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### **City Mission Hosts Virtual Coronavirus Q & A Forum for Local Non-profits**

This is a confusing and uncertain time for all of us. The Coronavirus pandemic has impacted our community in surprising ways and affected everyday life for just about everyone.

The leadership team at City Mission meets daily to discuss the latest news in this ever-changing situation, but every passing day creates new questions, and answers are often difficult to come by. And every local non-profit and human service charity is certainly having a similar experience, with mounting questions and few answers.

Last Thursday, April 2, City Mission reached out to its local government and non-profit leadership connections to host a Coronavirus Q & A virtual meeting forum. Dr. Sally Mounts, City Mission's Chief Development Officer, initiated the forum by contacting Washington County Commissioner Chair, Diana Irey Vaughan, who graciously offered her time and knowledge to help area non-profits get the answers they seek. Dr. Mounts then reached out to the local Human Service Charity Leadership group, who submitted their questions to the County Commissioner ahead of the forum.

Then, City Mission set up a virtual meeting with thirteen local non-profit leaders to go over the pre-submitted questions. County Commissioner Irey Vaughan, along with the county's Director of Human Services, Kimberly Rogers, answered the questions throughout the meeting and provided written responses for further reference.

As a result of this initial Q & A forum, Rogers and her team will be hosting a weekly webinar session to continue the sharing of information around the CARES Act to further help area non-profits as they navigate through relief efforts during this Coronavirus crisis. If you are a Washington County Non-profit leader and interested in participating in the next Q & A session, email Rogers at [rogerski@co.washington.pa.us](mailto:rogerski@co.washington.pa.us).

For the PDF of the questions and answers that came out of this initial session, visit [citymission.org/coronavirus](http://citymission.org/coronavirus). For more information about what Washington County is doing to support our community during this time, contact them at [publicinformation@co.washington.pa.us](mailto:publicinformation@co.washington.pa.us).

**About City Mission:** For over 75 years, City Mission has sheltered, healed, and restored the homeless to independent living—without discrimination. City Mission’s comprehensive program addresses both short-term needs like food and shelter, and long-term needs, including drug and alcohol counseling, mental health and medical treatment, legal aid, and employment training. City Mission’s goal is to help each man, woman, mother with children, or veteran who walks through our doors to become a healthy, productive member of society. With your help, we can help our residents renew their lives.