**Healthcare, Nonprofits, Childcare and Support Services Meeting**  
**June 12, 2020**  
**9:00 am to 10:00 am**  
Meeting via Zoom

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**Subcommittee Updates**

**Childcare and Support Services**

- Focus on childcare for immigrant community, since so many immigrants are front line workers and need to be supported in order for the whole economy and population to thrive.
- Conversations with Maine Equal Justice about ways to support families:
  - Housing support, especially considering Property Tax Fairness Credit
  - Food support
- Focus on cost and realistic implementation of ideas.
- There is a significant impact to childcare in Maine, half have shut down and remaining are at a decreased capacity.
- 16 YMCAs in Maine collectively serve largest population of kids in childcare and had a million dollar impact in March-May. Reopening they are having to pay staff more while at a decreased capacity because of social distancing.
- Looking to either extend the funding that has been provided through Office of Child and Family Services or find a new way to support childcare of all types.
- Considering what “after school” will look like depending on what school looks like?

**Healthcare**

- Potential healthcare crisis in the future since a significant number of people have not been in contact with doctors
- Mental Health Agencies:
  - Paid for Medicare revenue but then they could apply for PPE
  - Behavioral health has increasing need with shrinking staff and revenue
  - Behavioral health also dependent on in-person and community treatment
- Gordon Smith is very concerned about overdose deaths, DHHS seeing spike in methamphetamines and cocaine (more dangerous and cheaper).
  - Need to provide more assistance to existing service centers.
  - Towns that are not used to providing these services will see an increase, especially in rural areas.
- Private Practice Physicians:
  - Physicians who could not get PPE. Conversations with MEMA about how to distribute PPE (problem across agencies across the state, high expense)
- Also need help implementing telehealth.
Revenue support for telephonic services, including support for broadband, and access to computers in a private area for telehealth

**Nonprofits**

- Working closely with national partners closely and responsively, especially changes to the PPE program.
- Responding to potential actions and shifts in DC.
- YMCA is a significant employer and they self-insure their unemployment benefits which means that they have to cover the cost of the UI benefits for their furloughed or laid off employees. The federal government will be picking up 50% of this cost but self-insured organizations like YMCA and Goodwill Industries must pick up the other 50%. This cost is significant and could make it much harder for them to operate into the future.
- New Hampshire opened relief fund yesterday, in partnership with New Hampshire Relief Foundation to provide CARES Act dollars to nonprofits.
- Focusing on gaps in services.
- Nonprofits are on the front line and a part of Main Streets, exploring what they need.
- Small nonprofits without pre-existing relationships who employ gig workers are having difficulty deciding how to survive and what to apply for.
- Considering what role philanthropy plays in the economic recovery committee.
  - Reaching out to Maine Philanthropy Center or Maine Community Center to partner and develop a more direct relationship, both have lists of opportunities we are offering.
  - Many foundations have reached out already and stepped up. For more information.
  - Calls for those foundations to contribute philanthropic money and create packages to approach them with.
- The financial burden of accessing PPE materials to keep clients and workers safe has been a challenge
- Also, consider what the role for art at this time is and how we support it

**Maine Equal Justice Updates**

- Healthcare, housing and childcare focus, especially for immigrant populations
- Rapid Assistance Program needs to be reflective of high need
- Concern over evictions
- Support for homeless shelters needed
- Stimulus checks for towns with an increase in unemployment
- TANIF and SNAP to combat food insecurity

**Next steps**

- Brainstorming “out of the box” ideas to discuss next week
- Coordinate efforts to create packages to approach foundations with
- Reflect on top recommendations
- Consider guiding principles of the subcommittee during this time