

Debra Thompson

From: Stephen Giesbrecht
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Assembly
Cc: Karl Hagerman; Debra Thompson
Subject: FW: FW: Petersburg Mayor Requesting a Call Re: Mandate 14

Mayor Jensen has asked me to forward this on to the full Assembly.

From: Sara Heideman <sheideman@law-alaska.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>; Karl Hagerman <khagerman@petersburgak.gov>
Cc: Phillip Hofstetter <phofstetter@pmc-health.org>; Debra Thompson <dthompson@petersburgak.gov>; Mark Jensen <mayorjensen@petersburgak.gov>
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Steve -

Thanks for passing that along.

Yes, the State enacted Mandate #14 for purposes of allowing it and local governments who develop non-congregate shelter plans under its directives to seek federal funding. The State, however, is not reaching out and going to each locality to assist in the development of those shelters - that is being left to the communities. The State cannot effectively order each community to provide non-congregate sheltering for the specified population groups identified in the State Mandate - that is beyond the funding and logistical capabilities of many locations. However, for example, if sheltering is provided by a community to a homeless individual under a local order or directive adopted pursuant to Mandate #14, then reimbursement should be available.

The first step is always going to be voluntary action on the part of the person being sheltered. And home quarantine or isolation is always preferred, as noted in the shelter directive currently before the Assembly. However, not everyone has a home at which to quarantine, and if it develops that a covid-19 positive homeless individual is not intending to stay at a place of isolation, and there is a substantial risk to public health if this person wanders into stores and other public areas, then there is a mechanism in place to obtain a court order which directs that the homeless individual remain in the place of isolation. There are numerous procedural safeguards in place in the process, including the filing of a petition with the court and the holding of a hearing, at which the individual would have the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and otherwise be heard.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thx,
Sara

From: Stephen Giesbrecht [<mailto:sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Karl Hagerman
Cc: Phillip Hofstetter; Sara Heideman; Debra Thompson; Mark Jensen
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Karl,

Mayor Jensen asked that I forward this along. Also, it would be helpful to verify the interpretation of State Mandate 14: As read, this says the Borough must have a plan for non-congregate housing, however it does not say that citizens must be forced to take advantage? Is this correct?

From: Mark Jensen <fvtwilight39094@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:43 AM

To: Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>

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From: Thomas, William A (GOV) <Bill.Thomas@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 10:27 AM

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To: Mark Jensen <mayorjensen@petersburgak.gov>

From: Russell, Laura O (HSS) <laura.russell@alaska.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:15 AM

To: Sachtleben, Tyler J (GOV) <tyler.sachtleben@alaska.gov>; Zidek, Jeremy D (MVA) <jeremy.zidek@alaska.gov>;

Bennett, Clinton W (HSS) <clinton.bennett@alaska.gov>

Cc: Thomas, William A (GOV) <Bill.Thomas@alaska.gov>; Crum, Adam R (HSS) <adam.crum@alaska.gov>

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Hello,

The sole purpose of Mandate 14 is to make the state eligible for funding to support housing individuals displaced by COVID. It does not require any action from any person or locality.

I have copied the Commissioner on this.

Thank you,

Laura

From: Sachtleben, Tyler J (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:12 AM

To: Zidek, Jeremy D (MVA) <jeremy.zidek@alaska.gov>; Bennett, Clinton W (HSS) <clinton.bennett@alaska.gov>; Russell, Laura O (HSS) <laura.russell@alaska.gov>

Cc: Thomas, William A (GOV) <Bill.Thomas@alaska.gov>

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Good Morning,

Mayor Mark Jensen in Petersburg is looking to speak to someone who can help him understand Mandate 14 (Non-Congregate Sheltering Order). Their assembly will be voting on a local mandate tonight giving broad powers to their incident commander to quarantine folks. Apparently this is mainly targeted at the homeless, but the proposed mandate is controversial.

Would it be possible for someone who is knowledgeable on Mandate 14 to call Mayor Jensen (518-0009) ahead of their 4 p.m. special meeting? He's been speaking to Special Advisor Bill Thomas here, but we can't fully answer his questions. They have the impression that Mandate 14 requires Petersburg to take action, and they also think there's an amendment to M14 that they can't find.

Thanks,

Tyler