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Re-opening for Non-Profits Webinar 101

On Wednesday, June 17th, 2020, several Lionsview staff attended the Re-opening for Non-Profits Webinar 101, hosted by Vancouver Coastal Health. The speakers included Jacqueline Holmes, the Prevention Field Services Manager at WorkSafeBC, Dr. Michael Schwandt, Medical Health Officer at Vancouver Coastal Health and Alison Brewin, Executive Director at Vantage Point.

The meeting focused on discussing workplace policy for institutions while providing resources, including work-plan templates and funding opportunities. Holmes and Dr. Schwandt focused on physical distancing and a multi-barrier approach to preventing the exposure and transmission of Covid-19, including fostering a culture supporting people being safe, such as taking sick days when needed. As well as information and risk assessment evolve, safety plans must be living documents that change and adapt while communicating to people within organizations and the public the protocols in place. When discussing re-opening programming, the emphasis focuses on acknowledging the critical space that non-profits fill in communities while limiting risk for staff, volunteers, and the public. Brewin elaborated on the need for non-profits to actively look to fulfill their mission and bridge the gap between people that are risk-averse to those knocking on the doors.

Lionsview's priority is preventing exposure to Covid-19 while acknowledging the important role seniors play in communities and the need for senior engagement during Covid-19 and the re-opening process.