



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

Weekly Bulletin # 47

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Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism – providing support through online MAP meetings, information and a friendly check in. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and ask if you have information that you would like to share with MAP that you let us know (info@mapbc.org).

‘DISTANT BUT TOGETHER’ WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all those who participated and volunteered to make this online event successful!

You can see the event here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aOO4239MCpEr6aqSUsqtk4s_H7x9ANQJ/view?usp=sharing

Please do not share at this time on social media or beyond MAP

The event and ‘snapshots’ will be available on the website and FB page soon.

MAP MEETING JUNE 25

Please respond to the Zoom Invitation to join the monthly meeting and hear from:

- Lobat Sadrehashemi: Refugee Lawyer at the new Immigrant & Refugee Legal Clinic and Past President of CARL
- Nezar Amzudeh – Immigration refugee Board about Resumption of Hearings
- Patricia Lim & Kirk Ha: Legal Aid BC – Legal Aid BC updates on Resources and Intake

And join MAP in thanking Mariana for bringing her talents and voice so well to her co-chair position as she steps down after 2 years.

After registering contact info@mapbc.org to let us know your preferred breakout room: IRIS Project/ Legal / Settlement / Housing

HOUSING WORKING GROUP MEETING JUNE 25

The meeting for all those concerned with refugee claimant housing will follow at 1pm – 2pm on Zoom.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION DEBRIEF JUNE 26: 1pm – 2pm

A meeting for the planning committee and anyone else who would like to provide feedback. Contact info@mapbc.org for zoom details.

Immigration Refugee Board announcement & Practice Notices

(as provided in earlier email to MAP)

Dear stakeholders,

As of June 15, 2020, the Vancouver office of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) resumed mail and registry support functions critical for the assignment of files and the release of decisions. Mail services will restart in IRB offices in Montreal and Toronto on June 22, 2020, with partial registry resuming in those same cities on June 29, 2020.

The Refugee Protection Division and the Immigration Appeal Division are resuming in-person hearings in Vancouver the week of July 20, 2020, and in all other IRB locations the week of August 3, 2020. The Board will be contacting counsel, claimants and appellants to re-schedule hearings.

Counsel, claimants and appellants should refer to the [Practice Notice](#) for IRB Business resumption measures related to COVID-19 for more information.

The health and safety of IRB employees and those who appear before the Board is paramount. The Board will continue to move carefully and deliberately as it gradually increases access to work sites.

Richard Wex, Chairperson

See :

[Refugee Protection Division: Practice Notice on the resumption of in-person hearings](#)

[Section de la protection des réfugiés : Avis de pratique sur la reprise des audiences en personne](#)

[Instructions on how to sign-up to receive documents electronically from the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada](#)

[Instructions sur la marche à suivre pour vous inscrire afin de recevoir des documents par voie électronique de la part de la CISR](#)

[Refugee Protection Division Practice Notice: Exchange of documents through Canada Post epost Connect™](#)

[Avis de pratique : Échange de documents à la Section de la protection des réfugiés au moyen du service Connexion postale^{MD} de Postes Canada](#)

Announcement from Legal Aid BC

Legal Aid BC has received confirmation of funding for the next year and has, accordingly, extended the contracts of counsel who have been acting for clients who are making refugee claims.

(See details attached)

Rod Holloway, Managing Lawyer, Appeals.
Legal aid BC (Legal Services Society)



Legal Aid BC

Notice to Counsel

June 2020, #109

Extended Contract Service Dates

Immigration contracts and cases impacted by COVID-19

Immigration

Pursuant to the February 25, 2020 *What's New* posting, Legal Aid BC previously advised that due to funding uncertainty, active Immigration contracts were limited to a June 30, 2020 stop date. With funding now secured for this fiscal year, LABC has confirmed that all active Immigration contracts with stop dates prior to March 19, 2021 will be extended to March 19, 2021. A bill-by date of March 29, 2021 will apply to these Immigration contracts.

Cases impacted by COVID-19

Pursuant to the March 25, 2020 *Legal Aid Brief*, LABC advised that some contracts where the service stop date was between March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 would be extended to September 1, 2020 in order to accommodate the COVID-19 related delays in court processes. Due to ongoing court impacts, LABC will be extending contracts with stop dates between September 1, 2020 and November 12, 2020 to November 19, 2020. The bill-by date for all extended contracts will be March 29, 2021. This change will be reflected on your contract(s) shortly.

