

ACMHSA e-Bulletin

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DMHDD 2ND QUARTERLY ADVANCE

The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities is processing the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarterly advances in two parts in order to expedite delivery of grant funds to grantees. The first 1/3 of the advance is sent automatically to grantees who established their grants by sending in the LIBR forms as well as the Budget detail and narrative. The balance of the advance will be released once all other required information has been received. Please see the below listed schedule for items and due dates.

* Budget detail and narrative (Due 8/31/01)

* Cumulative Fiscal Report and narrative activity report for 1st Quarter (Due 10/31/01)

*	ARORA	data
-	July	(Due 8/31/01)
-	Aug.	(Due 9/30/01)
-	Sept.	(Due 10/31/01)

* Aggregate information 2000 & 2001 (Due 9/30/01). Please be advised that if you were not a grantee in FY00 or FY01, you do not have to provide ARORA information for those time periods.

* Quarterly and Cumulative Emergency Services Data (Due 10/31/01)

* Agency Grant Funding form which lists all other federal, state and municipal grant support for projects funded by DH&SS grants (Due by 11/01/01)

* If you are providing residential and/or critical care services, certification that a Board-approved emergency response & recovery plan is on file at the agency (Due by 9/30/01)

* Compliance with all special conditions which were set out as a condition of grant award.

Please be advised that if you are providing only AYI services, the above listed ARORA requirements apply as well as the documents pertaining to AYI billing.

ARORA forms would be sent directly to Greg Brock. If you have any questions, please contact the following staff:

Regarding budget, narratives, summary or special conditions of grant award:

Karen Forrest, Southeast Regional Coordinator, 465-4914;

John Bajowski, Anchorage Regional Coordinator, 269-3609

Robert Hammaker, Southcentral Regional Coordinator, 352-6305

Randy Meyer, Northern Regional Coordinator, 451-5042

Regarding data collection:

Greg Brock for technical and content problems, 465-4825

Anne Henry for questions about the instructions, 465-4852

Yvonne Jacobson about consumer concerns, 465-3139

Leonard Abel for questions about the overall plan, 465-3370

-Jo Dawson, CMHS Project Assistant
H&SS/DMHDD -- (907) 465-4978

CMHC'S START UP TELEPSYCH PROJECTS

ACMHSA providers should place telepsychiatry on their radar screens and speak to Leonard Abel, Ph.D. if you are interested in site development work.

Under a grant from the AMHTA, Department of Corrections will link to identify CMHC's with POTS-VTC units. The equipment operates thru regular phone lines. The purpose of the initial demonstration project will require the identified CMHC to perform an intake assessment to the DOC inmate who requires psychiatric follow-up prior to release.

Initial sites include Kotzebue, Nome, Bethel, South Central Counseling, and Ketchikan. A second tier of this demonstration project will utilize Polycom high bandwidth equipment. API will install both units and the Division is interested to pilot rural sites with consistent referral patterns to API. Rural providers will receive an overview of the project during the Rural Mental Health Conference in Anchorage November 26 - December 1, 2001.

To their credit, Walter Majoros and Leonard Abel are moving this project along quickly, and CMHC's should identify interest as soon as possible. In yet another pilot demonstration project, Ketchikan is scheduled to bring up the high bandwidth child telepsych demonstration linking Metlakatla, and Ketchikan with a board certified child psychiatrist at Bartlett. The project should be up and running during the first week in November 2001.

Movers and shakers behind the scenes are clearly Jeff Jesse, AMHTA Executive Director and Bill Worrall, MD, psychiatrist with DOC.

ACMHSA-FORAKER GROUP MAKE CONNECTION

Dennis McMillian of the Foraker Group and ACMHSA has agreed, in principle, to bring training and technical support to ACMHSA members. Initial focus will be development of Board fiscal policy; development of key

financial indicators (normative operating reserves, current ratio, etc.); and core competencies in financial and administrative management.

The second phase of this initiative will be the development of a CMHC-Senior Management Boot Camp to augment the ACMHSA quarterly meetings.

Kick off is scheduled for November 12, 2001 at 1:30 PM and CMHC's are encouraged to have the finance and clinical officers present for the afternoon session.

