



A personal note from Linda McKinnon, CEO.

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Welcome to the middle of summer and the opening of the Olympic Games. We are of course pulling for all Team USA athletes as they compete in London and I hope you are able to view at least a portion of the competition. Athletes train in order to be competitive and are focused on achieving their goals. Many of the competitions also depend on team efforts as well. The same is true of our work. Our goal is to prepare those individuals and organizations providing services in the community under our different funding streams to ensure the most appropriate services are provided in the most cost effective manner. To fulfill that mission we engage in community education and training and support communication efforts as well as develop our internal support systems. We are proud of our "Gold Standards" and I look forward to sharing our exciting news each week. Hope your week goes well.

Tampa Bay Deaf Interpreters Group Meets August 1

Focus on Mental Health

August 1 there will be a regular monthly meeting of a group comprised of members from the community of Tampa Bay area deaf interpreters. The topic of the meeting will be "Interpreting in a Mental Health Context". The meeting will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Northside Mental Health Center Auditorium, 12512 Bruce B. Downs, Tampa. Please click on the link to the flier for further details (insert link).

Other news; CFBHN announces new positions available, the date for issuing an Invitation To Negotiate, commonly referred to as an ITN, for Sarasota County services, staff attendance at state and federal meetings and upcoming Candidate Forums you won't want to miss.

CEO's of Four Organizations Forming Gracepoint Merger At Townhalls

This week they are in Highlands and Polk counties

Gracepoint is the name of the merger being planned for four provider organizations in the SunCoast and Circuit 10 area. A traveling Town Hall featuring the CEOs of the organizations began last week in Pinellas County and continues today in Highlands County at 11 am at Florida Center in Avon Park and this

afternoon at 4 pm at TriCounty Human Services Outpatient Center in Highlands City (this was previously announced in last week's E-News along with details regarding time and location).

Assisted Living Facilities Receive Training

Limited mental health license updates

ALF training continues in this area August 9 at Operation Par. Neal Dwyer, Community Manager Circuit 6 & 13 can be contacted if you have questions concerning the training at ndwyer@cfbhn.org.

Coalition Attacks Community Drug Problems

Strategic planning and team building done

Drug Free Highlands sponsored a "Renew the Spirit" strategic planning retreat last Thursday in Florida to focus on priority issues facing their community. The coalition members focused on a response to marijuana and prescription drug abuse problems. Doris Nardelli, CFBHN Business Development Manager and Circuit 10 Community Manager attended and participated.

RNC Events Changes Downtown Traffic

Closures and rerouting

The Republican National Convention will be coming to Tampa August 26. To accommodate the convention there have been changes to transportation routes in and around the downtown area. Attached is information concerning these plans (insert link to doc). Other useful information can be found at www.tampagov.net/RNC.

Find Out About Local Resources for Adults

Information and Refreshments

The Adult Services Resource Fair will occur this Thursday August 2 from 8 am till Noon at the DCF office at 9393 N Florida Ave. CFBHN will be supporting this informational community outreach and organizer of the project is Lynne Price at DCF. She can be reached at 813-558-5622

Help for Tropical Storm Debby Victims

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Disaster Recovery Center opens in Hillsborough County to help tropical storm Debby victims. Located at the University Area Community Center at 14013 N 22nd St Tampa. They are open seven days a week Monday through Saturday 8am to 6 pm and Sunday Noon to 6 p. click on link for more detailed information www.DisasterAssistance.gov



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