



A personal note from Linda McKinnon
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plans for an election-year reduction of \$500 million in state taxes and fees, along with increased spending on education and other items in his \$74.2 billion state budget.

*The Florida Legislature convenes its annual session Tuesday with the usual ceremonial formalities and a few prominent bills on its opening-day agenda. The governor's **State of the State** speech, always the main event in the flower-bedecked House chamber, will be heard in a joint session at 11 a.m. Gov. Rick Scott has already outlined his*

*House and Senate members will be arriving over the weekend and have a series of **session-eve committee meetings** set for Monday. The House meets at 9 a.m., followed by the Senate at 10 a.m., for such annual formalities as **opening remarks** by their presiding officers. Then they will be joined by the Supreme Court and agency heads for Scott's speech.*

*After lunch, the Senate has a 2 p.m. **floor session** and the House meets two hours later. Opening day used to be formalities and festivities, but today's lawmakers like to do popular things up front. Last year, it was ethics and elections reforms on the agenda and this year, it's a **joint residency rule** to make sure members actually live in their districts. This year, the Senate has four bills to toughen **sentencing and supervision of sexual predators**, set for passage on opening day. The House plans to make fast work of a veteran's package, affording in-state tuition and other benefits for returning military members.*

March 19 is scheduled for Behavioral Health Days at the Capitol. This event occurs annually attracting advocates and professionals from around the state to talk with lawmakers in support of funding for substance abuse and mental health services. Finally, May 2 is the scheduled final day of session.

March is also the month for many health awareness days including Brain Injury, National Nutrition Month and Red Cross Month to name a few. You can find more information on these and other awareness events at www.whathealth.com.



March is the also the month dedicated to Social Workers. The theme this year is "All People Matter". It was selected to help raise awareness about the American social work profession's 116-year commitment to improving social conditions and quality of life opportunities for everyone. Social workers across the globe believe that all people have dignity and deserve respect. Learn more at www.socialworkers.org

As always this week's E-News features timely information on special events that recognize people and issues we are passionate about. Here's hoping your week goes well!

Mary Ruiz Named to mhca Board

Manatee Glens is one of CFBHN's well recognized and high performing provider organizations



Manatee Glens President/CEO Mary Ruiz was elected to serve on the board of mhca, a national association of high performing behavioral healthcare service provider organizations. Her term is February 2014 through February 2017.

Manatee Glens joined mhca in 1985 and is one of fifteen Florida behavioral healthcare organizations in this association. Ms. Ruiz has been very involved with the work of mhca for the past decade and most recently has co-chaired its Care Management Committee as part of a larger national healthcare reform initiative.

Founded in 1985, mhca membership is by invitation and applies primarily to the CEO with some programs targeting top management staff. The association's projects, products, services and relationships promote continual improvement of behavioral healthcare service to citizens from all walks of life. The association provides unique opportunities for CEOs to enhance their professional effectiveness and to capitalize on entrepreneurial possibilities. The corporate offices are in Tallahassee, Florida and the CEO is Dale Shreve. www.mhca.com.

Bravos for CFBHN Contractors

Tara Giberga, Senior Program Manager recognizes outstanding performance



BayCare CSA Res-Keith Moran, Linda Cody, & Andria Peek - For your detailed assessments and treatment plans and your timeliness and overall collaborative efforts towards implementing a smooth and efficient review process with CFBHN

Mentally Ill More Often Victims of Violence Than Perpetrators

Nearly one-third are victimized, while only a quarter have committed acts of violence, researchers report



People with Mental Illness More Likely to Be Victims of Violence

A new study shows that people living with [mental illness](#) are much more likely to be victims of violent crime than to commit acts of violence. During the study period, nearly one third of adults with mental illness were victims of violence. The researchers also found a strong connection between being a victim of a violent act and committing one.

