

FYI FRIDAYS

DBH Updates, Notices, and Policy Guidance

October 15, 2021

Prior issues of FYI Fridays can be found at: <https://dmh.mo.gov/mental-illness/fyi-fridays>

1. **Mark Stringer, Director of DMH**, announced his retirement this week, effective January 1, 2022. He leaves after giving more than 34 years of service to the mental health field, with 24 years at DMH including the last seven as Director. Deputy Director Valerie Huhn will serve as Acting Director beginning in November while Stringer is on annual leave until the end of the year.
2. **MH Commission to Begin Search for Department Director**. The search process will include input from statewide representatives from behavioral health and developmental disabilities stakeholder organizations. The Commission plans to conduct a thorough process and select a new Director to begin in January 2022.
3. **Fiscal Update –SOR Year 1 Billing Deadline:**
The last day to bill SOR services provided on or before September 29 is November 7.
4. **DMH's Jacque Christmas** was chosen as a national expert to present in a virtual workshop series on the topic of suicide prevention. The series called, "A Voice at the Table," provides interactive wellness workshops to help families and close friends who have been emotionally impacted by a loved one's suicidal crisis.
5. **EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-02** – Today, Governor Mike Parson terminated Executive Order 20-02 ending the State of Emergency that had been in effect since March 13, 2020. Please note, current CSR relaxations will continue until December 31, 2021.
"Any statutory or regulatory waiver approved under Executive Order 20-02 that is still in effect as of the date of the new order will remain in place. Approval of any new waivers will be aimed at supporting Missouri's health care system and response to COVID-19. New requests will be subject to approval from the Governor's Office." Executive Order 21-09 will terminate on December 31, 2021.
 - **Want to ease your mind about today's Executive Order from the Governor around COVID response. The headline is misleading. This is in Nora's Friday email summary as well. Coupled with the proposed ongoing telehealth regulation, and we appear to be in very good shape going forward!-Natalie Cook**
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 - [Governor's Executive Order 21-09 \(mo.gov\)](https://www.governor.mo.gov/governor-executive-order-21-09)
6. **What Works-Independence Center** – World Mental Health Day campaign, Work WORKS. The initiative highlights and promotes Clubhouse Employment Programs as a gateway to recovery.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35u5QWQ0VYk>

7. **Missouri DB101** – Missouri DB101 has been updated for MO HealthNet's expansion. The Estimator and content articles reflect many new changes. DB101 is an excellent resource to learn more about how employment affects benefits. It promotes employment and dispels common myths about benefits and employment.
<https://mo.db101.org/>
8. **Recovery Housing Program Action Plan Available for Public Comment** – The Missouri Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, has prepared an Action Plan for the pilot Recovery Housing Program, which is now available for public comment. This program will provide housing assistance to individuals with substance use disorders in the St. Louis metro area. The Action Plan includes a summary of needs and existing resources, description of how funds may be used and eligible subrecipients, as well as anticipated outcomes and expenditures. You may view a draft of the Recovery Housing Program Action Plan:
<https://ded.mo.gov/cdbg>.
9. **2022 Mental Health Champion Award Nominations-Nominations are now open for the 2022 mental Health Champion Award** – The Missouri Mental Health Foundation is accepting nomination for the 2022 Mental Health Champions' Awards. Please share this with your partners, friends, etc.! No doubt there are many worthy candidates for this prestigious award! The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 12, 2021.
<https://www.missourimhf.org/mental-health-champions-banquet/>

10. **COVID-19 Updates & Resources**

- **Missouri Vaccine Navigator** – This is a secure registry tool to assist Missourians in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Information is available in multiple languages. [Learn More](#)
- **Missouri COVID-19 Vaccine Providers** – <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/map/>
- **The Wellness Guide to Overcoming Isolation during COVID-19** – offers help and support for those suffering from isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Being alone and lonely is difficult enough, but stay-at-home orders and social distancing make it even more challenging to overcome such feelings and make connections. This is a free digital download. [Learn More](#)
- **Are You a Healthcare Professional Impacted by COVID-19?** – The Missouri First Responder Provider Network, in partnership with the Department of Mental Health and Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare, **can provide free behavioral health services for healthcare professionals who have been impacted by COVID-19.** Visit <https://www.missouricit.org/first-responders> to find a provider.

