

## Press Release

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### **Successful 18 Month Extension for Sara Riel’s Warm Line**

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Sara Riel is thrilled to announce that our application for Supporting Distress Centres During the Covid-19 Pandemic was successful, and our Warm Line has received \$150,000 in funding under the Health Promotion – Suicide Prevention Program.

“This is simply terrific news! This generous approval has guaranteed that Sara Riel will be able to continue to provide our essential 24-hour Warm Line to Manitobans for an additional 18 months”, states Executive Director Tara Snider. “Throughout April and May 2021, we received a 30% increase in the number of calls received at this time last year and the numbers are not decreasing.”

Sara Riel notes that just under half of calls received are resolved in less than 5 minutes (41.7%) and that the average call length is 11 minutes. Some of the key reasons for calls include:

- 14.4% Medical/Health Concerns
- 12.7% Anxiety/Fear
- 11.8% Family/Relationship Stress
- 11.0% Anger/Irritability
- 8.3% Loneliness/Isolation
- 8.1% Depression/Sadness

*For more information about Sara Riel Inc. and the services we provide, please see contact information below.*

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