CFBHN Posts Business Intelligence Analyst Position

More information and an application can be found on our website www.cfbhn.org

The Business Intelligence Analyst is responsible for the data and reporting analytics function, leveraging Business Intelligence and Data Analytic Best Practices to deliver timely and relevant information to the company and assure funder data requirements are met and corporate reporting capabilities are well established. A Bachelor's degree in information systems field or a combination of education and relevant experience is required along with a minimum of three years direct experience working with the SQL Server databases. Experience working with SSIS, SSRS, and SSAS and designing and developing reports including dashboards, scorecards, and ad-hoc is preferred. Candidate should also have experience in utilizing report writing best practices. Essential job functions include: developing SQL scripting/testing for queries and generating reports, delivering reliable reports to meet business needs within tight deadlines, evaluating, developing and implementing user request for report enhancements as appropriate, providing technical assistance to funders and subcontractors as required, as well as CFBHN staff and assisting with other information systems tasks as assigned.

Bridging Generations Luncheon April 25 – A Seniors in Service Event

Dr. Marcie Biddleman is keynote speaker



She serves as Executive Director for the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), a mission driven organization with a 70 year history of improving lives of children and families in Pinellas County. Dr Biddleman is a well-respected leader with over 40 years of management experience in military, state and community leadership positions. You may purchase tickets online at:

www.seniorsinservice.org/events

* CFBHN is a contracted system provider for JWB

VA Caregiver Support Line Facilitates Monthly Groups

Telephone education supports theme of "Care for the Caregiver"



A different topic is presented every month with the goal of helping Caregivers develop tools and strategies to help balance the demands of caregiving, while also focusing on the importance of self-care. Topics include *Focusing on the Forgotten...ME!*, *Goodbye to Going It Alone: Learning to Ask for Help*, and *Safe Haven: Building on Family Strength*. These groups are available to any family Caregiver currently caring for a Veteran enrolled in VA healthcare. Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare who are caring for a loved one at home are also eligible to participate. For more information or to register for a group, please contact your local Caregiver Support Coordinator. To find your local

Caregiver Support Coordinator or for more information, tips, and tools to support you in your role as the family Caregiver of a Veteran, please visit VA's website dedicated to Caregivers, www.caregiver.va.gov

Department of Children & Families Notices Public Hearing March 14

Discussion will be amendments to Chapter 65E-14, F.A.C. Location is Tallahassee.



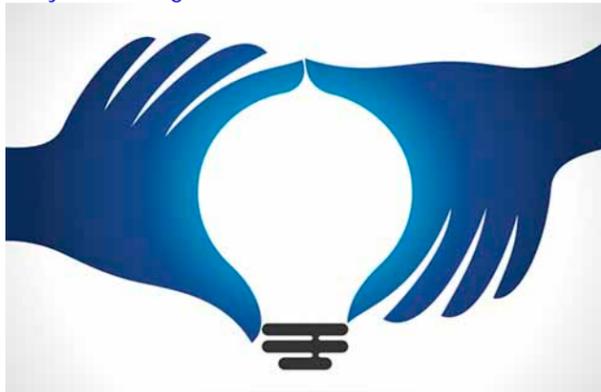
The notice can be found at: An agenda will be published shortly.

www.FLRules.org/gateway/View_Notice.asp?id=14216143.

A draft revision to Chapter 65E-14 will be presented for discussion. This document, and others related to this project, may also be found at: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/substance-abuse/rule-development>

National Council Wants Your Voice

They are asking "What is a Behavioral Health Center of Excellence?"



