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TO: HHN Committee, other interested parties
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RE: March Update

Below is my update for March, 2021.

It's been a busy month of getting planned RFP's out for consideration. In the last several weeks, we've released RFP's for the Triage and Restoration Center, eviction prevention and for overnight coverage of the BHRC.

Public RFP's are available here and as of the drafting of this report, both the BHRC and the Triage Center links were still live:

<https://www.danepurchasing.com/bids>

We also continue to advocate for vaccines for DCDHS staff but shared the unfortunate news this month that Phase 1B does not yet cover many of our staff in roles with public interaction (aside from our Americorps volunteers doing work in schools). But I am hopeful that Phase 1C will hopefully include more staff doing that critical work.

Other activities include our annual purchasing cycle and getting those RFP's ready for bid and doing the research and planning we can to return to broader public service while we await more vaccinations and guidance from public health on when it might be safe to do so. We are optimistic about the Summer, but believe Spring will be largely status quo in terms of staff working remotely and buildings remaining closed to public hours.

Thank you as always for your time and support.