

The Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness

COVID-19 Homelessness Response Network
May 4th, 2020

1. Welcome and Attendance
 - a. Please make sure you write your name and organization in the chat function of the WebEx to ensure your participation is recorded.
2. Updates from Homelessness Initiatives Team
 - a. COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Response
 - i. Shelter operator updates
 - Surveillance Testing in Shelter Settings
 - ii. Hotel isolation updates
 - Durham Region Isolation and Recovery Program (DRIP) has moved into Phase 2
 - Next steps
 - iii. Camp Samac facility update
 - The facility has opened as of May 1st with limited capacity
 - Update on referral process
 - See the media release [here!](#)
 - iv. Next steps
 - b. COVID-19 Unsheltered Response
 - i. Oshawa: Mission United Project
 - ii. Ajax: Ajax Community Center
 - iii. Pickering: Dunbarton Facility
 - iv. Whitby: Iroquois and McKinney
 - c. COVID-19 Relief Response
 - i. Continued discussion on the Housing Stability Program guidelines to ensure the program can meet the need during COVID-19
3. Funding
 - a. Community Response Fund: to make funds available to non-profit organizations in Durham Region supporting homeless residents during COVID-19.
 - i. Application and details are available now at: www.durham.ca/Covid19CommunityFund
 - ii. Continued discussion on application assessment process
4. Agency Updates
 - a. What is working and not working
 - b. Unmet needs and strategies moving forward

- c. Collaborative efforts and opportunities: Does anyone have anything that they can provide to help the homelessness support system?
- 5. Thinking Beyond the Crisis
 - a. What has COVID-19 shown us about our homelessness system?
 - b. What have we started doing because of the current situation that is working really well?
 - c. What parts of our system need to be changed moving forward?
- 6. Additional Resources:
 - a. [CAEH - Meaningful Activities That Respect Physical Distancing and Support Isolation](#)
 - b. You can listen to past webinars, register for upcoming webinars, and find additional resources [here](#)
- 7. Next Meeting
 - a. Meetings will be scheduled every Monday from 1:00pm-3:00pm
 - b. Send any **agenda items** and **Good News Stories** to Alyxandra.Riddell@durham.ca by end of day Thursday to be added to the following Monday's agenda