This change excludes the following contract types:

- All duty counsel;
- All Immigration;
- All limited representation;
- All show cause/bail hearing contracts.

NOTICE

Employers are required to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan that outlines the policies, guidelines, and procedures they have put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This tool will guide you through a six-step process to help you create your plan. The tool is provided as a fillable PDF you can download and save with the details of the plan for your workplace.

Please see the page below for the downloadable pdf in multiple languages.

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/checklist/covid-19-safety-plan?lang=en>

To: MAP Members:

Please note the following Capitol Project Grants <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/capital-project-grants>

These grants could be used for housing providers to create safe spaces within their facilities, for example: “to make modifications to facilities to support physical distancing, such as installing protective shields and barriers, kitchen reconfigurations, renovations to expand handwashing and hygiene stations”

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JOB Opportunity! POSITION DESCRIPTION

CROSS CULTURAL HEALTH BROKER – Umbrella Mobile Clinic



OVERVIEW:

The Umbrella Mobile Clinic is targeted to the unique needs of Spanish-speaking temporary foreign farm workers. The clinic operates in the Fraser Valley providing Spanish language medical, physiotherapy and health promotion services on a pop-up basis, either from a trailer converted into a medical clinic or in spaces donated by partner organizations. All team-members of the Umbrella Mobile Clinic must adhere to its principle of neutrality.

The Cross Cultural Health Broker is a unique role that serves the specialized population of racialized immigrants and refugees and is the basis of how Umbrella Co-op fulfills its mission to provide accessible health services to those who experience language and cultural barriers

CCHBs work to meet the unique health and wellness needs of the ethno-cultural communities Umbrella Co-op serves along the continuum of settlement, integration and social inclusion. CCHBs are bilingual and bicultural individuals, who identify with the community they serve, who act as a bridge between members of the community and the formal Canadian health and social systems to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide language and cultural interpretation between health providers and clients of the Umbrella Mobile Clinic
2. Enhance communication and cross-cultural understanding with health care service providers
3. Assist with clinic logistics for both in-person and virtual clinics, such as clinic set-up and take-down, and supporting clients to use Telehealth and other digital communication platforms
4. Support client to navigate the health care system and health-related appointments
5. Empower clients to make their own health decisions and implement them

6. Connect clients to social and community services
7. Conduct community outreach for health promotion programs
8. Participate in the development of culturally-appropriate health promotion materials
9. Serve as a health promotion resource to community
10. Perform additional job-related duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Lived-migration experience
- Written and oral fluency in English and Spanish
- Post-secondary education in the field of Health or equivalent experience
- Experience working in culturally diverse community-based setting
- Familiarity working with an EMR (OSCAR preferred)
- Sunday and weekday evening availability

COMPETENCIES and QUALITIES:

- Understanding of Canadian and Latin American (Mexican, Guatemalan) health systems
- Understanding of community health centres and commitment to five tenets
- Understanding of barriers to access to health for ethnocultural communities (specifically temporary foreign farmworkers), patient empowerment and commitment to health equity
- Ability to create a culturally safe and welcoming environment for clients to discuss mental health and sexual health issues
- Demonstrated ability for relational practice, active listening, and building trust with all stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to manage risk and maintain confidentiality

- Sound judgement, empathetic
- High level of self-awareness, ability for self-improvement and set boundaries
- Ability to take initiative, solve complex problems working independently and in a team environment
- Ability for time management, prioritization and organization
- Functional in MS Office, MacOS, OSCAR and other digital communication platforms
- Valid BC driver's license (preferred)

SALARY: This is a casual and seasonal position with a pay rate of \$22/hour, plus 4% vacation. Hours are mostly evenings and weekends and depend on clinic schedule.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: The position will remain posted on our website until filled

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit a one-page cover letter, describing why you are a good fit for this position, and your resume, all one document, with the title: YourName.Mobile Clinic CCHB-Position to umc-coordinator@umbrellacoop.ca

If you have any questions please contact Shaina Schafers at umc-coordinator@umbrellacoop.ca

We kindly thank you in advance for your interest and application; however, only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Notice from Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture and Ministry Responsible for Sport & Multiculturalism

BC has just launched a new multilingual, webpage on hate crime with information for victims and bystanders.

<https://hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca/> [hatecrimesinbc.resiliencebcnetwork.ca]

In the coming weeks, we are going to be adding multilingual videos to the site, along with more information about the Resilience BC anti-racism network once it's fully implemented in July.

