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TO: State Approved Chemical Dependency Directors
Clinical Directors, LACs and Prevention Specialists

FROM: Jackie Jandt
Planning and Outcome Officer

RE: Monthly Training and Event Calendar
CDB "5 Minute News"

Enclosed is an updated calendar of events. This calendar is sent each month to keep you apprised of events and training being supported through the Bureau.

The calendar indicates subject matter of training or event, place, whether the training is considered mandatory for contract purposes, who should attend and who to contact for further information or registration.

Reminder - For those events that have "Selected" marked for attendees, the Bureau has listed the agencies involved with the event. If you wish to know more, please contact one of these agencies as they can bring information and concerns to the table for all providers.

Reminder – Because of the numerous activities happening to improve our system, the Bureau is also enclosing "CDB "5 Minute News". This is a quick update regarding current events within the Bureau that is important for you to know. If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please contact your Program Officers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (406)-444-9656 or (406) 431-7157.



CDB 5 MINUTE NEWS—APRIL 2009

MTUPP Thank You

The Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program and their Advisory Board made a decision to move in a new direction with the funding currently dedicated to media literacy. Their prevention efforts will be shifted to the state mental health facilities, promoting tobacco use policy and cessation. We wish to acknowledge: District II Alcohol & Drug Program, Southcentral Mental Health, Addiction Services, Gateway Recover/Havre HELP; Alcohol & Drug Services of Gallatin Co., Boyd Andrew Community Services/Rocky Mountain Development, Western Montana Addiction Services/Turning Point and Lake Co. and Flathead Reservation for their partnership with AMDD and MTUPP and thank them for promoting Media Literacy, educating Montana's youth and providing outstanding services for the last 4 years .

Co-occurring Services

The Division is opening the application process for co-occurring contracts for SFY 2010. We have been pleased with the progress programs have made in implementing co-occurring assessment and treatment. In the 2010 fiscal year, we want to allow additional state approved and contracted programs to develop or expand their capacity to serve co-occurring clients. The Department's goal is to utilize the funding for co-occurring services as referenced in 53-24-108 (b) Montana Code Annotated (2003), to facilitate the initiation of sustainable co-occurring services for all Contracted State Approved Programs.

The targeted client for this service is a client who is receiving services from a state approved chemical dependency program and who is diagnosed with a co-occurring mental illness, who is either not eligible for services or currently receiving services from another mental health program or provider. The client must meet the existing financial eligibility requirements for the state contract.

Applications are due May 1, 2009.

NIATx Round 3

The Bureau is seeking five additional programs to participate in the Network to Improve Addiction Treatment (NIATx) project. There are currently five programs that have two years of involvement. In addition, the RTEC programs have all been introduced to the general principles of NIATx.

Successful applicants will be expected to attend a training session on May 12 and 13; beginning at Noon on the 12th and ending at Noon on the 13th. Participation in this training session is a requirement of the application.

The programs which have participated in NIATx have found the tools and strategies useful for improving both client care and the improving the programs bottom line

This application is due no later than April 17, 2009.

NIATx Update — District II Alcohol & Drug Program

Target: District II wanted to reduce clients missing appointments, no shows.

Changes: District II made these changes. People at high-risk for missing appointments receive reminder calls. There is a \$10 no-show fee. The referring agency is contacted on first missed appointment. Client scheduling is coordinated with referring agencies, including Mental Health and the jail.

Impact: No Shows went down from 22% to less than 10%, which is being maintained.

Cost Benefit: Fewer no-shows equal more billable hours. Four more kept appointments per week at \$60 per appointment equal \$240 per week times 4 counselors equals approximately \$960 per week. Annually this could equal over \$45,000 in increased revenue.