Overview

COVID-19 Response: BARHII Policy and Actions Slate

○ **Goals:**

1. Support member LHDs and Community Partners with providing immediate relief to families and small businesses amidst COVID-19 spread.
2. Use this moment in time to bolster our equity and resilience efforts, capitalizing on the creativity and capacity that are being unearthed to respond to crisis.

○ **Process:**

Compiled policy efforts drawn from BARHII’s Policy Committee Meeting on 3/18/20 and from fluid policy research on the County, State, and Federal levels. Actions for both LHDs and Community Organizations.

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Overview

Key Impact Areas:
- Housing Stability
- Financial Assistance to Families
- Economic Security for Small Businesses and Gig Workers
- Early Childhood
- Emergent: Law Enforcement

Adjacent impact areas:
- Healthcare & Front-Line Service Response
- Food Security

Messaging Considerations
Housing Stability

- **Local Efforts:** Eviction, Foreclosure, Rent Increase, Power Shut-Off Moratoriums
  - Alameda, San Francisco, Contra Costa, San Mateo
- **State-Wide Efforts:** Housing Now! Working to response to Governor’s disappointing eviction moratorium that devolved to local authority

Speaker: **Ian Winters**, Executive Director at Northern California Land Trust

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Financial Stability for Families

- **Local Efforts:** Neighborhood stabilization through mortgage and rent assistance; Paid Sick Leave extensions.
  - *San Mateo, Alameda*

- **State-Wide Efforts:** Coalition campaigns for immediate release of family funds, YCTC and ITIN inclusion in CalEITC (CA Immigrant Policy Center, The Economic Security Project)

Speaker: **Sasha Feldstein**, Economic Justice Policy Manager, CA Immigrant Policy Center

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Economic Security for Small Businesses & Gig Workers

- **Local Efforts:** Small business stabilization financial assistance—deferring restaurant taxes and licensing fees
  - *San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara*
  - **Small Business Majority** paving the way to support workers w/ policy and strategic frameworks; lending programs for funders; connecting workers to resources and immediate cash assistance—working closely with Gov.’s office and EDD

- **State-Wide Efforts:**
  - Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance for California Small Businesses Economically Impacted by COVID-19
  - *Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez (D)* [letter](#) to EDD to provide UI to gig workers misclassified as independent contractors
  - LA County working on allocating funds for Wage Loss, Small Business loss, not loans
Early Childhood Support

- **Local Efforts**: Converting rec. and library spaces into emergency childcare spaces for pre-k to 5y/o for low-income and front-line service workers
  - *San Francisco*

- **State-Wide Efforts**: Department of Education and Health and Human Services Agency Issued [Guidance](#) to Help Schools Prepare; YCTC Advocacy (mentioned prior)

- **Federal Efforts**: [H.R. 6201](#) The Families First Coronavirus Response Act provides $500 million in food assistance for low-income mothers with young children and pregnant women
Emergent: Law Enforcement

- Considerations from Alameda County:

  Equity in law enforcement response around shelter in place
  - How do we track arrests/fines?

- Other considerations?
Adjacent Impact Areas

- **Healthcare & Front-Line Service Response**
  - Funding $5M to expand janitorial services; hygiene standards for shelters, low-income locations; providing PPE for healthcare workers
    - *San Francisco*

- **Food Security**
  - Food System Alliance—offering food security for students and campaigning to keep farmers’ markets open during outbreak; CA Alliance of Famers Markets
    - *Marin, San Mateo*
  - Governor’s Executive Order [N-29-20](#) waives eligibility re-determinations for 90 days for CalFresh Food Assistance
Messaging Considerations

- Contra Costa County
  - Dan Peddycord, RN, MPA, Director of Public Health. Daniel.Peddycord@cchealth.org

- Media Recommendations Packet
  - Including Key Messaging from Public Health Awakened, BMSG
Resources

- **Housing Policy BCSH Guidelines:**

- **Supporting Housing Now! Key eviction moratorium efforts:**
  - [https://www.housingnowca.org/stopcoronacrisis?eType=EmailBlastContent&ei=54f8268b-89ac-4843-9f3a-a11f0fe5844f](https://www.housingnowca.org/stopcoronacrisis?eType=EmailBlastContent&ei=54f8268b-89ac-4843-9f3a-a11f0fe5844f)
  - [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/statewide-eviction-moratorium-for-those-impacted-by-coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR0UVrh1WhLpnVx3SfpCn1sis8ssOPk4xQhCkMLhLOjtPkUbyY2K7tSPI6w](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/statewide-eviction-moratorium-for-those-impacted-by-coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR0UVrh1WhLpnVx3SfpCn1sis8ssOPk4xQhCkMLhLOjtPkUbyY2K7tSPI6w)

- **Paid Sick Leave, Unemployment Insurance Legal information (Legal Aid at Work):**

- **Economic Security Project for immediate family cash relief:**
  - [https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/emergencymoney](https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/emergencymoney)
  - Contact: Teri Olle, CA Campaign Director, [teri@economicsecurity.us](mailto:teri@economicsecurity.us)

- **Health LA on Policy Strategy for Small Businesses and Gig Workers:**

- **Small Business Majority Frameworks and Lending Programs:**
  - [https://smallbusinessmajority.org/policy-agenda/covid-19](https://smallbusinessmajority.org/policy-agenda/covid-19)

- **CDPHD Food Services Guidelines:**
  - [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Coronavirus%20Disease%202019%20and%20Food%20Beverage%20Other%20Services%20-%20AOL.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Coronavirus%20Disease%202019%20and%20Food%20Beverage%20Other%20Services%20-%20AOL.pdf)
Questions?

- Thank you