Please feel free to share this link with stakeholders. We would welcome any feedback on the site.

Alison Dudley

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Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture and

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Traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sel̓l̓wítulh (Tseil Waututh) peoples

Email: Alison.Dudley@gov.bc.ca Cell: 236-818-1150

As may you know, for 10 years Dignidad has been celebrating Father's Day with an event with workers, but in 2020 it wasn't possible. So, the board decided to transform the celebration into a campaign demanding TFW rights and benefits.

This year BC migrant workers celebrate father's day with "Write 4 Rights". Until now, over 100 Mexican and Guatemalan migrant farm workers from across BC are celebrating Father's Day by [posting their photos on-line](#) and inviting everyone in the province and country to join their pleas to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier John Horgan to fix Temporary Foreign Worker Programs to ensure basic living, safety and labour standards.

The workers' "Write 4 Rights" photos, taken by themselves and sample letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Horgan, were released today on Facebook and Instagram. The photos and their stories make the workers' lives real for concerned Canadians now learning about the farmworkers' plight and role in providing food during the pandemic.

Everyone can see [all workers' picture and messages](#) in our FB account or a selection of them in **Instagram:** @dignidadmigrante

Everyone welcome to create their own picture and write a message to send it to the authorities.

Thanks for helping migrant workers.

See the article in the Vancouver Sun:

<https://vancouversun.com/news/fathers-day-campaign-tugs-on-heartstrings-asks-to-fight-for-migrant-workers-rights>

Dignidad Migrante Society

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YouTube: [DIGNIDAD-DIGNITY](https://www.youtube.com/DIGNIDAD-DIGNITY)

Website: dignidadmigrantesociety.org



From Burnaby Family Life:

Webinar about Affordable Child Care Benefit. Thursday June 25 at 3 pm.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YVNDT7JbTL608poUzACZdg

Please feel free to share this invitation with your networks, families/clients you work with, and friends.

Ana Maria

Ana Maria Bustamante, M.A.

BIPT Coordinator

Burnaby Family Life

I am reaching out to you on behalf of **TRT World**, Turkey's English language news network based in Istanbul, in hopes that your networks may be interested in a new project we are doing specifically for migrants and refugees.

As a news network, we at TRT World believe in the **power of storytelling**. Towards that end, we are creating a **Cookbook** which features stories provided by migrants and refugees, as well as a recipe from their home country. The aim of this project is to provide an honest and personal portrait of modern migration and allow migrants and refugees to tell their stories in their own words. We believe this will help to dispel some of the negative associations with migrant communities in society today. Additionally, our contributors are able to include their social media handles so readers have the opportunity to connect with them. We will be sharing some of these stories on our social media in the future, and this may be of benefit in terms of additional publicity for any business or enterprise they are involved in.

We will also be featuring a special **Thank You section at the beginning of the book for any organizations** that are able to engage their community members for this project.

We have tried to make the submission process as simple as possible. There is a questionnaire attached for you to review. Essentially, we just need participants to fill it out and send it back to me. The questions are meant as a guide to create a single narrative thread across all the entries, but contributors should feel free to write whatever comes to their mind that they feel is important. It is, after all, their story. I have also included two samples so you can get a sense of how they will be structured.

Let me know if you have any additional questions. We would love to have your community contribute to this project. For any submissions we receive, we will send a rough draft to the contributor to review when they are complete. We hope to collect the majority of these **by the end of the month but will continue to accept new submissions through the summer**.

Many thanks!

Minkailu JALLOH, Event Specialist

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Hi everyone,

At Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op we translate updated information on basic recommendations of public health on COVID-19, so our community members have accessible information in their first language to stay safe.

And since the end of May, we have been posting regular summaries of the recommendations on BC's restart plan from the Public Health Office/Dr. Bonnie Henry. Our summaries focus on the aspects most relevant to newcomer communities and are available in five languages: Dari, Spanish, Arabic, Tigrinya and English.

Please check below the link to our website and please feel free to share:

<https://umbrellacoop.ca/covid-19-response/>

Regards,

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Visit us at www.umbrellacoop.ca



Dear all,

We are looking to hire a Project Coordinator for our IRIS project. Please find attached Job Description to circulate within your networks. Lived migration experience and multilingual candidates will be prioritized. The posting is attached and can also be found on our CGSHE website here: <http://cgshe.ca/about-us/career-opportunities/>

Many thanks,

Mei-ling

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