Hello CDVSA FY2020 Sub-Grantees:

Alaska has been under a public health emergency declaration since March 11; starting today the Governor is allowing a very small and soft opening of some non-essential services that will begin to change the current dynamic of community interaction, employment and staying at home. As we all know, the reopening of community and family activities may bring a significant increase in individuals seeking services that are hard to request while at home 24/7. We provide this COVID-19 Update to keep you informed of changes, opportunities and upcoming deadlines. Please review the information below and do not hesitate to contact your Program Coordinator if you have questions or need additional information/clarification.

▪ As announced last week, CDVSA has identified state GF Emergency Funds that are available for our 35 sub-grantees to apply for between now and June 10. Funding protocol are outlined in the attached FY2020 COVID-19 Emergency Funding Opportunity; additionally a short application is attached to complete and submit to CDVSA to request up to $10,000 in emergency funds. The funds are to help you cover necessary costs to stay open and provide critical services to those Alaskans seeking help. Please read through both documents and if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

▪ We want to thank everyone who has completed the short Survey Monkey request for information about how your agency/community is doing amid the COVID-19 pandemic. By Thursday evening we had received 27 surveys or 77% of our 35 sub-grantees. If you haven’t already, please take a few minutes to complete this survey with as much detail as possible. We are getting some excellent information to guide us forward. And, it would be great to get a 100% return rate 😊. Early next week Morgan will put the data together as a point-in-time picture of what is happening on the ground. We know much of the information ebbs and flows—it is not static. And as the state begins to open up, even a little, it will change again!

▪ We know that many of our programs are running low on PPE and cleaning/disinfectant supplies. With the help of DPS and DOC we have secured 1,000 cloth masks to distribute to our programs. Next week we will determine the best approach for distribution. We are trying to secure bulk quantities of other supplies without much luck – we will keep trying.

▪ We want to remind everyone that all Q3 Expenditure Revenue reports, along with your first BAR reflecting changes in match and reallocation of funds between line items are due April 30th. We appreciate everyone working hard to meet this deadline, with everything else you are doing.

Finally, we want to say THANK YOU to all of you working so hard to make sure services are available in spite of the challenges, chaos and confusion that so many people are feeling – you are truly inspiring in your commitment and compassion.