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June 2021 Newsletter

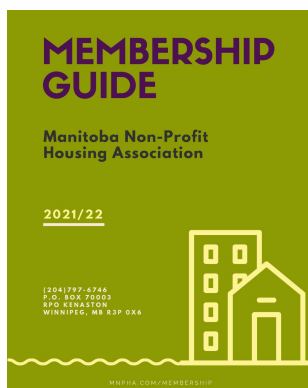
This has been a challenging period for Manitobans, and the discovery of the [215 children](#) in Kamloops has ushered in a fresh wave of grief, as the horror of residential schools is all too familiar in this province. We stand with First Nations people across Canada, whose pain we can't begin to comprehend, and recommit ourselves to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Actions.

As a settler organization working within the housing sector, we are particularly focused on the [TRC items 18-24](#), which outline the gaps in health outcomes for Indigenous peoples. Housing is a determinant of health, and as such our sector has an important role to play in addressing ongoing disparity and working towards reconciliation and equality.

If you, your staff, or your tenants are struggling, the [Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#) offers grief and trauma counseling, and there are local [BIPOC mental health workers](#) currently taking clients. If your organization is not Indigenous, we encourage giving Indigenous people who are involved with your organization or property time and space to mourn this atrocity.

If you, your coworkers, or your peers are unfamiliar with the legacy of Residential Schools in Canada and the incredibly harmful effect they continue to have on First Nations people today, the [On Canada Project](#) has many useful resources.

MNPCHA NEWS



MNPCHA's 2021-22 Membership Guide

The updated guide is now available online, and will be mailed/e-mailed to members in the coming weeks. Check out all of the benefits of membership, receive a list of members to be able to connect with colleagues in the sector, and learn about upcoming events.

MNPCHA in Globe and Mail article on Discrimination in Housing

Our ED Christina Maes Nino is quoted in a Globe and Mail article about discriminatory urban planning.

“The only way that cities can be inclusive is if there’s mixed tenures and incomes across all communities. We can’t continue to build these communities where we have pockets of deep poverty and pockets of extreme wealth,” says Christina Maes Nino, executive director of Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association. Maes Nino considers the government’s perspective toward community housing as problematic because of what she says is the faulty notion that non-profit and community housing can be self-sustaining. This is reflected in the way governments fund community housing through capital investments or loans instead of through income supports and housing subsidies.

Advocates describe community housing as a positive solution to tenants’ social and economic needs because many community housing providers partner with organizations to provide support to tenants, including mental health professionals, cultural support for Indigenous people, programming for seniors to enable them to maintain active, and counselling for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Providing these additional supports creates an environment where tenants feel safe, supported and better connected to their communities.

Read the full article [here](#).



RENT RELIEF FUND INFO SESSION JUNE 7, 12:00PM

The Manitoba Rent Relief Fund, which is administered by Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Association and funded by the Province of Manitoba, will provide no interest loans to eligible tenants who are behind in their rent or utility payments.

Cheryl Krostewitz, MNPHA's Transformation Team Lead, is providing information about this initiative on Monday, June 7 at 12:00pm.

Rent Relief Fund and Housing Support Initiatives Update

The Rent Relief Fund is now accepting applications! We know our members and other community organizations likely have questions about this initiative, and have arranged an Info Session for Monday, June 7th, where our Transformation Team Lead Cheryl Krostewitz will give a presentation explaining the ins and outs of the program, and answer questions.

[Register for Info Session](#)

RESOURCES

Canada Post Parcel Locker Program

Increase resident satisfaction with a Canada Post Parcel Locker. Get a **free** Indoor Canada Post Parcel Locker for your building and provide your residents with a convenient, safe and secure way to receive their parcels.

Canada Post is available to consult with building owners and managers on the installation of Parcel Lockers—to help select a location, take measurements and schedule installation.

[Learn more here](#)

HOUSING NEWS AND UPDATES

CAMH Shares Results from Study on Mental Health and Support Needs for Service Providers

The Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH) has been researching the mental health and support needs of service providers working with people experiencing homelessness in Canada. On May 21, CAMH shared its first publication from the study, providing a snapshot of this workforce's mental health and wellness, including the perceived effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on providers. The findings are drawn from a sample of 701 service providers in the homeless service, supportive housing, and harm reduction sectors across the country who completed an online survey during the second wave of the pandemic (from November 2020 to January 2021).

Here are a few highlights from the paper compiled by CHRA:

- 79.5% of providers reported a **decline in their mental health since March 2020**; this rate is slightly higher than what was found in a large survey of healthcare workers in Canada that was conducted at a similar time.
- **Substance use increased for 39.1% of providers** during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approximately **one-third of providers reported moderate or more severe symptoms of anxiety and depression**.
- 41.9% had **elevated post-traumatic stress symptoms**.
- Minimal differences in mental health and wellness were found between providers working in homeless service, supportive housing, community-based health services, and harm reduction programs, suggesting that the rates of mental health and wellness problems reported by providers are similar across service settings
- Service providers who were younger and spent more time in direct contact with service users were more likely to report greater mental health and wellness problems.

