

Memorandum

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RE: Practice and Policy Questions re: COVID-19 and Telehealth

Hennepin County's Children's Mental Health Collaborative (CMHC) hosted four online meetings with children's mental health providers and representatives of community-based organizations, mental health organizations, school districts, county agencies and families between March 23 and 27, 2020. There were 75 participants representing multiple children's mental health programs and agencies across the county.

We are submitting a summary of issues and questions on the impact of COVID-19 on children and families in Hennepin County and on children's mental health providers collected during last week's meetings. The CMHC understands the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is working to communicate with partners as quickly as possible. This memo and summary of issues and questions is an attempt to streamline communication between DHS and children's mental health providers – and families seeking services - in Hennepin County.

We request your assistance and guidance responding to state specific questions in the attached summary. We will communicate your responses to all participating organizations as well as their partners.

The CMHC is hosting additional meetings with parents and youth to further assess their impact over the next few weeks. We will continue to communicate the issues and needs as appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance and partnership.