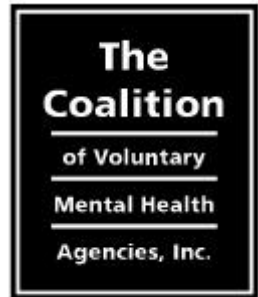


Briefs Coalition

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A SEMI-MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

March For Supportive Housing

The Campaign for New York/New York II is planning a march for supportive housing on January 6, 1998, the eve of Governor Pataki's State of the State address. The march is to begin from the Bellevue Men's Shelter at E. 30th Street and First Avenue at 11:00 a.m. and continue to the Governor's NYC office at 633 Third Avenue between 40th and 41st Street. For more information, call the Campaign's hotline (212) 849-2705. □

A Positive Trend

Joining forces with other trade associations, under the umbrella of the Human Services Council, several trade associations, including The Coalition, made a lobbying trip to Albany for meetings with executive and legislative officials. Presenting the merits of the case for a trended increase across the human services sector, a dialogue was established for new needs related to transition to managed care, technology demands and increased costs of operating and service delivery. □

Youth Disability Benefits Reviewed

The Social Security Administration plans to re-examine cases of poor children denied disability benefits. Some children with disabilities who were removed from the benefits pool may still qualify for benefits under the standards established by the 1996 welfare law. Families that lost benefits may have them restored through an appeals process. Of the estimated 135,000 children that lost benefits since the new 1996 welfare law, about 80% have mental disorders. □

December 23	Managed Care Technical Assistance Seminar
January 7	Task Force on Children and Families
January 15	Finance Committee Executive Committee
January 29	Membership Meeting

Community Health Partnership, cont'd.

Coalition members were invited to attend HHC's North Bronx Network meeting on December 17th, which began dialogue with community-based safety net providers on the use of some of the Federal 1115 waiver managed care transition dollars which HHC will receive over the next 5 years to promote linkages and partnerships with community-based agencies. We hope HHC will schedule meetings in other boroughs; we will keep our members informed. **Meanwhile, Coalition members are urged to contact local HHC hospital and clinic administrators to initiate and nurture relationships on the local level and to become part of the local planning process.** □

Parity Law to be Enforced

Clinton Administration sources announced on December 15 that the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 would be enforced, requiring employers to comply with the law before seeking exemptions. The law allows exemptions for employers whose health insurance costs rise more than one percent as a result of bringing mental health coverage in line with other health coverages. Some business groups had argued that employers should be exempted based on projected costs, but the Administration's decision requires them to comply first and apply for exemptions only after actual costs have been shown to increase. A formal decision is expected to be released next week. □

CSP Survey

The Coalition has distributed a survey to its membership that seeks CSP data. As part of our lobbying efforts and for incorporation into a developing position paper, we need to establish tangible data and outcome measures. To date, capturing such data has been a very challenging task. We hope all members will take some time to respond to the survey and return it expeditiously to us: Fax number (212)541-6183 or email to jmurray@cvmha.org. □

Coalition Notes

Those who attended the Annual Meeting were treated to a wonderful series of reminiscences by our founders, Executive Directors and Presidents. Those who were unable to attend can capture some sense of the history of The Coalition by reading the *Casual History* that was presented at the meeting. Copies of the history will be mailed to all members and may be obtained on the web at <http://www.cvmha.org/histoire.pdf>. □

'Tis The Season

The Staff and Board of The Coalition would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members, friends and colleagues a very happy and healthy holiday season. We hope that you all enjoy this festive time of the year and the vacations with which it is associated.

