

**M.O. 616/2020**

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) made Record of Decision – CMOH Order 05-2020 dated March 25, 2020 under section 29(2.1) of the PHA requiring persons to be isolated or quarantined to address the significant public health risks posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS section 52.6(1)(b) of the PHA authorizes the Minister, during the state of public health emergency, to authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type the person is qualified to provide, for the purpose of preventing, combating or alleviating the effects of the public health emergency and protecting the public health;

WHEREAS section 66.1(2) of the PHA provides that no action for damages may be commenced against any person or organization acting under the direction of a Minister for anything done or not done by that person or organization in good faith directly or indirectly related to a public health emergency while carrying out duties or exercising powers under the PHA or any other enactment;

WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta as represented by the Minister of Community and Social Services (CSS) facilitates the funding and operation of homeless shelter supports for Albertans who contract COVID-19 or are suspected of having contracted COVID-19;

WHEREAS as part of that facilitation, CSS has entered into an agreement dated March 30, 2020 with Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) to operate isolation centers to serve individuals experiencing homelessness or who are home insecure, who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are suspected of having contracted COVID-19 (Services), and to identify a facility that will meet the standards imposed by Alberta Health Services for providing Services to this population (Agreement);

WHEREAS Lakeview Signature Suites, located at 2622 – 39 Ave N.E., Calgary, Alberta and owned by Silver Hotels (YYC) Inc. has been selected as the isolation center (Premises);

WHEREAS CHF has subcontracted HomeSpace Society as the qualified operator for the Premises and CSS and CHF confirm that HomeSpace Society is qualified to provide the Services at the Premises (Subcontract); and

WHEREAS Homespace Society shall enter into an agreement to become tenant of the Premises (Lease);

THEREFORE, I, TYLER SHANDRO, Minister of Health, do hereby order that:

1. CHF and HomeSpace Society are authorized and required to provide the Services pursuant to section 52.6(1)(b) of the PHA.
2. The Services provided by CHF and HomeSpace Society are:
  - a. required for the purpose of preventing, combating or alleviating the effects of the public health emergency and protecting the public health; and
  - b. for the purposes of section 66.1(2), duties carried out under the direction of the Minister of Health related to a public health emergency.
3. This Ministerial Order is effective April 3, 2020 and will expire the earliest of:
  - a. termination of this Ministerial Order;
  - b. termination of Order in Council 080/2020 by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 15, 2020; or
  - c. termination or expiry of any one or more of the Agreement, Subcontract or Lease.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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TYLER SHANDRO  
MINISTER OF HEALTH