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Good evening all,  
Here are today's updates

**Day Hab Waiver proposal:** on Monday, Kate Marlay will be meeting with CMS on Monday to go over a proposal to extend funding for Day Hab beyond the middle of April. While I will not go too far in the woods, and it has not been completely fleshed out, it may help to keep us going. The idea is to develop a COVID-19 Response Services that will wrap Day Hab, Community Hab and Respite services that will include the ability to receive their full Day Hab reimbursement. If that sounds complicated it is. The methods, delivery and formulas are still under development. I'll leave it at that, but know that Kate remains optimistic, and that's a good thing.

**Emergency Housing Proposals:** you may recall that OPWDD is seeking support for individuals and families who may be in need of emergency housing. It may also include people already in certified residences that may need alternate housing.

If agencies have thoughts to develop their own sites, and 3 of them are submitting proposals as we speak, and convert those empty Day Hab buildings to create residential environments, please send them to Abiba. We are discussing some funding options that include Intensive Respite. The COVID-19 Response Services May also be a source.

**CAS Assessments:** OPW has communicated to Maximus to pause on all scheduled CAS Assessments effective 3/27.

**Background Checks:** there is no movement but the issue was presented by OPW and they are working looking for solutions.

More to come tomorrow.  
Have a good Friday evening,  
Tom