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Dear Partners:

We thank you for continuing your great work through the COVID-19 outbreak crisis. I am writing today with an important update and to provide reassurance as you move forward.

Every effort will be made by ICJIA to continue the critical mission of your programs. ICJIA is committed to maintaining capacity and continuing grant funding in the event of a reduction of grant activities as a result of COVID-19. As such, our programs will be held harmless and kept whole as operations are diminished or temporarily suspended during this national and state emergency.

Grant-funded staff who work for your organization should continue to be paid during the crisis, consistent with your agency's staffing decisions. Budget revisions will be allowed on a case-by-case basis to account for changing needs to effectively continue your programs. Please contact your program liaisons for more information.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to follow the State's example in encouraging staff to telework to the greatest extent possible during this crisis. In-person conferences should be postponed and meetings should be held remotely in keeping with social distancing recommendations from public health authorities.

More information and will be coming soon, but we wanted to write to give you an update based on the current circumstances. We will stay in communication with you as we learn more from our state and federal partners. You can always reach out to your program contact with questions. Additional information is available from the Illinois Department of Public Health at their Coronavirus-2019 website and the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-889-3931.

As always, my team is committed to the well-being and health of all those we serve. While challenging times lay ahead, I believe the value of your work – and our partnership – will be strengthened as we weather this crisis together.

Thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,

Jason Stamps

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