj Lisa that would be amazing. Will do right now, Lisa!

from Kelvin Lassiter to all attendees: Hello, everyone. This is Kelvin Lassiter from National Coalition for the Homeless

from Kelvin Lassiter to all attendees: Can't make \$25,000 a year for PSH eligibility?

from William Higgins to all attendees: Good to see you Kelvin

from Kelvin Lassiter to all attendees: Likewise William

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Abt Associate @Kimberly, they are showing. You may need to log out of the meeting and come back in.

Kimberly Ladner I am not seeing any slides

Lisa Coffman @Suzanne - thank you for that information. Can you share a couple of public health speaking points that you used to convince your local elected officials

from William Higgins to all attendees: These are great slides

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Cynthia neither am i - not seeing any slides...

Lisa Coffman @William - thank you. They will be available on the HUD Exchange after this session is complete.

Bridgett Moore Thanks for the update.

Abt Associate @Cynthia. Did you try logging out and back in?

Cynthia will do.

Suzanne Beattie @Lisa- I took your email address to get you connected with the most appropriate person to respond, more closely tied to the getting them installed.

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Natalie Matthews Mask Transit <http://www.masktransit.org> contact@masktransit.org

Jeannie Villa thank you for all the information.

Lisa Coffman "Now is the time to put our bootstraps on, to end homelessness" - Shawn Jones - Baltimore Lived Experience Advisory Committee

Kelvin Lassiter Indeed it is time @ Shawn

from Jeannie Villa to all attendees: thank you for all the information.

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Etel Haxhiaj We just opened a 60-day 15-room hotel in Worcester for doubled up families/folks who cannot find anything. It's been frustrated that stretched thin providers had to fill in this gap, rather than it being done with state leadership

Shara Wells ok

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Etel Haxhiaj Yeah, this is for folks who have been kicked out of their doubled-up situations, or are awaiting shelter access.

Lisa Coffman @William Higgins - what is BRAP?

Jeannie McAninch Opening a new shelter takes time. Especially, if not a private funded shelter.

Kelvin Lassiter The shelter model here in DC is broken and they have closed so many of them in recent years. Rapid re-housing is also ineffective as well. Most end up back homeless in 90 to 180 days in most cases

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Etel Haxhiaj This was super helpful!

Lisa Coffman @Jen Dangremond - we will post the slides after this webinar, so you will have the specifics on the slide

Jen Dangremond Thank you!

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Amanda Stadler William, do you mind sharing your gaps/needs analysis?

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ericjonathansheptock There will be social service funding issues after COVID-19.

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Aishwarya Raja Speaking of hygiene for the homeless, I read this article recently and it's something that I've been thinking about integrating into our organization in some way beyond masks: <https://cal.streetsblog.org/2020/05/15/creating-vitally-needed-hand-washing-stations-for-homeless-residents/>

Michelle Herrera @Shawn Are you able to share the process your CoC did for racial equity? And/or Racial Disparity.

Kelvin Lassiter We have very few hand washing stations at our homeless encampments in DC. That

Kelvin Lassiter That's a public health issue

Natalie Matthews snapsinfo@hud.gov to reach HUD

Karen Yawn We have been able to get a trailer with mobile showers accessible to our homeless twice a week in our community. This was a project of the Homeless TaskForce and one of the churches helped as well.

Aishwarya Raja One thing that I think is important is leveraging community-based networks and structures to create a sustainable model, with the goal of proposing policy at the city/state/federal level. Please reach out to us masktransit@gmail.com if you are interested in helping leveraging community networks in D.C./VA. We can definitely use the help.

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Karen Yawn - from Valdosta, GA.

Aishwarya Raja masktransit@gmail.com*

Chase Archer Evans hygiene is a public health issue, i can walk through a state park and see several shower houses but I can't walk through thirty miles of the fourth largest city in the nation without having to buy something to use a toilet.

K Nicole Nietfeld Thank you.

Natalie Matthews <https://journeyhomebaltimore.org/> journey.home@baltimorecity.gov

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Kelvin Lassiter Chase can you provide your info real quick? Thanks

Lisa Coffman Thank you everyone for participating.

Lisa Coffman SNAPSInfo@hud.gov

Karen Yawn Thank you!

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Beth Sharber Thank you all so much!

Etel Haxhiaj yes please, this was super helpful

Donna Owen Thank you!

Cynthia thank you!

Sandy McKinnon this was very informative! i will give it out here in Reno Nevada more discussion is needed. ! THANK you!

Question and Answer Session

K Nicole Nietfeld Are we muted on entry or is there somewhere I need to mute myself (laptop) as I can't find it...

Natalie Matthews You're muted as an attendee

Taisha Bergman Will a recording of this discussion be available after the webinar?

Natalie Matthews Hi Taisha! Yes, it will be posted in 2-3 business days here:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>

Andrew Kraemer Could you post the call in number here?

Natalie Matthews Sure thing! Dial in informatin - 1-855-797-9485, Meeting ID# 1616161066

beth fylling can you show phone number again and meeting #

Natalie Matthews Of course! Dial in informatin - 1-855-797-9485, Meeting ID# 1616161066

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monica moore have you ever looked into SOAR which will help people apply SSI/SSDI?

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Norman Deena Are you looking to partner with or share your information with other communities. I'm in Columbus, Ohio