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This is the 165th issue of our VBH-PA information update. These updates will be emailed to all network providers monthly. Please feel free to share our newsletter with others, and be sure your appropriate clinical and financial staffs receive copies.

Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing

The following reminder was printed in the July and September 2009 issues of *ValueAdded*. VBH-PA policy states that psychological testing is approved only for Licensed Psychologists for whom testing falls within the scope of their clinical license and who have specialized training in psychological and/or neuropsychological testing. Neuropsychological testing is certified only to a fully-licensed psychologist with appropriate training expertise in this area. All tasks involving projective testing must be performed by a licensed psychologist.

The medical necessity criteria for outpatient psychological and neurological testing for both Adults and Adolescents/Child are located on the VBH-PA website under the Provider Section: http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/medNecCrit.htm.

Adult

4.300	**Outpatient Treatment**
4.302	Psychological Testing

Adolescent/Child

6.400	**Outpatient Treatment**
6.403	Psychological Testing

The Psychological Evaluation Request (PER) form for Pre-authorization of Neuropsychological or Psychological Testing is available online at: http://vbh-pa.com/provider/prv_forms.htm. It is important for psychologists to include clinical information on the PER to assist in the determination if the candidate meets medical necessity criteria. Peer reviews are provided by licensed clinical psychologists for psychological testing.

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Loan Repayment Available for Shortage Area Practitioners

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has opened the application cycle for its student loan repayment program (LRP). The LRP is available to behavioral health practitioners that work at a NHSC-approved facility or in a health professional shortage area. The LRP will provide up to $60,000 in student loan repayment to professionals practicing in areas with severe practitioner shortages and up to $40,000 in areas with moderate practitioner shortages.

To learn more about the application process, eligibility criteria, and service commitment, visit the National Health Service Corps web site. The 2013 application deadline is April 16.

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Welcome!

Vickie Mosley started January 21st as a CAFS Coordinator - Mercer County.

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Behavioral Health Resource Guide for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing Available

The Behavioral Health Task Force for Persons who are Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing of Allegheny County announced the updating of the Resource Guide for Southwestern Pennsylvania Behavioral Health Providers.

This resource guide lists regional behavioral health care providers that have experience working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additionally, the guide can also benefit persons who are deafblind, physicians, audiologists, behavioral health care providers and the general public.

The resource guide is available for download on the Allegheny County Department of Human Services website at www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/guides.aspx#providers and on the Western Pennsylvania health resource website at www.healthbridges.info.

VBH-PA also posted this resource guide to our website at http://www.vbh-pa.com/member/mbr_resources.htm#deaf.

The Behavioral Health Task Force for Persons who are Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing of Allegheny County is made up of human services consumers and advocates, representatives from human services providers, representatives from state and local governments, educators, and members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Recent updates to www.vbh-pa.com include:

- **CPT Section**. This section includes the CPT Webinar and FAQs: http://www.vbh-pa.com/provider/prv_information.htm#CPT
- General registration is now open for our 13th Annual Consumer Recovery Forum
- Nomination Form for 13th Annual Consumer Recovery Awards
- Exhibitor Registration Form 13th Annual Consumer Recovery Forum
- Resource Guide of Behavioral Health Providers for Persons who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing http://www.vbh-pa.com/member/mbr_resources.htm#deaf

Join us for a Webinar on March 13th

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania will begin implementing **Performance-Based Monitoring for Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation services** in 2013. Performance Based Monitoring (PBM) is a collaborative multi-disciplinary approach to continuous quality improvement. The goal of Performance-Based Monitoring is to engage in practices that encourage provider performance improvements, resulting in favorable treatment outcomes.

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania will be hosting a webinar to discuss performance-based monitoring measures for Non-Hospital Rehabilitation providers on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013** from **10:00 a.m.--11:00 a.m**. Non-Hospital providers will have the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the measures and receive information regarding the implementation of performance-based monitoring.

All participants must use their telephones to hear the presentation and use their computers to log onto the Web to access this training session. By calling the dial-in number and entering the passcode, you will be able to hear the presentation. By accessing the Internet and entering the Web address (www.joinwebinar.com) and webinar id, you will be able to see the presentation. Remember, you MUST do both.