As the healthcare landscape evolves, the National Council continues to see the snags in transition towards a system of improved quality, better outcomes, and lower costs. Dale Jarvis sparked a conversation by asking, "What is a behavioral health center of excellence?" To answer this, we need YOUR help. Join the crowdsourcing conversation - post your comments and ideas on our blog series dedicated to defining excellence in behavioral health. [Read all the series' posts here.](#)



Be there when I need you

A behavioral health Center of Excellence needs to be able to deliver open access scheduling to ensure that all clients receive the care they deserve. [Read more.](#)



Show me the outcomes

When it comes to outcomes-based care, the behavioral health field has failed to reach a consensus on what is the most important. [Read more.](#)



World class customer service

Dale Jarvis is going to begin exploring the first of five behavioral health center of excellence elements – world class customer service. [Read more.](#)



Words are important: Beginning to define

As we define Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence, consider that reputations are much more opinion-focused, based on a 'social evaluation' by customers. [Read more.](#)



Why Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence

In today's healthcare environment, behavioral health centers must build relationships with high-performing specialists to support patients' whole health. They must become specialty centers of excellence. [Read more.](#)



Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence and the Future of Health

Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence (BHCOE): Oops! We don't have a definition yet. That's where crowdsourcing comes in. [Read more.](#)

Don't forget to join us on March 5th for the next behavioral health center of excellence roundtable webinar. [Register here.](#)

Sunshine from Darkness – Journey to Wellness 2014 Saturday March 22

Free community educational symposium sponsored by International Mental Health Research Organization - Free CEU's available

Designed to be an inspiring health symposium providing hope, it features exciting talks and open Q&A about better, safer, emerging and potential treatments for psychiatric diseases. Highlights:

Philip Corlett, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine. Winner of the 2013 IMHRO/Janssen Rising Star Translational Research Award. *"Delusions and the Brain: Translating Theory into Therapies"* Delusions in serious mental illnesses like schizophrenia have been considered un-understandable at the levels of psychology and neurobiology. *However...*they are beginning to yield to cognitive neuroscience. Taking a cognitive neuroscience approach to these symptoms has rendered them not only understandable but also treatable.

Kafui Dzirasa, M.D. Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, Duke University School of Medicine. Winner of the 2013 IMHRO/Janssen Rising Star Translational Research Award. *"The Next Generation of Neuropsychiatric Diagnostics and Therapeutics"* What if leading-edge technologies used in neuropsychiatric research could be combined to enable a leap in understanding of the causes of mental illness AND to start to develop a new sort of "pacemaker for the brain"?

Philip D. Harvey, Ph.D. Leonard M. Miller Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *"New developments in the assessment and treatment of disability in people with severe mental illness."* We will review the state of the art of the measurement and treatment of cognitive and functional deficits in schizophrenia and what types of concurrent interventions are most likely to lead to real world functional gains.

Moderated by:

Andrew Cutler, MD, CEO and Medical Director, Florida Clinical Research Center, LLC

Attendance at this symposium is FREE for all. No registration is necessary except to get free Continuing Education Credits. [Register for free Continuing Education Credits.](#) Please note: On March 21, the

previous day, there will also be a [dinner to benefit mental health research](#). For more information please call us at (941) 504-6717 or [contact us by email](#).

Michael Hanson, President and CEO of Florida Council for Community Mental Health, Marks Fourth Week

[Appreciates warm welcome and looks forward to challenges ahead](#)



His goal is to use his training and experience in state budgeting to obtain increases in state funding for members and he looks forward to visiting Council members to learn firsthand how the Council can better assist them.

Mike Hansen, 62, has worked in state government for over thirty-seven years. Originally employed in the 1970's by HRS District 11 (Miami), he has since held budget and finance oversight roles in both Houses of the Florida Legislature and the Governor's Office. These jobs include serving as the Director of the Office of Policy and Budget under Governor Jeb Bush, as Staff Director of both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and as Executive Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. He enjoys a reputation in Tallahassee and around the state for his hands-on approach to management, and for what is generally regarded as his mastery of the intricacies of state budgeting, the legislative process, and health policy. Hansen is widely credited for having led the financial and programmatic turnaround of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities during

his recent tenure as Secretary.

Upcoming Webinars



Resources for the New Integrated Healthcare Workforce – 3/6/14 @ 2:00 pm ET to discuss the newly released set of core competencies for the integrated workforce, explore a provider's perspective on workforce considerations, and share resources related to these competencies. Sponsored by SAMHSA.

