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April 2021 Newsletter

March was a big month for MNPHA, with the announcement of both a \$2.56 million wrap around fund and a \$5.6 million rent relief fund. We recognize there is great need for renters at this time, and will be focusing our energy on rapidly developing these initiatives with government and community. We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks, so keep an eye on our website for updates about new programs. These opportunities have created the need for more staff at MNPHA, so please spread the word far and wide as we expand our team.

MNPHA NEWS

MNPHA Awarded Funding

The Manitoba government is providing \$5.6 million to the Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association (MNPHA) to deliver a rent relief program that will support stable housing for low-income to moderate-income families.

The Manitoba Rent Relief Fund will provide interest-free loans to tenants who are behind in their rent or need to move to housing that is more suitable. The program will be administered through the MNPHA, delivered regionally through local rent banks, and made available by May 31st.

Rent funds are a leading jurisdictional best practice in stabilizing housing for those in need and have proven effective in helping to prevent homelessness. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the vulnerable and this will be one more tool to stabilize households in Manitoba.

For more information about the Manitoba Rent Relief Fund head to our [website](#).

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal packages have been mailed out, so keep an eye on your mailbox! If you need help renewing, have any questions, or haven't received your package in the mail yet please contact Beth Schellenberg at membership@mnpha.com.

Call for Committee Members

The Building Partnerships Planning Committee helps advise on workshop and



session topics, connects with partners for the resource fair and trade show, suggests networking events and format, and contributes to an engaging and educational event. The Committee meets monthly via Zoom. All are welcome, and we would specifically like to add committee members from outside Winnipeg and Indigenous-led organizations. Contact Beth at membership@mnpha.com to sign up.



Building Partnerships
2021
The 9th Annual
MNPFA Conference

MNPFA EVENTS

End Homeless Winnipeg - Coordinated Access Presentation on April 6 at 12pm

Betty Edel, Director of Housing Supports from End Homelessness Winnipeg, will be giving MNPFA members a presentation about their Coordinated Access initiative on April 6 at noon.



Coordinated Access is a process through which individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, are provided access to housing and support services based on a standardized set of procedures.

Housing providers in Winnipeg who have units that can be accessed by people leaving circumstances of homelessness will be encouraged to participate in this coordinated access system, which will be in place by March 31, 2022.

Attend the session to learn more about what coordinated access is, the benefits to people experiencing homelessness and the service sector, and how you can participate

To register go [here](#).

NEWS, UPDATES, AND EVENTS



Do you have tenants who are facing financial uncertainty due to loss of income, interaction between CERB and EIA benefits, or other gaps in income that have made rent payments challenging? The Community Financial Helpline

is available province-wide, and can assist with questions about tax filing, obtaining identification, federal COVID-19 recovery benefits, other income supports such as EIA, benefits and credits such as the Canada Child Benefit, and debt management and credit counselling.

For more information go to SEED Winnipeg's [website](#).

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDY ON COVID-19 IMPACTS ON RURAL AND REMOTE SERVICE PROVIDERS

The National Alliance to End Rural and Remote Homelessness, in partnership with Lakehead University researcher, Dr. Rebecca Schiff, is inviting you to participate in a research study about COVID – 19 and its impacts on Rural and Remote Homelessness service providers.

We would like to invite you to participate in a survey that would take about 10 minutes of your time. Participation is completely anonymous and will not affect your relationship with the NAERRH or At Home in the North.

To participate in the survey, click [here](#)

More Keynote Speakers Confirmed for the CHRA Virtual Congress!

CHRA Virtual Congress is happening on April 27-29, 2021, and the keynote speakers who will be participating in the 2021 Virtual Congress on Housing and Homelessness has just been announced. Romy Bowers, Incoming President and CEO of the CMHC and Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the NDP, are on the roster, and are in good company with numerous other exciting voices. To see the full list of speakers and to register click [here](#).



FROM CRISIS TO CONNECTION: ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN WINNIPEG

While the weather is warming, we can't lose sight of the need to end homelessness. Join in to learn what we can do about it.

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021
7pm-8pm | Zoom Webinar**

**MAKE POVERTY HISTORY
MANITOBA**

**Right
to Housing**

**HOPE
END HOMELESSNESS
WINNIPEG**

From Crisis to Connection: Ending Homelessness in Winnipeg

The COVID-19 pandemic and the winter's frigid, -40°C weather increased the visibility of Winnipeg's homelessness crisis like never before. We can't lose sight of the need to end homelessness even though the coldest nights of the year are over. Why does homelessness exist in our city? What factors contribute to this crisis, and who is responding to it? How can Winnipeggers take action to end homelessness, once and for all?

For answers to these questions (and more!), zoom in on Wednesday, April 7 at 7pm for this 1-hour discussion.

