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MESSAGE FROM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Who's New
- Birthdays
- Psychiatric

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DEAR COLLEAGUES:

As we start the month of March, there is some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that the Department of Human Resources (DHR) is making a number of changes that will affect how we do business. They are primarily to change how some services are delivered, new reporting requirements, and auditing criteria. I know you're wondering how does this affect you? As we prepare for the implementation of these changes we will be asking some of you for information and assistance. A timely response would be greatly appreciated as the project schedule for implementation is March 3rd & 15th for some. April 1st and July 1st for others and October for

the rest.

Some of the changes will be; two new fields being added to the MICP, new audit fields on the MICP, a change in codes for service, and other administrative changes.

Audits will focus more and more on accurate documentation and timeliness; adherence to Practice Standards, and compliance with Medicaid policy. As we receive more information we will pass it along.

MESSAGE FROM DR. DAVID ANTHONY

The good news is that CSI will be added to the registration bundle; the State will be adding two new services that we qualify for and changes to the Medicaid rate is under consideration.

We are in the process of restructuring the Treatment team format, not the days or time, and if anyone has any suggestions please e-mail them to me. Thanks for all you efforts and dedication to our clients. Even when it doesn't feel like we are making a difference, we are!

MEDICAID UNITS - PER PETR

I just wanted to clarify for some of you how medicaid units are counted and billed. In order to claim a 15 minute unit, clinician has to complete at least 7.5 minutes of work.

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| 0 - 7.5 minutes | 0 units |
| 7.5 - 22.5 minutes | 1 unit |
| 23 minutes - 37.5 minutes | 2 units |
| 38 minutes - 52.50 minutes | 3 units |
| 53 minutes - 1 hour and 7.50 minutes | 4 units |
| 1 hour and 8 minutes - 1 hour and 22.50 minutes | 5 units |

ETC.

TREATMENT TEAM SCHEDULE

We would like to remind all Lead Therapists and Paraprofessionals that treatment team meetings will be held throughout the month. You are expected to attend the treatment team which has been assigned to you. Here is the schedule for the month of March:

**“Individual
commitment
to a group
effort— that
is what
makes a
team work, a
company
work, a
society work,
a civilization
work”**

Monday 3/03/2008 – Gwinnett Treatment Team @ 1pm. Buckhead @ 5pm.

Tuesday 3/04/2008 – Hiram Office @ 6pm & 7 pm. Floyd County treatment team @ 12pm.

Monday 3/10/2008 – Treatment Team @ the Hiram Office 11am, 6 & 7pm

Tuesday 3/11/2008 – Treatment Team @ the Fulton County Juvenile Court @ 3pm, 4pm & 6pm. Conyers @ 10am. Spalding/Clayton/Henry @ 7:30pm.

Monday 3/17/2008 – Gwinnett Treatment Team @ 1pm. Buckhead @ 5pm

Tuesday 2/18/2008 – Hiram Office @ 6pm & 7pm. Floyd County treatment team @ 12pm.

Monday 3/24/2008 – Treatment Team @ the Hiram Office 11am, 6 & 7

Tuesday 3/25/2008 - Treatment Team @ the Fulton County Juvenile Court @ 3pm, 4pm & 6pm. Conyers @ 10am. Spalding/Clayton/Henry at 7:30pm

Locations:

*Buckhead Library – 269 Buckhead Avenue NE, Atlanta, Ga 30305. (404) 814-3500

*Clayton/Henry County – 1882 Hardwood Court, Jonesboro, GA 30236. (404) 309-4806

- VINCE *Conyers Office – 946 South Main Street, Suite 200, Conyers, Georgia 30012. (678) 887-6613

LOMBARDI *Fulton County Juvenile Court (F.C.J.C) – At the Mental Health Suite. Court is open 8:30am to 5pm. 395 Pryor Street S.W. Atlanta, GA 30312. (404) 224-4401

*Floyd County Library – 205 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA 30161. (706) 236-4600.

*Gwinnett Library – 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. (770)978-5600

*Hiram Office – 127 Enterprise Path, Suite 401. Hiram, GA 30141. (770) 222-6622

*Spalding County – 333 South 9th Street, Griffin, GA. (478) 731-1850.

WHO'S NEW @ FAMILY

F.I.S would like to officially welcome on board our new contractors hired in the month of February/March:

WE HAVE RECENTLY HIRED:

*Latiecha Slaughter - Lead Receptionist

*Ashley Vines – Administrative Assistant

*Florica Ferche - Paraprofessional

*Ryan Robertson - PN Reader

*Debbie Durand - Lead Therapist

*Barbara Dotson - Nurse

*Saurra Boston-Gantt - Authorization Specialist



MARCH 2008 BIRTHDAYS



The Following employees/contractors have their birthdays in March:

- Patrick McCay- March 5th
- Natalie Fielder- (natalie.fielder@fisinc.org)- March 6th
- Matthew Taylor (booboo74elliott@hotmail.com)- March 7th
- Markkel Wright (mwright@fisinc.org)- March 9th
- Forest Colony- (forrestconoly@yahoo.com) – March 14th
- Terry Samuels (samuelsterrym@hotmail.com)- March 17th
- Fibia Davidson (fibia.davidson@fisinc.org) March 23rd
- Maurisa Brodsky Ginsberg (helenem@bellsouth.net) – March 24th
- Edward Morrow (EcMorrow85@aol.com)- March 25th

The staff at Family Intervention Specialists would like to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psychiatric Appointments:

Our psychiatrist, Dr. Kanawati will no longer be at the Fulton County Juvenile Court. She will be at the Hiram Counseling Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this month.

*If you need to schedule an appointment please call: LaTiecha Slaughter Monday thru Friday (770)222-6622

Payroll Concerns:

All concerns and questions regarding payroll should be directed towards Zuzana Caslavka. She can be reached at (770) 222-6622 Ext. 106

Clinical Paperwork:

All clinical paperwork should be faxed to (800)519-3992 rather than mailed to the office.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remember that Zuzana handles all APS accounts. If you lock yourself out she is your point of contact.

*If you need business cards please e-mail LaTiecha Slaughter @ laTiecha.slaughter@fisinc.org

*If you are in need of a Psychiatrist in your area please contact Jessie Hicks at the office and she will assist you @ 770-222-6622 or jessie.hicks@fisinc.org.

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact Latrina Ingram.

TRAININGS

*Professional Documentation Training— March 6 @ 9:00am to 1:00pm Mercer University Atlanta Campus Please Call 404-298-0327 For More Information.

*How Good People Make Tough Choices Workshop—March 13 @ 9:00am to 4:00pm Mercer University Atlanta Campus Room 245. Please Call 404-298-0327 For More Information.

“KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST APPLY. WILLING IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST DO.”

- JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE





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F.I.S is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in the State of Georgia. We provide Intensive Family Intervention (IFI) which is an intensive family- and community-based treatment that addresses multiple determinants of serious antisocial behavior in juvenile offenders.

The company was founded in 1998 by David Anthony. In 2003, Family Intervention Specialists, Inc. became approved provider for Georgia Health Partnership (Medicaid). In June 2004, Family Intervention Specialists, Inc. became certified by Department of Human Resources, Compliance and Certification Unit. September 2006, FIS, Inc. became certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

S U P P O R T S T A F F

We have our staff to answer any questions or to support you as the need may arise. Whether you email us, call us or walk-In, we are here to answer your questions.
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