DBH Community COVID-19 Positives Data (as of Oct 15 at 8 am)	
Consumers	1,642
Staff	1,095
Providers	58
22 consumer/staff deaths have been reported.	

DBH COVID Resources –

- DBH COVID-19 Guidance/Resources - [MoHelpNow](#)
- DMH Disaster Services Website - <https://dmh.mo.gov/disaster-services/covid-19-information>
- State's COVID Vaccine Information Website - <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/>
- MO DHSS Website - <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/>
- COVID Grief Resource Guides - <https://www.covidgriefresources.com/> and <https://www.covidgriefresources.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COVID-Internet-Resource-Guide-7-25-21.pdf>
- CDC Website - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

DB's Tech Tips

Outlook Calender-Use the "Go to Date" function

Don't waste precious moments clicking through weeks and months to find the right spot for a future appointment. Jump straight to the date you need with the "Go to Date" dialog box. Just press CTRL+G while you're on the calendar, and it'll pop up right away.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Affordable Housing Consultant

This position within the Division of Behavioral Health with the Department of Mental Health domiciled in Springfield, MO. Application deadline is October 29, 2021. [Learn More and Apply](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **COVID-19 Funding Opportunities** – Please find below the three (3) resource linkages shared to suggest you consider sharing with others within your state and communities as follows:
 - <https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus>
 - <https://pcssnow.org/resources/covid-19-resources/>
 - <https://www.asam.org/Quality-Science/covid-19-coronavirus>

The active sharing and promotion of these resources are hopefully beneficial, particularly those experiencing significant challenges in the ongoing funding, maintenance, and support of vital SUD services with SABG funding.

2. **Public Health AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity** – AmeriCorps State & National published Public Health AmeriCorps funding opportunity on September 8. The program is a new partnership between AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support the recruitment, training, and development of a new generation of public health leaders who will be ready to respond to the nation's public health needs. Public Health AmeriCorps will help meet public health needs of local communities by providing needed surge capacity and support in state and local public health settings and provide pathways to public health-related careers through onsite experience and training, with a focus on recruiting AmeriCorps members that reflect the communities in which they will serve.

[Press Release](#)

[Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)

- **Applications are due November 8.**
- Eligible applicants include nonprofit, faith-based and community-based organizations; higher-education institutions; state, local and territorial government entities, such as cities or counties; and Indian Tribes. New organizations are encouraged to apply for these grants. Intermediaries may also apply for funding.
- AmeriCorps members will serve primarily in state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments or *in service to* public health departments through partnerships with other eligible organizations.
- It is strongly recommended that AmeriCorps members serve in *at least* teams of two. AmeriCorps has found that placing at least two members at a service site location provides economies of scale and aids in retention of members.
- Additional information, including funding priorities, technical assistance information, and regional contacts, is provided on the [NOFO \(Notice of Funding Opportunity\) web page](#).

3. **How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application** – SAMHSA will be conducting a webinar on how to develop a competitive grant application. Multiple dates available along with printable PDF document. **Thursday, October 28, 2021, 1pm CT.** [Register](#)
4. **HRSA Extends Application Deadline for Healthcare Workforce Resiliency Grants** –The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced a deadline extension for several grant opportunities addressing resiliency among the healthcare workforce. HRSA is now accepting applications through September 20th for the Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program, Promoting Resilience and Mental Health Among Health Professional Workforce, and Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Technical Assistance Center. The first program will provide approximately \$68 million for 30 grants and State or local governments are included as eligible applicants. The second program provides approximately \$29 million for 10 grants and entities providing health care are eligible to apply. The third program will provide approximately \$6 million for one grant and State or local governments are included as eligible applicants.