On the subject of vacations, *Briefs* will take a brief one. The next issue will be published on January 16, 1998. Until then, we wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. □

Coalition Briefs

— Help Wanted —

The Harm Reduction Counselor will provide HIV prevention and substance use counseling services for gay and non-gay identified homosexually active men. The Harm Reduction Counselor must be able to speak Spanish and have experience providing individual and group counseling for Latino men. HIV Prevention and substance use counseling includes assessments, short-term individual and group counseling, acupuncture relaxation treatments, and peer support utilizing innovative approaches such as harm reduction, recovery readiness and motivational counseling. The Harm Reduction Counselor will work with individuals at different stages of substance use, abuse, dependency and recovery. This position will recruit and supervise peer educators and volunteers and will also participate in educational outreach efforts including provision of off-site groups and trainings. Two years' counseling experience, Masters Level preferred. Please send resume indicating position of interest, along with cover letter and salary requirements to: **Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc.** ATTN Human Resources Department, 119 West 24th Street, New York, NY 10011 or fax your resume to (212) 367-1370; or contact Lorne Feldman at (212)367-1382. *Lesbians, gay men, women, people of color, people in recovery HIV+ individuals are strongly encouraged to apply. We are an equal opportunity employer.* □

Experienced CSW, R certified preferred, interested in facilitating short-term cognitive-behavioral trauma recovery groups on a per diem basis. Resumes to B. Bruno, **Victim Services**, 50 Court Street, 8th Floor, Bklyn, NY 11201, 718-624-3405. EOE □

Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center seeks individual to be responsible for all operations of the outpatient clinic. Responsible for written documentation of plan implementation; carrying a caseload; clinical and task supervision of the staff, statistical and billing information compilation and reports; coordination of the delivery of treatment to clients; quality of client care; the correctness of clients' charts, treatment plans, quarterly reviews, progress notes, etc. Also responsible for the safety of clients and staff; performing in-service training; may be required to act as a liaison between the Center and the social work schools. MSW degree, NY State CSW certification. Salary commensurate with experience. EEO/AA Employer. Send resumes to: **Bedford Stuyvesant C.M.H.C., Inc.** 1406 Fulton Street, Room 201 Brooklyn, New York 11216. Attn: Human Resources Department. Fax #: (718)398-3233. □

Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center seeks individual to be responsible for the medical practices of the unit; to prescribe and monitor the use of medication; to provide consultative services to other members of the Treatment Team; to assist in the diagnosis of complex cases; to treat selected cases, and participate in review of all cases; to be responsible for psychiatric evaluations and to participate in in-service training of staff. M.D. degree; NY State licensure, completed psychiatric residency at accredited psychiatric training facility/Board Eligible or Board Certified. Salary commensurate with experience. EEO/AA Employer. Send resumes to: **Bedford Stuyvesant C.M.H.C., Inc.** 1406 Fulton Street, Room 201 Brooklyn, New York 11216. Attn: Human Resources Department. Fax #: (718) 398-3233. □

Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center seeks individual to develop new programs, coordinate and evaluate all clinical services; be responsible for the development, monitoring and proper accountability of all psychiatric staff, organization and chairmanship of the Center's Utilization Review and Pharmacy Committee, Clinical staff, Special Review Committee; to approve, implement, plan, monitor and evaluate all clinical programs. MD degree; Board Certified or Board Eligible. Two (2) to five (5) years' experience in psychiatry and neurology, including two to three psychiatric residency. Administrative, supervisory and Managed Care experience required. Assist in the preparation of annual budget; attend Center's Board meetings, responsible for the Agency's operations in the absence of the Executive Director. EEO/AA Employer. Send resumes to: **Bedford Stuyvesant C.M.H.C., Inc.** 1406 Fulton Street, Room 201 Brooklyn, New York 11216 Attn: Human Resources Department. Fax #: (718) 398-3233. □

State-licensed mental health clinic located in Flatbush serving children/adolescents and their families. Individual, family and group modalities. Part-time (7-14 hours) bilingual (Spanish/English, Haitian French/English, Russian/English) Social Worker (CSW) needed. Send resumes to : J. Berman, **Brooklyn Child & Adolescent Guidance Center**, 1520 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. *Equal Opportunity Employer M/F.* □

Upper Westside Crisis Intervention Program seeking experienced CSW, R certified, with trauma background to provide per diem supervision to counselors, Monday evenings 4-8pm, with opp. for growth. Group experience a strong +. Resumes to Director, **Victim Services** Westside Community Office, 166 W. 75th St. NYC, 10023. EOE □