FIRST AID FOR FEELINGS

There is an excellent resource on the above web page that is a 14-page workbook for children about the Sept 11th tragedy. It's called First Aid for Feelings. It was written by Denise Daniels, founder and director of the National Children's Grief Institute. She did work after the Oklahoma City bombing and Columbine and has national recognition as a grief expert for children after loss and tragedy. This workbook is written specifically to address the events of Sept 11th. Thought you may want to read it and share with your friends and family who have children and maybe we could send out to the regions to share with their C&A providers. You go to www.toysrus.com and then click on the link "Help Kids Cope, download a free workbook

EARLY YEARS – CRITICAL YEARS

The Science of Early Childhood From Birth to Eight–March 4-6, 2002–Anchorage Hilton

Keynote Speakers

- **Dr. Bernard Arons** –Director of the Center for Mental Health Services at Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Dr. Arons worked closely with the Surgeon General to publish the first ever Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health.
- **Dr. James P. Comer** - Child Psychiatrist, Director of the School Development Program at Yale University's Child Study Center. Dr.

Comer is one of the pioneers of services integration.

- **Dr. Jane Knitzer** – Columbia University. Dr. Knitzer is the author of Unclaimed Children – The Failure of Public Responsibility to Children and Adolescents in Need of Mental Health Service. Dr. Knitzer is currently working on an update of this landmark book.
- **Dr. Ross Thompson** – Department of Psychology at the University of Nebraska. A psycho-legal and child development scholar, Dr. Thompson was involved in the development of From Neurons to Neighborhoods – The Science of Early Childhood Development.
- **Dr. Melissa Welch-Ross** (invited)– National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Dr. Welch-Ross will speak to the early care and learning track.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) will hold a series of public forums to solicit comments on the upcoming reauthorization of IDEA. For those of you who wish to provide comments at these forums, please focus on systemic issues and use the following format: what is the problem, why is it a problem, and what solutions do you

propose. The following issues might be considered:

What were the biggest benefits of the last reauthorization?

What is not working?

What is working?

What are the lingering problems?

Please come prepared to limit your remarks to 5 minutes. We want to hear from everyone who has an interest in improving services for children with disabilities and their families as we work towards reauthorization.

NOVEMBER 8 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Location: Pathways 2001 Conference
Hilton Anchorage Hotel
500 West Third Avenue
Anchorage, AK

Phone: 907- 337-7678

Times: 5:00-7:30 PM

Host: Parents Inc.

Contact: Hollie Swanson (1-800-478-7678)

**ACMHS Next Face-To-Face Meeting
November 12 & 13, 2001 - Anchorage
Location – To Be Determined.
Agenda will be distributed soon.**

Member Updates:

..... **Utilization Review Coordinator**

F/T position provides for agency compliance with state, federal, and third party insurance policies, regulations, and/or laws. As part of the senior management team, will provide supervision to medical records, provide on-going employee training on required documentation and administrative procedures to meet billing and regulatory standards, coordinate agency preparation for reviews/audits/site visits, collect data and coordinate publication of agency's annual report, participate in and support agency accreditation process, review agency policy and procedure for accreditation compliance, review and recommend documents for compliance, , seek resolution to consumer grievances and community members' complaints, and review and recommend follow-up to incidents. MA/MSW in social work/psychology required. Must have at least one year of supervisory experience or training and excellent communication and organizational skills. Salary DOE with exc. benefits. Send cover letter and resume by fax (907-222-2393) or mail to Beth Driskell, 1675 C. St. Ste. 117, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Upcoming Events:

November 6-8, 2001 – Pathways Conference,
Anchorage

November 15 & 16, 2001 – FAS Summit,
Anchorage

November 26 – December 1 - Rural Mental
Health Training Conference, Anchorage

December 4 & 5 – Alaska Health Summit,
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

March 4-5, 2002 – The Science of Early
Childhood From Birth to Eight, Hilton Hotel,
Anchorage

Please send your announcements, news items and other information to Trené Elliott at trene.elliott@att.net or Ron Adler at humanservices@city.ketchikan.ak.us Thank you!

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