INFO and RESOURCES

1. **New Bipolar Disorder: Updates on Research and Clinical Outcomes** – This presentation details the multidimensional nature of bipolar disorder and highlights the wide spectrum of associated manic and depressive symptoms. The discussion will review the brain anatomical correlation of symptoms as well as the underlying pathophysiological theories. Furthermore, the impact of residual symptoms on clinical outcomes, on recurrence and cognitive deficits will be explored. **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 12pm CT.** [Register](#)
2. **New Brexanolone Yields Rapid Improvement for Patients with Postpartum Depression** – Brexanolone demonstrates a rapid and sustained improvement in symptoms for patients with postpartum depression, according to a recent post hoc analyses published in the Journal of Women’s Health. [Read More](#)
3. **New Pushing through Organizational Change-Even When It’s Hard** – Organizational change is hard, especially when the stakes are high. But it is possible, and whether we like it or not, change is necessary. The world is changing around us and success requires mental health and substance use providers to change with it. [Learn More](#)
4. **New Recovery Reader** – Peer Recovery Center of Excellence eNewsletter – [Read More](#)
5. **New Telepsychiatry Substantially Improves Outcomes in Patients with Complex Psychiatric Disorders** – A study designed to compare the effectiveness of 2 telepsychiatry approaches for rural patients with complex psychiatric disorders found both provided large and clinically meaningful improvements in outcomes. Researchers published their findings in JAMA Psychiatry. [Read More](#)
6. **New Telemental Health Capabilities Key for Current, Future Public Health Crisis** – Mental health providers equipped to provide telemental health will be better positioned to cope with future pandemics and public health crises, advised researchers in a study published in JMIR Mental Health. [Read More](#)
7. **New Similar Barriers to Telehealth reported among Mental Healthcare Providers** – Mental healthcare providers report similar barriers to telehealth mental services, and overcoming these barriers is imperative to continue providing high-quality service to patients, according to a systematic review published in Current Opinion in Psychiatry. [Read More](#)
8. **New Clinicians should set Realistic Expectations for Telehealth Treatment** – Onboarding patients to telepsychiatry includes setting realistic expectations for both the patient and provider and ensuring the patient is comfortable with the platform. Onboarding patients to telepsychiatry includes setting realistic expectations for both the patient and provider and ensuring the patient is comfortable with the platform. [Read More](#)

9. **New Targeting shared traits may be Key to Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders** – Advances in neurobiological and genetic research may help explain the high rate of overlap between alcohol use disorder (AUD) and personality and other disorders and suggest new opportunities for targeted treatment. There is now clear evidence, for example, that personality traits common to AUD and borderline and antisocial personality disorders share a genetic link and that dysfunction in brain reward circuitry may contribute to both schizophrenia and AUD. Targeting these shared characteristics may help persons with co-occurring disorders successfully reduce their alcohol use. [Read More](#)
10. **New Antipsychotics and Other Schizophrenia Treatments** – This video examines neurobiological targets, the current research regarding antipsychotics, and other schizophrenia treatment options. [Watch Video](#)
11. **New The Power of More: Helping Stakeholders Access Federal Resources to Meet both Housing and Service Needs** – These resources can be used strategically to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to people living in HUD-assisted affordable housing. [Learn More](#)
12. **Probation and Parole Regional Oversight Meetings** – These are subject to change. For any questions regarding the P&P Regional Oversight Meetings, please contact Jessica Bounds at jessica.bounds@dmh.mo.gov and/or 573-751-4730.