The report is a reminder of the importance of caring for, and adequately resourcing, your employees and colleagues at this time.

To read the report click [here](#).

Organization kicks off Winnipeg renovation project for Indigenous women, children

The Winnipeg Sun recently reported that Raising the Roof, an organization providing national leadership on long-term solutions to homelessness, is preparing to kick off a renovation project in Winnipeg to house Indigenous women and children. It's the organization's first project outside Ontario. In a press release, the organization said it's working with Purpose Construction to convert a vacant commercial property on Mountain Avenue into housing. When renovations are finished, the building will contain three living units with three beds each. Occupants will pay rent at 59% of market cost.

To read the full story click [here](#).

CTV NEWS STORY ABOUT PROPERTY INSURANCE

Councillor Ross Eadie made a motion at Winnipeg City Council for: City Council request of the Province Of Manitoba to have Manitoba Public Insurance establish public property insurance for areas of Winnipeg and other Manitoba cities to maintain the public interest in viable businesses and properly insured residential properties. MNPHA [provided commentary to CTV](#) noting that increasing insurance rates impact the affordability of housing, and solutions that address this challenge from any level of government are appreciated.



MNPHA is also following its sister organizations in Ontario, BC, and Quebec in setting up a pooled insurance program. We're still seeking information from interested housing providers to assess the viability and cost savings. Contact [Beth](#) if you want to learn more (by phone: 204-

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BUILDING BOARDS LEVEL 2

Training for Boards of Directors of Non-Profit Housing
Participants engage in self-directed training including videos, readings, and board tools from June 1-30, 2021.

Learn more: <https://mnpha.com/education/>

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It is not too late to register for Building Boards Level 2!

Whether you're new to non-profit board governance, new to a housing-focused organization, or experienced in both, this custom-designed training for the non-profit housing sector in Manitoba is for you. This next round focuses on **strategic planning, financial oversight, bylaws, policies, and compliance**, and will run this June.

Registrants have up to one month to complete the training, which they can do on their own time, and will take about 4 hours in total. Financial support is available, if cost is a barrier to accessing the course please contact us

If you have any questions about this training, please reach out to Beth at membership@mnpha.com.

REGISTER
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Hone your grant writing skills!

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Writing Persuasive Proposals

June 16 & 23
9am to 12pm

Workshop Co-ordinator: Sarah Day Consulting

[Learn More and Register](#)

Online: Writing Persuasive Proposals (June 16 & 23, 2021)

June 16, 2021 09:00 AM to June 23, 2021 09:00 AM

Join Volunteer Manitoba for this workshop on persuasive proposal writing and learn how to take your proposal from paper to approval!

JOB BOARD

Merchants Corner Inc is hiring an Executive Director

JOB SUMMARY

Merchants Corner Inc. (MCI) is seeking a highly motivated, community minded leader with connections to the North End to progress our organization forward. Reporting directly to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will provide leadership to the operations of MCI in the areas of: strategic planning, fund development, community and public relations, facility management and human resources.

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

Murdoch Management is hiring a Property Manager

Murdoch Management is looking for a mature and experienced individual to join its team. The successful applicant will take the lead role in managing a portfolio of seniors housing with a variety of not-for-profit tenures (Co-op, Life Lease and Rental).

This position reports to the GM and is required to attend Board meetings, and supervise the day-to-day project needs, a full time assistant, caretakers and service providers. Yardi (or similar) and MS Office/Outlook would be an asset.

Highly organized team player working in a fast-paced team environment should apply to doug@lifelease.ca.

TenTen Sinclair is hiring Health Care Aides

Position: 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.

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

Picture of the Month

Mural by Dee Barsy

Muse Flats, UWCRC 2.0's newest development, has a beautiful mural. The painting features Dee's iconic blue background, bright colours, and abstract lines. Colony Creek, the waterways the used to run through the city, is represented in this composition with: a continuous (and nearly consistently black-coloured) line beginning from the left side of the image and then mirrored and flipped vertically with a continuous (and nearly consistently red-coloured) line beginning from the right side of the image. The flowing lines of this composition suggest: lines of movement and spaces of rest; pathways and waterways.



No idea is too big or too small for picture of the month! You can submit them by e-mail to membership@mnpha.com to be included in July's newsletter

**COVID-19 Resources for
Non-Profit Housing
Providers in Manitoba**

**[https://mnpha.com/
covid-19/](https://mnpha.com/covid-19/)**

Other recent COVID-19 Resources and Updates:

- People booking a COVID-19 vaccine over the phone can access service in over 100 languages, and can request a professional interpreter for appointments at super sites. Read details [here](#)
- Transportation information is available through 211. Once an eligible person has a confirmed COVID-19 appointment, they can call 211 with the date, time and location. The 211 navigators will help them identify available options and connect them with the transportation provider they choose. Individuals are responsible for the cost of their transportation service, which could include handi-transit, taxi or a shuttle service. [Learn more here](#)
- Vaccine eligibility is expanding on a daily basis, please see the [MB Government website](#) for the most up to date information regarding vaccines, as guidelines are changing rapidly and people of different ages are able to access vaccines at different locations.