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TO: State Approved Chemical Dependency Directors
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FROM: Jackie Jandt
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RE: Monthly Training and Event Calendar
CDB "5 Minute News"

Enclosed is an updated [Training and Event Calendar](#). 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” for July 2008

- IPS SUMMER TRAINING INSTITUTE – ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTION

The Institute for Public Strategies (IPS) will be holding a Summer Training Institute in Billings July 21 – 25 to cover Environmental Prevention in Montana communities. This institute will support the Montana Community Change Project (MTCCP), a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant funded project. The training will begin with an introduction on the environmental prevention approach and will continue all week with nationally recognized speakers, including the “founder” of the environmental approach.

For more information about the Summer Training Institute, contact Terri Howey at 406-581-6295 (thowey@publicstrategies.org). For more information about the MTCCP, contact Michelle Harbosen at 406-444-4926 (mharbosen@mt.gov) or Rod Boyer at 406-444-9582 (rboyer@mt.gov).

- RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT EXPANSION CONSORTIUM (RTEC)

The four open facilities continue to accept and treat patients. White Birch (Billings) is at full capacity with eight males. Elkhorn (Boulder) has two women and with a capacity of eight continues to look for more. Lighthouse (Miles City) has five males with another coming in soon. Blue Thunder Lodge (Great Falls) is a facility specifically geared toward Native American males and currently has two patients.

Olive Branch (Bozeman) just received the go-ahead from the city council and they plan to open the male facility in July. Kalispell and Rocky Boy continue to work with their communities.

For more information about the RTEC facilities, contact Sue Rajacich at 406-447-5080 (srajacich@boydandrew.com).

- NETWORK FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ADDICTION TREATMENT (NIA Tx)

The work that is being done with NiaTx in our first five providers (phase one) is progressing smoothly. We will begin integrating phase two in July with a kick-off meeting hosted by Rimrock (Billings). Phase two will bring on five more providers, specifically the providers with RTEC facilities.

For more information about NiaTx phase one, contact Ken Taylor at 406-444-1202 (ktaylor@mt.gov). For more information about NiaTx phase two, contact Curt Weiler at 406-444-7926 (cweiler@mt.gov).

- SAVE THE DATE

Drs. Minkoff and Cline will be in Helena October 8 & 9 for a meeting with the Co-Occurring Policy Team and Change Agents. Anyone interested in finding out more are welcome to attend.

For more information about the Co-Occurring meeting, contact Susan Haran at 406-444-3907 (sharan@mt.gov).