November 19, 2021 – Southeast Region – 10-12 pm
Location: Virtual

December 3, 2021 – Southwest Region – 10-12 pm
Location: Virtual

January 11, 2022 – North Central Region – 10-12 pm
Location: Virtual

January 25, 2022 – Eastern Region – 10-12 pm
Location: Virtual

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Supporting the Wellbeing of LGBTQ+ Clients and Staff** – Join us for a conversation with health equity and racial justice experts on the systemic challenges LGBTQ+ persons with intersecting identities face in health care and as staff in health care organizations. Experts will also discuss strategies to provide affirming supports for clients and staff who identify as LGBTQ+ in addition to their intersecting identities. **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 1pm CT.** [Register](#)
2. **The Role of the Pharmacist in the Treatment of Depression** – Depression is one of the most common psychiatric illnesses affecting approximately 8% of American adults in a given year. Despite the high prevalence of depression, it is often not adequately managed. Pharmacists are well placed to have a role in depression management across practice settings, complementing the role of general practitioners and psychiatric providers. **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 11am CT.** [Register](#)
3. **Equity in Action: Utilizing Culturally Responsive and Racially Equitable Evaluation** – This workshop focuses on how to conduct a culturally responsive and racially equitable evaluation (CRREE). CRREE can be utilized to undo racism and oppression previously upheld by researchers, evaluators, institutions, and symptoms Resource Link. [Resources](#) **October 19-20, 2021, 12pm-4pm CT.**
4. **New Enhancing Recovery by Addressing Smoking during Addiction Treatment** – Recognize disparities in the prevalence of tobacco use disorder experienced by people with other addictions as compared with the general population along with other topics. **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 12pm CT.** [Register](#)

5. **New Advancing Rural Health Equity** – Rural, agricultural and tribal communities face a particular set of health inequities that are not as common in urban areas, due to several factors including historical injustices, structural urbanism and the effects of the mental health and recovery services workforce shortage on access to rural health services. *Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 1pm CT.* [Register](#)
6. **The Convergence of Video Games and Gambling** – This webinar will focus on how loot boxes are items in video games that may be bought for real-world money, but which contain randomized content. Over the past three years, as nascent literature has emerged which attempts to model the impact of this phenomenon on society. Our lab has been at the heart of this evidence-generation process. *Thursday, October 21, 2021, 11am CT.* [Register](#)
7. **New Clinical Diagnosis using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders** – This program will expand on the previous DSM-5 Primer and offer the clinician the opportunity to explore essential elements with Diagnostic criteria and codes. *Thursday, October 21, 2021, 1pm-4pm CT.* [Register](#)
8. **Compassion Resilience Strategies for Integrated Care Settings** – As the COVID-19 pandemic persists, uncertainty and complexity in the workforce remain high, and self-compassion and kindness during these times of volatility is exceptionally difficult. Join the Center of Excellence (CoE) to learn more about compassion resilience strategies in integrated care settings and how to promote staff wellbeing. *Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 2pm CT* [Register](#)
9. **Compassion Resilience for Integrated Care Settings** – Did you attend the Compassion Resilience Strategies webinar on October 26th? Further your understanding – and get live answers to pressing questions about compassion resilience in integrated care settings – during our follow-up CoE Office Hour with integrated care experts, we can explore additional strategies. *Thursday, October 28, 2021, 12pm CT.* [Register](#)
10. **Loss Chasing in Gambling Disorder-Clinical, Behavioral and Data Science Perspectives** – This webinar will summarize three lines of research characterizing loss chasing on laboratory tasks, in authentic slot machines, and in online behavioral tracking data, in order to better establish the psychological underpinnings of this symptom. *Thursday, October 28, 2021, 1pm CT.* [Register](#)
11. **Driving Integrated Health at your Organization: Quality Improvement and Foundational Factors that Lead to Success** – Want to learn how to create and maintain a successful integrated health practice? Join experts in the integrated health field for a discussion on how to successfully navigate quality improvement measures, overcome state-level policy barriers and jump through patient health information “hoops.” *Friday, October 29, 2021, 1pm CT.* [Register](#)
12. **Pushing through Organizational Change-Even when it’s Hard** – Organizational change is hard, especially when the stakes are high. But it is possible, and whether we like it or not, change is necessary. *Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 12pm CT.* [Register](#)
13. **Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for a More Perfect Union** – This is a three day virtual workshop Given the continued emergence of an interconnected society, a global pandemic, and protests and unrest calling for racial justice, building organizational capacity for advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion is more critical than ever. The need for leaders within social sector organizations to understand and engage the current environment is essential in building an equitable society for all. This is a three day virtual workshop. *November 2, 9 and 16, 2021, 11am-3pm CT.* [Register](#)
14. **NAMI Missouri Connection Support Group Facilitator Training** – This training is for individuals living with mental illness who would like to become certified to facilitate NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups. The training is provided at no cost with expenses covered using a grant issued by the US Department of Health and Human Services through SAMHSA. Contact information: alice@namimissouri.org or call 573-634-7727. *November 3-5, 2021, 10am-4pm CT.* [Register](#)