Speakers will include:

- Elder Charlotte Nolin
- Betty Edel, End Homelessness Winnipeg
- Main Street Project
- Angelina Pelletier, Ndinawe
- Moderated by Kirsten Bernas

Organized in collaboration by:

- Kikininaw Óma Strategy to Support Unsheltered Winnipeggers
- End Homelessness Winnipeg
- Make Poverty History Manitoba
- Right to Housing Coalition.

All are welcome. If you have any accommodation or accessibility requests, please email chair@makepovertyhistorymb.com by Monday, April 5th at noon and we will do our best to accommodate.

The event will be hosted on Zoom webinar. Register [here](#).

JOB BOARD

MNPHA IS HIRING!

The two new funds being helmed by MNPHA have created the need for more staff, and we have two job opportunities to be filled by mid-April. The deadline to apply for both positions is April 7, 2021. For more information and to apply please visit our [website](#).



Coordinator of Administration and Events:

The Coordinator of Administration and Events will work with the MNPHA team as needed so the Association and its team is resourced, organized, has excellent internal and external communications, and delivers high-quality events that people look forward to attending.

Tasks and Responsibilities

Event Coordination

- Coordinate logistics for virtual and in-person events and workshops
 - Logistics include venue, technology, schedule, food and beverages, supplies, registration management
 - Major events include the Annual General Meeting and annual Building Partnerships conference, with other workshops and meetings throughout the year

Office and Organization Administration

- Receive and forward communications to different staff, including answering phone calls and responding to emails
- Identify and respond to resource needs, including supplies, technology, printed materials
- Update and monitor MNPHA's website (using WordPress)
- Maintain member database and mailing lists for membership outreach and renewal
- Record and disseminate minutes of meetings for Board of Directors and various committees
- Implement and maintain procedures/office administrative systems, including electronic filing systems

For the full job description go [here](#).

Housing Supports Fund Administrator:

This is a new position that will help develop systems, training, policies, and administrative processes for funding programs that will be developed and delivered by MNPHA. This position will support the Executive Director and Transformation Team Lead in an administrative capacity. The Housing Supports Fund Administrator will have excellent internal and external communications, be extremely organized and able to work well both independently and within a small team.

Tasks and Responsibilities

Communications

- Work with MNPHA's communication staff to promote awareness of the funds

- Communicate with members and other organizations to implement the programs and gather information for evaluation and reporting
- Provide guidance to those wanting to access funding programs where needed
- Ensure MNPFA's website is up to date as programs evolve

Fund Administration

- Help create systems to track project development and fund administration
- Provide administrative assistance to support program development, call for proposals process, agreement development, fund dispersal
- Establish systems to monitor funding programs
- Help create presentations for public and stakeholders
- Research and summarize findings where required

Office and Organization Administration

- Manage scheduling relating to meetings with stakeholders
- Record and disseminate notes from various meetings
- Implement and maintain procedures/office administrative systems, including electronic filing systems

For the full job description go [here](#).

Ten Ten Attendant Care Staff

Part-time/On-Call

Guaranteed 8 hours bi-weekly (every other weekend)

Friday 3:30 p.m. to Monday 8:30 a.m.

Commitment to work every second weekend

As part of the Ten Ten Attendant staff team, the attendant will assist tenants who are living independently in managing daily living tasks. Under the direction of the Tenants the primary responsibility is to provide personal care assistance, meal preparation, and housekeeping duties.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12.
- Health Care Aide Certification (from acceptable institution) or previous work experience will be considered (uncertified).
- Must have a current criminal record check with vulnerable sector search, in the last six months.
- Experience working with people with disabilities in a community setting would be a definite asset.
- Ability to accept responsibility, show good judgment and initiative.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team with minimum supervision.
- Ability to communicate well with tenants and co-workers in a courteous and respectful manner.
- Must be physically fit and capable of performing the essential duties of the position.
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Be able to follow verbal and written instructions.
- Knowledge of the Independent Living Philosophy.
- Demonstrated organization and problem solving skills.
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality.
- Must be able to carry the on-call cell phone during the weekend.
- Ability to travel to different locations throughout the city, as needed.

Ten Ten Offers:

- Flexibility to pick up extra shifts.
- Competitive compensation.
- Unionized environment
- Supportive & respectful workplace.
- Benefit package.
- Positive work environment.
- Free parking.

Salary: as per collective agreement

PICTURE OF THE MONTH!

MNPHA's team has seen all the interesting, fun, and innovative things you do to improve the lives of tenants, your staff teams, and the communities around you.

"Pictures of the Month" is a way to share this regularly so members can learn from each other. No idea is too simple or too complex. If you are doing something you think should be shared with your colleagues in the non-profit housing sector, send a photo and brief description to us by April 31 to be included in the May newsletter.



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