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The November 2020, "*Shelter from the Storm: Responding to Homelessness Under Covid-19*" edition of *Parity*

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Preamble

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant that *all* policy and service issues have become framed, contextualised and arguably, subsumed, by the health and safety issues that flow from containing and preventing the spread of the virus.

For people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, the personal and public health dangers and risks are that much greater, as people without a home lack the housing needed to self-isolate, socially distance and the required facilities to maintain personal hygiene.

Likewise, those working to assist people without a home have been required to work in ways that prioritise health and public health issues, for both their safety and that of their clients.

As Covid-19 hit our shores, these challenges were recognised by governments around Australia and resulted in rapid transformation of homelessness service systems, and in policies, such as income support and tenancy law, that have a direct impact on homelessness.

This edition of *Parity* is devoted to examining how governments, services and front-line workers have responded to the impact that Covid-19 has had on those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Equally importantly, this edition is devoted to giving people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, the opportunity to tell how Covid-19 has impacted on their lives.

A Framework for Discussion
Introduction

- What have been the specific issues for people experiencing homelessness in the Covid-19 world?
- What is different about homelessness under Covid-19?
- How has Covid-19 impacted on the public narrative about homelessness in our society?
- How have the consequences of Covid-19 affected access to and the provision of accommodation/housing and support?

- How have the significant changes in the balance of homelessness resources, such as the growth in funding for emergency accommodation, affected the homelessness service system?
- What has been the impact of Covid-19 on the different groups of people experiencing homelessness, for example, rough sleepers, older people, young people, women and children escaping domestic violence, Aboriginal people, refugees and asylum seekers, international students, those in marginal housing/overcrowded housing/public housing, and so on.
- How has Covid-19 impacted on access to essential services, for example, health services/mental health services/income support etc, etc?

Chapter 1. The Policy Response(s)

- What have been the policy responses in different jurisdictions, i.e. national/ state/ territory/ local government?
- What has been the main priority/focus of homelessness policy under Covid-19?
- How have the policies changed/developed?
- What are the main issues and problems that have arisen in developing and implementing policy and responses to homelessness under Covid-19?
- How have the public health imperatives of the response to Covid-19 impacted on the response to homelessness?

Chapter 2. Service Response(s)

- How have services adapted their work to the public health requirements necessitated by the impact of Covd-19 on their workers and their clients?
- What has been the response of the "mainstream" service system to homelessness under Covid-19? For example, income support, mental health, health, NDIS, employment services.
- Similarly, what has been the specialist homelessness services system (SHS) response to homelessness under Covid-19?
- What has been the impact of Covid-19 homelessness responses on the homelessness workforce?
- What have been the gaps in the service response(s) to those experiencing homelessness under Covid-19?
- How have SHS responded to the imperatives and impacts of Covid-19 for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness? How have these responses changed and developed?

Chapter 3. Housing and Covid-19

- What Covid-19 housing issues have resulted from the impact of Covid-19? For example, tenancy issues in private rental, issues in boarding and rooming houses,

in community housing, in other forms of marginal housing like caravan parks and shared accommodation?

Chapter 4. The lived experience of homelessness under Covid-19

- This chapter would be an opportunity for people to tell their stories of the impact of Covid-19 on living without a secure home.

Chapter 5. Opinion Pages

- As always, these would provide the edition sponsors the opportunity to write an op-ed piece and advocate.
- Where to for the response to homelessness in a post-Covid-19 world?

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