The Role of Peer Providers in Integrated Care Settings: - 3/25/14 As integrated care teams increasingly incorporate

peer providers, employers are learning new strategies to effectively hire and support them in the workforce. Learn from a peer provider and her supervisor how their organization supports a strong peer workforce, and discuss practical issues such as job descriptions, the hiring process, supervision, billing, and training opportunities

Making it Work: Implementing Seeking Safety – 3/11/2014 @ 9:00am ET Register Now at <https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=720975&sessionid=1&key=887B4D25409FE47D89EF05FD518F6C23&partnerref=apemail2&sourcepage=register>

Legalized Impairment and Its Impact on Drug Treatment Programs – 3/19/2014 @ 1:00pm ET [Register Now](#) [Learn More](#)

Clarifying the Medicare Conditions of Participation for CMHCs – 3/4/2014 @ 2:00pm ET Register for free at: <http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/events-and-training/webinars/>

Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence: The Future of Health – 3/5/2014 @ 2:00pm ET Register for free at: <http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/events-and-training/webinars/>

Appropriate Use of Psychotropic Drugs In Children & Adolescents – 3/11/2014 @ 3:00pm ET Attend this webinar at no charge! [Click here to register](#) (Or visit <http://www.openminds.com/events/webinar-031114-magellan-meds.htm>). Can't make it? We'll send you the recording! Be sure to [register for the event](#) and we will send you the recorded version, presentation slides, and recommended readings afterwards

Strengthening Families Program: Steps to Successful Implementation and Effective Results – 3/14/2014 @ 10:00am ET To register for this event, please click on the link or copy and paste into your browser: <https://fadaaevents.webex.com/fadaaevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=660150735>

Advanced Solution Focused Brief Therapy – 3/13/2014 @ 10:00am ET To register for this event, please click on the link or copy and paste into your browser: <https://fadaaevents.webex.com/fadaaevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=660150735>

Data Spotlight



- .Panic disorder affects about 2.4 million adult Americans and is twice as common in women as men
 - In a third of panic disorder cases the threat of a panic attack becomes so overwhelming that a person may become isolate or housebound – a condition known as agoraphobia.
 - Panic disorder is one of the most treatable of the anxiety disorders through medication s or psychotherapy
- * SAMHSA information on data, outcomes and quality*

SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions

Medication Assisted Treatment: A Standard of Care and 5 training resources



Elinore McCance-Katz, SAMHSA's Medical Director, discusses the importance and opportunity for integrated care providers to implement medication assisted treatment for clients with substance use concerns. [Read the interview.](#)



Offering medication assisted treatment requires your team members to understand substance use disorders and be comfortable addressing them with clients. These [five trainings](#) can help team members at all levels learn more.



SAMHSA's [Opioid Overdose Toolkit](#) prepares communities and local governments to develop policies and practices to help prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. The toolkit addresses issues for first responders, treatment providers, and those recovering from opioid overdose

And In Other News



Social Security has updated some of their publications – click to access:

- [Windfall Elimination Provision](#)
- [Special Payments After Retirement](#)
- [Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number](#)
- [How Work Affects Your Benefits](#)
- [Working While Disabled—How We Can Help](#)
- [Understanding The Extra Help With Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan](#)
- [Important Information: Changes In Certain Services](#)
- [Information For Advocates, Social Service Agencies, And Other Third Parties](#)
- [The Fastest Way To Verify Social Security And Supplemental Security Income Benefits](#)
- [Social Security Administration's 100% Permanent & Total Veterans Initiative](#)
- [A Guide To Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) For Groups And Organizations](#)

Tax Resources for People with Disabilities

Tax season is here! If you haven't already done so, now is the time to organize your financial information and start preparing and filing your tax forms. There are a number of resources available to help you file your taxes, and you may qualify for some additional tax benefits.