15. **Medication Awareness Recovery Specialist Training** – This program is a comprehensive training program that provides 40 hours of training on using medications during the recovery process. **Friday, November 5, 2021, 9am-11am or 2pm-4pm CT.** [Register](#)
16. **Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit** – This summit will provide session on, innovative strategies and novel approaches to overdose prevention, justice, and treatment. Best practices for implementing strategy, building multi-sector partnerships, and leveraging local resources. Inspiring talks and hear how leaders are making a difference in their community and build your professional network though a dedicated networking event. **November 9-10, 2021. 10am-5:30pm CT.** [Register](#)
17. **New Missouri Substance Use Prevention Conference** – This event is in partnership with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Missouri Behavioral Health Council and the Missouri Prevention Resource Center Network. **November 15-16, 2021.** [Register](#)
18. **First Episode Psychosis: Focus on US Hispanic Population** – This presentation will review concepts of First Episode Psychosis (FEP) and Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) while focusing on the cultural considerations for treatment, outcomes, and research for the US Hispanic FEP patient population. **Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 11am CT.** [Register](#)
19. **MCB Clinical Supervision Training** – This training is a comprehensive 30 hour national training model for clinical supervision. The first 14 hours are completed online and this is followed by a 2 day, 8 hour total Zoom training to reinforce the online training and introduce additional supervision topics. This training is required for new supervisors to become a MCB Qualified Supervisor. **December 16-17, 2021, 9am-1pm CT.** [Register](#)

RECURRING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **2021 MCB Summer and Fall Ethics Trainings** – The following are multiple dates and times for Zoom and/or Live Ethics Training Opportunities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 573-616-2300 or help@missouricb.com.
 - October Ethics Trainings-[Register](#)
 - November Ethics Trainings-[Register](#)
2. **New Stimulant Overamping Education Trainings** – Overamping is the term we use to describe an adverse physical and mental reaction after using stimulants or what one might consider an “overdose” on speed or cocaine. The goal with these new trainings is to inform our community members on how to respond to overamping events as part of our efforts to expand harm reduction and prevention work for people with Stimulant Use Disorder. All the trainings on the dates below will be held over zoom. Please click on the date you would like to attend to access the registration link for the corresponding date. You will get a reminder and a calendar invite after registering for the training. The cap for each training is 100 people.
 - Tuesday October 19, 2021, 2pm-3:30pm [Register](#)
 - Thursday, October 21, 2021, 9am-10:30am [Register](#)
 - Friday, October 22, 2021, 11am-12:30pm [Register](#)
 - Monday, October 25, 2021, 1pm-2:30pm [Register](#)
 - Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:30pm-8pm [Register](#)
 - Thursday, October 28, 2021, 2:30pm-4pm [Register](#)
3. **Crisis Response Lunch and Learn Series** – The DMH, MO Behavioral Health Council (MBHC), and the JRI Crisis Response Workgroup are excited to announce a Lunch & Learn series to explore a variety of programs throughout the state which are aimed at improving and enhancing Missouri’s crisis responsesystem. No registration is needed. The same link below will be used for each session in the series and will all be at 12pm CT. Join Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 838 0848 1830, Passcode: 848093, Phone: +1 312 626 6799 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83808481830?pwd=aHI1c3h1MGJYWEp6WktHRjVBanFCUT09>

