



E-News This Week
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Good information – pass it along!

I wish to join in the national outpouring of condolences for the victims of the tragic shooting in Aurora, Colorado. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of those who lost their lives and the many that were wounded. We salute the heroic actions of many of the persons there along with law enforcement and medical personnel who managed the situation and took care of the wounded.

This week we are proud to announce that the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) found CFBHN to be a leader in our field. The reviewers did a very thorough job and provided excellent feedback. We are also pleased to see that several of our contracted providers have come together to create a new organization, Gracepoint, that will initiate system wide efficiencies and improve services. We are proud to provide a link to a resource co-authored by CFBHN employee Dr. David Clapp that will assist Federally Qualified Health Centers in providing services.

Many great initiative are coming to our area including grant awards targeted to homeless veteran populations, food drives to feed hungry children, and a community resource fair. Recently two of our south county providers also participated in a successful blood drive challenge as well. However, on a sad note for us we will soon lose one of our valuable team members. Ms. Rebecca Todd is leaving CFBHN to pursue a career in academia. However, before she goes the FADAA professional organization will present her with the Professional of the Year Award for the SunCoast Region at the annual conference in Orlando.

Please send your thoughts, ideas and questions my way and we look forward to sharing more news and information with you next week.

CARF Visit Report

Survey completed and Managing Entity shines bright!

CFBHN successfully completed the CARF survey last week. CARF surveyors reviewed over 1200 individual standards required for Networks and CFBHN was recognized for the following organizational strengths; strategic planning, demonstrated capacity to handle rapid growth and change, a comprehensive network plan with clear lines of authority, excellence in QI performance, excellent risk management processes, a commitment to the value of obtaining and responding to community , stakeholder and provider input, investment in technology leading to efficiency, respect and confidence of stakeholders in our ability, financial competence, technical assistance to providers, and our employee performance system that is targeted to the strategic plan. Reviewers indicated they have reviewed many Networks across the Nation, some much larger than CFBHN, but feel CFBHN will be recognized as a leader and model for the future. .

Major Merger of Four Existing Provider Organizations

“Gracepoint” will become one of the nation’s largest!

A planned friendly merger of existing service organizations that currently operate in seven counties promises to bring administrative efficiencies and better patient care. Gracepoint will have nearly 1,400 employees in 69 locations with a total of 166 beds dedicated to crisis care. Joe Rutherford, CEO of Mental Health Care Inc., will be CEO of the new group and will report to a board made up of equal number of board members from each founding agency, all not-for-profit. Richard Brown of the Agency for Community Treatment Services will be chief administrative officer. Robert Rihn of Tri-County Human Services will be chief executive officer for community integration. Thomas Wedekind of Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc. will be chief operating officer for medical services. Rutherford says a major goal of the merger is to make sure every patient in the region has access to the appropriate specialist, even if that specialist is not based in that county. Numerous meet and greets are planned throughout the service area. Please check www.cfbhn.org calendar for dates, times and locations.

Congratulations Becky and a Sad Farewell

Rebecca leaves CFBHN to teach at Hillsborough Community College this Fall and is Slated to receive SunCoast Professional of the Year Award at Upcoming FADAA-FCCMH Conference.

Rebecca Todd, CFBHN Program Manager-Prevention, has been instrumental in the development of Substance Abuse Prevention Services and establishment of Community Coalitions throughout the SunCoast whose goals include elimination of substance abuse, particularly in youth and adolescent populations. She continues her quest in Applied Anthropology and will be teaching as she pursues doctoral studies. She will be recognized as FADAA Professional of the Year for the SunCoast Region at the upcoming FADAA-FCCMH conference August 9 in Orlando. We wish Becky continue success in her professional career and appreciate the work she has done at CFBHN.

Dr. David Clapp Co-Authors Toolkit for SAMHSA

SBIRT Works for FQHC’s.

SBIRT Is an acronym for a process known as Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment. It is

a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders. Primary care centers, hospital emergency rooms, trauma centers, and other community settings provide opportunities for early intervention with at-risk substance users before more severe consequences occur. This Resource Toolkit for Behavioral Health Providers begins the conversation with Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers. Please click on this link to access the toolkit. [Link](#)

Local \$ 1 million Grant Will Help End Veteran Homelessness Initiative Targets 42,000 Homeless and At-Risk Vets and Families Nationwide.

The local St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas was notified via Congressman Bill Young's office that they were awarded \$1,000,000 to assist at least 250 veteran families in Pinellas County beginning October 1. They will work in collaboration with Catholic Charities, DayStar Life Centers, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, WorkNet Pinellas, Gulf Coast Legal services, Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Suncoast Center and the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority to implement the project offering veterans and their family members outreach, case management, assistance in obtaining VA benefits and assistance in getting other public benefits.

Local Resource Fair Two Weeks Away Focus is on local adult services.

For more information on who will be there contact Elinor Lynne Price at Adult Protective Services Program Office, 813-558-5622 or elinor_price@dcf.state.fl.us

Project 3 Focuses on Feeding the Children Event slated for August 27-30, 2012

Feeding Children Everywhere is hosting a charity meal packaging event called Project 3. The event includes over 20,000 people joining together to package three million healthy meals for hungry children on August 27 – 30, 2012 in Tampa, Florida. There will be fun, entertainment, and everyone participating will be making a meaningful difference. The meals packaged will be distributed to crisis food pantries in schools throughout the U.S.

To learn more go to <http://www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/portfolio-items/project-3/>

SWFAS and Lee Mental Health Blood Drive Challenge Two Local Organizations Challenge Each Other in Blood Drive.

To increase blood donations and make giving more fun, Lee Mental Health and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) recently participated in the Second Annual "Blood Drive Challenge" to see which agency's employees would donate the most blood. Blood donations were collected at both agencies July 12 by Lee Memorial Health System Bloodmobiles. The results are in and SWFAS won the challenge – with

both a greater percentage of employees donating blood and a greater number of pints donated, too! SWFAS had 39 pints donated, while Lee Mental Health had 37 pints collected at their campuses. Between the two organizations, 76 pints of blood were donated in one day, which will impact up to 228 lives. To up the ante and encourage more employees to give, the agency CEOs agreed that the CEO of the agency that lost the challenge would shave his mustache. Lee Mental Health President & CEO David Winters followed through on the friendly wager and did indeed shave his mustache!

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