

DHS Updates for WCHSA Executive Board Meeting November 3, 2016

DHS Executive Team Announcement

Jennifer Malcore was named Assistant Deputy Secretary. Jennifer Malcore has been appointed to serve as the next Assistant Deputy Secretary at the Department of Health Services (DHS). Malcore replaces Bill Hanna, who recently announced he has accepted a position outside of state service.

“Bill has been a great asset to our team and we wish him the very best in his new endeavor,” DHS Secretary Linda Seemeyer said, “We are very much looking forward to working with Jenny Malcore, who brings extensive knowledge in key subject areas, particularly related to fighting the opioid epidemic. Jenny is a well-respected leader with vast experience and we are excited to have her joining us here at DHS.”

DHS in the News

Wisconsin Program Honored by National Association
[Two DHS Divisions recognized for innovative practices](#)

DHS Announces Graduate Medical Education Grants
[Supports state efforts to improve access to health care in underserved areas](#)

Who Can You Protect This Flu Season?
[Wisconsin State Health Officer encourages everyone to protect themselves, and those around them, by getting a flu shot](#)

Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS)

Survey on Buprenorphine Prescriber Recruitment Practices [Informational Memo 2016-07](#)
Addiction treatment providers are invited to take a survey to determine whether they may be eligible to participate in a NIATx Center technical assistance collaborative and research project to expand buprenorphine prescriber capacity in Wisconsin.

Community Mental Health Allocation CY 2017 [Action Memo 2016-13](#)
This memo references Profile #516 of the State and County Contract for Social and Community Programs, outlines the reporting requirements for the Community Mental Health Allocation for Calendar Year 2017 (CY 2017), and includes expenditure requirements for the use of CY 2017 funds. This memo is distributed at this time to foreshadow reporting requirements for CY 2017 mental health services. Counties must comply with the reporting requirements in the Program Participation System (PPS). This includes the reporting of consumer functional outcomes every six months through the consumer status data set in PPS.

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Intoxicated Driver Program Supplemental/Emergency Funding Update [Action Memo 2016-12](#)

This memo serves as a request for application (RFA) and provides details of how counties and approved tribal treatment agencies may apply for Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP) supplemental/emergency funding by Friday, November 25, 2016.

Wisconsin Mental Health Collaborative Meeting

Reducing psychiatric hospital readmission and improving services for consumers in the public mental health system is the goal of the Wisconsin Mental Learning Collaborative. Participants use a process improvement model designed for behavioral health services developed by the NIATx Center at UW-Madison to examine and enhance the hospital discharge process. Following a kick-off meeting, a coach (this year's coaching team included one current DCTS staff person and one retired DCTS staff person) provides regular support via phone and email for 10 months. Round seven of this effort began in January 2016. Representatives from the 14 participating agencies – 12 county departments, 1 tribe, and 1 peer recovery organization – gathered in Lake Delton October 25 to share their success stories and some of the challenges they have faced a long way. DCTS Administrator Pat Cork and Deputy Administrator Rose Kleman attended the close-out meeting.

Children Come First Meeting

The Children's Come First Advisory Committee held its fourth quarter meeting October 25 in Madison. The group discussed the DHS-DCTS vision for building a statewide children's behavioral health system.

Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Training Conference

Eight hundred behavioral health professionals and mental health and substance use services consumers attended the annual Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Training Conference October 26-27 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Lake Delton.

Division of Long Term Care (DLTC)

CLTS-Grandfathered Allocation Participants [DLTC Numbered Memo 2016-04](#)

This memo serves to notify Wisconsin county waiver agencies (CWAs) of the criteria required to fund a CLTS participant with the CLTS-Grandfathered allocations beginning on January 1, 2017.

ForwardHealth Updates

The Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) is collaborating with the NIATx Center at UW-Madison to research and improve buprenorphine prescribing capacity in Wisconsin. The NIATx Center has created a short survey for addiction treatment providers, which is available until November 11, 2016.

If you are an addiction treatment provider, please take a few minutes to [take the survey](#).

For more information, refer to [DCTS Information Memo 2016-07](#)