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FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!!

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

1:00 p.m.

End of Life

Presenter: Dr. Tracy Schroeffer, UW Madison School of Social Work

Location: Community Living Alliance

Monday, May 2, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Using Validation Therapy to Minimize Difficult Behaviors (dementia-related)

Presenter: Melissa Fry, MSSW

Location: To be determined

Thursday, June 16, 2011

10:00 a.m.

ISP Development

Presenter: Sue White, Sienna Crest

Location: to be determined

Thursday, August 11, 2011

1:00 p.m.

Lewy Body Dementia

Presenter: Mary Salzieder, Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance

Location: to be determined

Coordinator's Notes.....

Happy spring to all of you! It seems like it's been a particularly long winter this year, and I am enjoying hearing the songbirds again in the morning and the additional day light. I hope that all of you fared well over the winter.

We have some exciting initiatives on the horizon. Dane County and SMC have been working with a group of CBRF administrators to develop a training consortium to offer the 4 required CBRF training classes (Medication Administration, Standard Precautions, First Aid and Choking, and Fire Safety) four times per year at a reasonable cost. Watch your e-mail for information on dates, locations, and cost. We are also partnering with the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance to develop standards for Memory Care "Centers of Excellence". We will be asking Memory Care CBRF Administrators for their feedback on our draft plans soon.

Thanks to all of you for the care that you provide. Dane County Human Services values your services greatly.

Sharon Larson, Assisted Living Quality Coordinator

PEACE PALS

Residents of Girlie's Manor in Cross Plains recently embarked on a knitting project. Lead by Rita Stanton, they knitted over 110 "Peace Pals". They vary in size from 6 to 10 inches, and feature colorful hair and outfits. They will accompany Kathy Hartung and a group of doctors on a medical mission trip to Haiti. The Peace Pals will be distributed at a clinic that will see over 500 people each week, and will be given to children in an attempt to bring joy into their lives. Others will go to an orphanage in Haiti.

The Cross Plains Police Department and EMS will also distribute some of the dolls locally. We have it on good authority that Doug Gregory, one of the owners/operators of Girlie's Manor, also learned to knit!



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AB/SB 11

There have been some concerns expressed about how the proposed budget repair bill, SB and AB 11, will impact people currently enrolled in the Community Options-MA Waiver Programs, and individuals who are eligible for Medical Assistance and who are on the COP waiting list.

We do know that there will be a "cap" on Family Care enrollments effective June 2011. It is still unclear if Family Care will expand to Dane County in the future, but it seems unlikely that it will happen. We will keep you updated with information as it becomes available.

We strongly urge Adult Family Homes, CBRFs, and RCACs to continue to accept placement of individuals referred by case managers at Community Living Alliance, Dane County Long Term Support Unit, and South Madison Coalition. We appreciate the care and services you provide to Dane County clients.

INFORMATION ON RESIDENTS WITH PSYCH ISSUES and GIVING NOTICE

When a resident is placed at Mendota or in a psychiatric unit due to behaviors related to dementia and/or mental illness, can you terminate placement?

According to Susan Blount, Southern Regional Director of DQA/BAL, you can give 30 days written notice, but you must assess the resident when he or she is discharged back into the community, and determine, based on your program statement, if you are able to provide the care he or she needs. If you are unable to meet their needs, it is your responsibility to find appropriate placement for them, and the resident must stay at your facility until that happens. Dane County case managers will assist you with that process, but it is your responsibility to ensure that appropriate residential placement is secured. If you determine that the person can stay but needs additional staff to keep him/her and or the other residents safe, it is also your responsibility to arrange for that care.

If you have any questions if you are faced with this situation, please contact Susan Blount at 266-8339.



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WALA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

You are invited to WALA's Spring Conference on March 23rd and 24th at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. Last year, the WALA conference attracted more than 750 providers, exhibitors, suppliers, and top-notch speakers, and at this year's 16th annual event, members and non-members alike can expect another excellent conference. Visit www.ewala.org to register for the conference today!

WALA has received DHS approval for a 60-hour CBRF administrator course (BAL approval #001). WALA is the only organization that offers the state-approved course for CBRF administrators. The course is offered for a total of 9 days: 3 days per week for 3 consecutive weeks. For a complete listing of course dates in 2011, or to register, visit www.ewala.org.

DHS CONTRACT COORDINATORS for MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

Following is a list of the Contract Coordinators at Wisconsin's Department of Health Services that work with each Family Care Managed Care Organization. Contact the Contract Coordinator for the MCO you work with if you have questions or concerns about the MCO.

MCO	DHS Contract Coordinator	Phone Number
Care Wisconsin	Marge Pifer	266-3416
Community Care of Central Wisconsin	Sharon Ryan	267-7378
Community Care Inc.	Dana Badger	261-6751
Community Health Partnership	Bob Mitchell	(715)726-3953
Lakeland Care District	Chris Craggs	(920)448-5324
iCare	Cecilia Chathas	267-2923
Milwaukee County Dept. of Family Care	Steve Landkamer	266-5512
Northern Bridges	Melody Yeager	(715)365-2505
Southwest Family Care Alliance	Jan Devore	264-6303
Western Wisconsin Care	Vince Maro	(715)836-5373