If you or someone you know has a disability and need help filing taxes this year, there are a number of resources that are available:

- Download accessible [forms and publications](#). The IRS offers content in a number of accessible formats to accommodate people who use assistive technology including screen reading software, refreshable Braille displays, and voice recognition software. The tax forms and publications can be downloaded or viewed online.
- Watch the [IRS Accessibility video](#). The video highlights how to find accessible tax information, products and services.
- Visit an [IRS volunteer tax site](#). The IRS offers volunteer sites that help individuals with a low- to moderate-income (about \$52,000 or less) obtain free tax preparation assistance. These sites are managed by volunteers that are certified by the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Find-a-Location-for-Free-Tax-Prep to find a site in your state.
- File your taxes online for free with MyFreeTaxes.com. The service helps people access free tax preparation and filing assistance services online at home, at a community center or with the help of a nonprofit partner.

If you or someone else listed on your federal tax return has a disability, you may be eligible for a number of tax benefits. As you begin to prepare to file your taxes, keep these benefits in mind to make sure you're taking advantage of any benefits for which you may qualify. If you would like to read more about the tax implications of certain disability benefits and other issues, read [Publication 907, Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities](#)

Free Workshops

[Advanced Solution Focused Brief Therapy](#) – 3/13/2014 @ 10:00am ET Hilton Garden Inn Fort Lauderdale

Airport & Cruise Port, 180 SW 18th Avenue, Dania Beach, FL 33004. To register for this workshop, please click on this link, <http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=54> or copy and paste into your browser:

Social Marketing Tips, Tools, Best Practices and Measurement – 3/11/2014 @ 9:00am ET Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville Airport, 13503 Ranch Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218, 904-421-2794. To register for this workshop, please click on this link, <http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=53> or copy and paste into your browser.

CFBHN Suicide Prevention Training – 3/20/2014 @ 1:00pm ET Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACCO) Quest House Campus, 3107 M. 50th Street, Tampa. To register for this training event, please click or logon to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cfbhn-suicide-prevention-training-tickets-10615247491>. Registration will end at 5:00 PM on 03/14/14. If you have any questions or need further assistance with registration or information regarding this training event, please contact Tiffany Jackson at 813.740.4811 Ext.232 or via e-mail at tjackson@cfbhn.org

Other



ASAP (Pasco County) presented at the CADCA Conference in Washington, DC for the Ideas Fair Poster Presentation on Safe Festivals: A Guide to Best Practices. Pictured is Katy Fritz of Baycare.

Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (ASAP). The purpose of *this* coalition is to develop, motivate and encourage strategic relationships that reduce county risk factors and decrease substance abuse rates among youth and adults. This presentation sent in my original email was the joint efforts of BayCare Behavioral Health

and ASAP.

Coalitions in general are community based organizations that exist to provide programs and services geared around substance abuse prevention (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs) within all segments of the population but usually there is a focus on youth use/abuse. The collaborations can span across populations in the community such as youth, parents, business owners, medical professionals, law enforcement, government, media, faith-based organizations, school system and more. They support prevention initiatives for community-level change

Resource

Are you a professional or student in the fields of Psychiatry, Psychology, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Special Needs Teaching or Medicine? If so, check out the new Suicide Prevention Resource Center (sprc.org) page on Psychwire.org, a new social media site specifically for researchers, practitioners and allied professionals of mental health and behavioral science. SPRC has been posting resources on Psychwire and will be posting more for you to collect on an ongoing basis. They would love you to follow them on SPRC's page on the site and add feedback or comments on the live feed of their page.



In addition to SPRC's page, they have also joined the Suicidology network, which is made up of a variety of professionals engaged in the topic. It provides a forum for discussion, Q&A, and sharing useful resources.



Suicidology Network

to get started. So if this resource you're your need take a moment today to sign up and follow SPRC, join the Suicidology network, and start interacting with colleagues around the world.

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