CHAT TRANSCRIPT February 9, 2021 Coalition COVID-19 Call

00:10:06 Deb DeBare: Welcome everyone! Feel free to post any questions or comments here in the chat, and we can weave them in to the conversation with Shanti Kulkarni...

00:12:55 Meinkeng Fonge: Here is a copy of the powerpoint for folks who need it!

00:13:11 Shafeka Hashash (She/Her): thanks!

00:15:46 Matāpuna Levenson: Thank you, Meinkeng

00:20:14 D Fox: I can take it back to DVHTAC and see what follow-up we might do.

00:20:34 Deb DeBare: Feel free to unmute if you want to ask a question or share your experiences

00:21:40 Krista Niemczyk (she - her): I'll put it in the chat :)

00:22:41 Krista Niemczyk (she - her): In CA a lot of the supports like hazard pay have largely dried up because programs don't have the funding to continue it. They're struggling with the ongoing stress on staff, and for several orgs dealing with the death of staff due to COVID.

00:23:54 Krista Niemczyk (she - her): We had a small amount of funds for mental health needs and used it to get 265 direct service staff a year's subscription to Calm. Which doesn't fix it all, but was clearly a desire/need for folks

00:30:25 Megan Owens (she/her), MOCADSV: We are in legislative session and seeing some issues with those making budget decisions who are saying we aren't helping enough people to justify the access to funds that member agencies are requesting due to shelters not having a large of capacities as they did before

00:31:15 Pam Jacobs (she/her), NJCEDV: It would be great to have a way to capture the complexity of issues survivors are presenting with, and not just the number of people we’re serving.

00:31:21 Susan Higginbotham: Megan- what about hoteling?

00:32:36 Megan Owens (she/her), MOCADSV: Some are doing that, but with limited funds many of our agencies don't have the funding to match their normal capacities with hotel placements

00:34:31 Susan Higginbotham: I hear you. We were able to get $10 million from PA of CARES Act funding for the DV programs for expenses related to the pandemic, so that helped them afford hoteling. FVPSA CARES Act to a lesser degree.

00:36:26 Meinkeng Fonge: For folks who are doing culturally specific work or have programs who are, The UN had a webinar about 2 months ago and shared this wonderful resource. It’s a pretty extensive google sheet (but easy to navigate) with articles and research showing the effects of COVID on survivors from different communities. Super helpful to help guide our work. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w28pmDt-lOIcI9cvaUdAMVVDzftOiI1-/view

00:36:43 Matāpuna Levenson: In Hawaiʻi we recently connected w/ the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander COVID Response Team which is the first communty-level effort to really address the intersection of DV, COVID, and marginalized communities in Hawaiʻi.

00:38:12 Rachel, NMCADV she/her: Rachel Cox, rachel@nmcadv.org

00:38:19 Liz Odongo: I'm thinking about the data and what might be helpful and my mind goes to advocacy and I'm wondering if the correlation to staff moral and fear over time lends to an advocacy platform ahead of what we know is likely going to be a surge of need as it becomes safer for people to reach out for support

00:40:49 Matāpuna Levenson: https://www.nhpicovidhawaii.net/

00:50:42 Meinkeng Fonge: Please don’t forget to take our brief evaluation survey and let us know how we did on today’s call! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYRC66X

00:50:51 Cierra H: I’m curious. Was the survey offered in different languages?

00:51:00 Kristin Vamenta (she/they, VA Action Alliance): Ohh, good question!

00:52:20 Cierra H: Absolutely!

00:54:17 Nadine Neufville: Thank you, all. I was just asked today by leadership for more information about the impact of COVID on survivors and services, and it was helpful to be able to share what we've heard from you over the past months. The more that you have to share will be appreciated as well.

00:54:22 Kristin Vamenta (she/they, VA Action Alliance): Thank you Shanti! Thanks, y'all!