- Juvenile Diversion Initiatives – **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**
 - Courage2Report Alive and Well – **Wednesday, October 27, 2021**
 - Pretrial Services – **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**
 - Prosecution Diversion Initiatives – **Wednesday, November 17, 2021**
 - Treatment Court Programs – **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**
4. **Preventing Suicide in Persons Impacted by Intimate Partner Violence and Trauma** – state-based trainings on suicide prevention for mental health professionals, DV/IPV advocates, and others working with survivors of violence and trauma working within Missouri. Since suicide risk among domestic violence survivors is higher than the average population, it is important for professionals to feel confident and informed about how to identify and triage risk. **Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 9am-12pm CT.** [Register](#)
5. **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** – MFHA is now available in a variety of formats, including a fully **virtual** course. MHFA teaches an individual how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorder. This training teaches the skills needed to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. Youth MHFA is also available for adults working with youth (age 12-18). Register today to be the one to make a difference for your friends, family members, colleagues, students, or children. This training is designed for the general community and is being offered for free through the DMH (valued at \$170 per person). Check out the [MO MHFA website](#) to register and for more frequent updates.
6. **2021 MCB Certified Peer Specialist Training Series** – The MCB will be offering the following training series for those holding the Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) credential. These trainings will be held on Friday mornings from 9:00-12:00 through the Zoom platform. The cost of each training is \$20.00. Those holding the CPS can sign up using the registration links below:
- **Peer Ethics** –This training will cover the MCB CPS Ethics Code. There will be open discussions about real life ethical issues that are faced by those holding the CPS including how boundaries are established, how to navigate work and personal recovery and how to work within a multidisciplinary team of professionals. **Friday, October 22, 201, 9am-12pm CT.** [Register](#)
 - **CPS Tools** –Were you originally trained as a CMPS? Would you like to be trained in the new material in the Certified Peer Specialist training? Would you like to learn practical tools/interventions that you can utilize with your peers? This training will focus on tools/interventions that can help peers with Spirituality, Stages of Change Interventions & Effective Listening. The training will be interactive and allow you to practice the tools/interventions. Peer Specialists who were originally trained as a MRSS-P and would like a refresher are also welcome. **Friday, November 12, 201, 9am-12pm CT.** [Register](#)
 - **Housing/Employment/PATH/SOAR** –This training will be conducted by experts from the Department of Mental Health. They will be discussing resources CPS can use with peers to help find housing and employment. Information will be provided on the specific PATH and SOAR programs. **Friday, December 3, 201, 9am-12pm CT.** [Register](#)
7. **Introductory/Refresher Virtual Motivational Interviewing Training** – This live session is ideal for busy individuals looking for introductory or refresher training. Whether you're a clinician in a behavioral health setting, a supervisor trying to boost staff morale or a nurse helping patients manage diabetes, motivational interviewing (MI) training can help you create conversations that empower people to make meaningful changes. **Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 11am-3pm CT.** [Register](#)
8. **2021 Peer Specialist Trainings** – Please see the peer specialist trainings provided by the MCB below.
- **Certified Peer Specialist Basic Training** – [Register](#)
 - **Peer Specialist Supervisor Training** – This training is strongly encouraged for any current or future peer specialist supervisor (individuals supervising a CPS) **This training has been updated so those who have attended a training in the past are welcome to attend again.** [Register](#)

- **Certified Peer Specialist Specialty Training** – The specialty training topics will include Peer Ethics, Spirituality & Recovery, and Peer Documentation Strategies & MCB Updated Peer Information. **The cost of each training is \$20.** [Register](#)

New Employees

Vanessa Nozinor has joined the Community Treatment Programs Team at DBH!

Vanessa will be working with our Integrated Care Programs: Healthcare Homes, Disease Management, Community Behavioral Health Organizations, and FQHC Collaborations.

Mark Rembecki has joined the Community Treatment Programs Team at DBH!

Continuing his work with SATOP, Mark will now also be working with our Justice Services Programs: Improving Community Treatment Success (ICTS), DOC Liaisons, OSMI/CMHT, and RR MAT (Vivitrol Pre Release Project).

Cierra Distler-DBH is pleased to announce a newer member of the Fiscal Unit, Cierra Distler. Cierra began with the Division on September 7 as a project coordinator. She is assisting with IT project requests, internal tracking and monitoring systems, Operational Excellence initiatives and various reporting duties. Cierra comes to us with 8 years of combined public and private IT experience. Please welcome Cierra.

Look for new information and resources coming next Friday!