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**Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> MHPSS Technical Working Group at Babel Day Centre**

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**Participants:** HIAS, ADDMA, Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos, Network for children’s rights, MsF VoT, MsF OCG, ARSIS, HR360, Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors/ Unit for Social Integration and Support of Unaccompanied Minors, UNHCR, Equal Rights, Alexandra Zavos Researcher, MdM, Chamomile project, Spyros Koulocheris, Babel Day Centre

**Agenda:**

- Discussion and updates on the current situation

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<p><b>Discussion and updates on the current situation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HR360:</b> HR360 continues to provide services in Skaramagas and Elaionas sites taking all the protective measures. The bad weather conditions created a lot of problems in Elaionas site. The integration center continues to provide services remotely.</li><li>• <b>EMANTES:</b> EMANTES can provide direct legal services only to few cases, the rest of the individuals are being referred to other organizations.</li><li>• <b>MsF OCG:</b> The mobile unit for sexually transmitted diseases for homeless people and individuals that are living outside of the sites has started providing services. It went to Rouf premises, where people from Elaionas site were transferred due to bad weather conditions. A report focused on mental health issues</li></ul>
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in Samos island will soon be published. An increase of demands for mental health services was noticed the last months.

- **ARSIS:** The Centre for support of youth in Kipsely does not accept new referrals at the moment. The government's Integration Plan is to be published by the end of this month.
- **ADDMA:** An increased worry about the non-compliants, that continue to live in the apartments of Estia programme is being noticed. Discussions are being made for taking legal action, but still it remains unclear how this could be done. Moreover, the communication with the ministry related to the extension of the period of accommodation in some cases faces some difficulties and is not yet clear.
- **Network for children's rights:** All the places that were open for homeless people during the days with the snow were full and it was very difficult to find a place for the homeless UAM that went to the Network offices those days.
- **UNHCR:** The idea of a piloting community based programme for children in the islands is being discussed in UNHCR. More information will be provided when the idea will be more concrete. Some children in the islands started going in the schools mainly in Chios. A discussion was organized by the Special Secretariat for the Protection of the Unaccompanied Minors focused on the vocational educational and training for UAMs.
- **Unit for Social Integration and Support of Unaccompanied Minors:** An effort is being made for better organizing the transition period from adolescence to adulthood for UAMs, so that minors that become adults will not end up homeless from one day to another.
- **Alexandra Zavos researcher (ADMIGOV):** The interim report of the ADMIGOV project can be found here:

	<p><a href="http://admigov.eu/upload/Deliverable_41_Pallister-Wilkins_Anastasiadou_Papataxiarchis_Interim_Report.pdf">http://admigov.eu/upload/Deliverable_41_Pallister-Wilkins_Anastasiadou_Papataxiarchis_Interim_Report.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Babel:</b> New project for the psychosocial support of COVID-19 patients and their families by Babel day center. The project is implemented with the support of the Ministry of Health and in cooperation with the federation of mental health actors, Argo. Psychosocial support services are addressed to migrants and refugees who are ill with COVID-19, or to their family members. Babel psychologists, in cooperation with interpreters, can provide support in English, French, Bulgarian, Russian, Arabic, Kurmanji, Lingala, Dari and Farsi, and other languages.</li> </ul> <p>Requests can be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-By email at <a href="mailto:helpcovidbabel@gmail.com">helpcovidbabel@gmail.com</a> or at <a href="mailto:babel@syn-irmos.gr">babel@syn-irmos.gr</a></li> <li>-On WhatsApp 6985825032</li> <li>-At 210-8616266 (Monday to Friday, 09.00 - 17.00)</li> </ul> <p>PFA during covid_19 trainings are being provided in collaboration with EPAPSY to the new hired staff by the Ministry of Health for the better response during the covid-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An informative discussion took place as preparation for the forthcoming discussion with the representatives of Helios programme. All the members of the WG were asked to collect all the information related to their beneficiaries that are homeless now after having concluded their participation in the Helios programme as well as any question that might have, so that a fruitful discussion can take place.</li> <li>• The following links were shared by colleagues during the meeting:</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.arsis.gr/koini-dilos-i-exi-organoseon-tis-pa/">http://www.arsis.gr/koini-dilos-i-exi-organoseon-tis-pa/</a></p>

	<p><a href="https://opeka.gr/oikogeneies/epidoma-paidiou/erotiseis-apantiseis/">https://opeka.gr/oikogeneies/epidoma-paidiou/erotiseis-apantiseis/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dikaiologitika.gr/eidhseis/asfalish/328434/allages-se-ola-ta-epidomata-oi-apousies-ton-paidion-sto-sxoleio-krinoun-tin-katavoli-tous">https://www.dikaiologitika.gr/eidhseis/asfalish/328434/allages-se-ola-ta-epidomata-oi-apousies-ton-paidion-sto-sxoleio-krinoun-tin-katavoli-tous</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/02/17/qa-lesbos-lead-contamination?fbclid=IwAR3OExV2742w_iMpW800XJJ53NxtggATfPCansc4SzOWn8zzX6TyDUHCy2c#">https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/02/17/qa-lesbos-lead-contamination?fbclid=IwAR3OExV2742w_iMpW800XJJ53NxtggATfPCansc4SzOWn8zzX6TyDUHCy2c#</a> Is the testing</p> <p><a href="https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)32000-6/fulltext">https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)32000-6/fulltext</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.arsis.gr/koini-dilosi-exi-organoseon-tis-pa/">http://www.arsis.gr/koini-dilosi-exi-organoseon-tis-pa/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.iom.int/news/iom-calls-end-pushbacks-and-violence-against-migrants-eu-external-borders">https://www.iom.int/news/iom-calls-end-pushbacks-and-violence-against-migrants-eu-external-borders</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.unhcr.org/gr/18335-unhcr-warns-asylum-under-attack-europes-borders-urges-end-pushbacks-violence.html?fbclid=IwAR0xOYyJ3R_Y_r49ASOg7ZkpByW_5lMoqE2KSed76CJFHwbZwkSrlqppo7g">https://www.unhcr.org/gr/18335-unhcr-warns-asylum-under-attack-europes-borders-urges-end-pushbacks-violence.html?fbclid=IwAR0xOYyJ3R_Y_r49ASOg7ZkpByW_5lMoqE2KSed76CJFHwbZwkSrlqppo7g</a></p>
<p><b>Agenda for the next WG</b></p>	<p>-Discussion with representatives from Helios programme</p> <p>-Discussion and updates on the current situation</p> <p>-AOB</p>

The next MHPSS WG meeting is going to take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March** at **09:30 -11:30**.