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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for all that you are doing to adjust, adapt, create and persevere so that all our neighbors can be safe and healthy.

1. **Our next meeting for *Human Services Information Sharing Regarding COVID-19* will be 3:30-4:30pm, Thursday, December 10**. **Please save the date.** Registration and zoom link details will be coming. Over the coming months, COVID-19 vaccine will be arriving. Human services providers are trusted voices to constituents, and able to improve access, demand, and infrastructure for appropriate vaccination. In this meeting, masters level students from Benedictine University will (1.) Do an overview of evidence regarding populations that may be most hesitant to or be misinformed about getting the vaccine (and the historical reasons as to why), what the trust issues are, etc., and (2.) Share some reliable, concrete resources, tips, and/or pathways regarding how to encourage these communities to get vaccinated in a culturally sensitive, efficacious, and effective way which acknowledges and addresses their potential hesitancies/mistrust. We are grateful to Dr. Krishna Bhagat and her students for offering this resource to human service providers.

2. **Learn about options to avoid foreclosure**. A free workshop for homeowners and the professionals who work with them will be presented by Prairie State Legal Services at 3:30pm on Monday, November 16, 2020. Register at this link this link , and please share the flyer attached.

3. **Get a thorough update on public benefits eligibility, taking into account COVID-19 impacts.** DuPage Federation is presenting Making The Connection training series via zoom. Register at https://www.dupagefederation.org/public-benefits-training. All sessions are 9am-11am:
    a. Dec. 2 (overview of the cash, food and medical benefits administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services);
    b. Dec. 9 (Medicaid and Medicare);
    c. Dec. 16 (benefits access for youth, survivors of Domestic Violence, immigrants including undocumented and justice-involved populations).

4. **DuPage County's COVID-19 Health Equity and Access Response Team (HEART) has launched.** A video of the first meeting can be viewed at the Health Department youtube site . You will hear member introductions at the 3:35 minute mark; Karen Ayala's call to

action at 31:26, Dr. Rashmi Chugh's COVID-19 metrics review with data deconstructed by race and ethnicity at 36:00; Kara Murphy's overview of a draft framework for equity at minute 1:14:10; and Chris Hoff's call for projects to address equity at minute 1:26:30.

Thank you for your collaboration and mutual support.

With appreciation,

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