Title: Performance-Based Monitoring for Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar

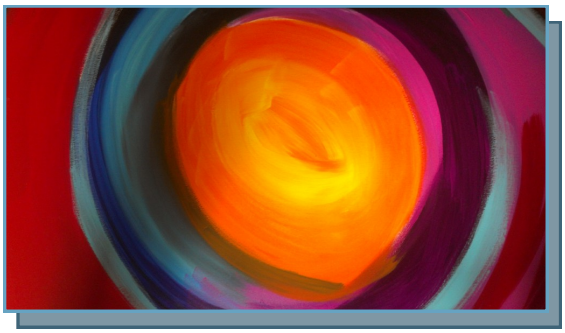
Space is limited.
Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/941953802

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Presents:

Realizing Recovery: We Deserve It

13th Annual Consumer Recovery Forum



Artwork by Renee Schussler, Certified Peer Specialist/Peer Mentor
AMI, Inc. Washington, PA

Friday, April 19, 2013
8:45 a.m. ~ 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh Marriott North
100 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

REGISTRATION

If you are interested in attending this year's forum, please complete the registration form in the **2013 Consumer Recovery Forum Brochure** by clicking here or by visiting the homepage of our website at www.vbh-pa.com.

EXHIBITORS

If you are interested in reserving exhibit space at this year's forum, please complete the **2013 Exhibitor Reservation Form** by clicking here or by visiting the homepage of our website at www.vbh-pa.com.

NOMINATIONS

To encourage consumer empowerment and recovery, VBH-PA will publicly acknowledge HealthChoices members who have demonstrated courage, creativity, and leadership in their community. We need your help nominating such individuals. Please complete the **2013 Recovery Award Nomination Form** by clicking here or by visiting the homepage of our website at www.vbh-pa.com.

HealthChoices' VBH-PA members living in Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland Counties are invited to attend. Crawford, Mercer and Venango County HealthChoices' members will have the opportunity to attend other regionally held VBH-PA Forums in 2013.

WRAP Facilitator Trainings

AMI Inc., and PSAN, a collaborative partnership, are offering two FREE WRAP Facilitator Trainings.

1. Certified Peer Specialists and other individuals who are interested in teaching people how to develop their own WRAP should attend this one-day WRAP Introduction/Refresher.

   Date: Thursday, March 14, 2013
   Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
   Location: TBD

2. Certified Peer Specialists and Peer Support workers who are interested in leading WRAP groups according to evidence-based practice standards and in accordance with guidelines provided by The Copeland Center should plan to attend this five-day training*.

   Date: April 1—5, 2013
   Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
   Location: TBD

   *30 CEU hours will be provided to attendees.

Spaces in both the March 14 and April 1-5 sessions are reserved for residents of the following counties:

Armstrong (6)
Indiana (6)
Butler (6)
Westmoreland (2)

Please call AMI, Inc. at (724) 228-6321 with any questions.

These collaborative trainings are made possible due to a grant from the Staunton Farm Foundation.

Upcoming BHRS and RTF Summits

BHRS SUMMITS
(Your choice of two locations)

May 15 — Courtyard by Marriott Greensburg

May 16 — Hampton Inn & Suites, Grove City

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RTF SUMMITS

June 5 — Four Points Sheraton North

December 4 — Four Points Sheraton North

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Winter 2013 WPIC Videoconference Series

VBH-PA is pleased to announce that our service center is once again a videoconferencing site for the WPIC Office of Education and Regional Programming videoconference series. These programs are free of charge and there are NO fees for continuing education credits.

The videoconferences are held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Walnut Room at VBH-PA's Trafford Service Center. You are invited and welcome to attend*.

For CEU information, registration information, and complete descriptions of these trainings, please click here.

Upcoming Videoconferences:

- **March 13**—Cultural and Linguistic Considerations for a More Effective Behavioral Health Delivery Model for Latinos
- **March 27**—Behavioral Treatment of Obesity with Mental Health Clients

Registration:

To register for these trainings, please visit the ValueOptions Provider Trainings Web page.

Select **Pennsylvania** from the state dropdown list (DO NOT change any of the other fields) and then click on **Select**. Scroll down the screen and put a check mark in the box next to the event(s) and then hit **Register**. Phone-in registrations will not be accepted.

*__Please Note:__ These videoconferences are NOT webinars. **You must be in attendance at the Trafford Service Center to view these videoconferences.** VBH-PA is one of many sites offering this opportunity. Please click here to view all locations offering this videoconference series. To register with another location, please contact the coordinator for that site.

Suggestions or ideas for articles that you would like to see published in *ValueAdded* can be faxed to Kim Tzoulis, *ValueAdded* Editor, at (724) 744-6363 or emailed to kimberly.tzoulis@valueoptions.com

Articles of general importance to the provider network will be considered for publication.

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Additional training opportunity: Providers can find an online learning resource for trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy at www.musc.edu/tfcbt. Ten hours of CE are offered free of charge.