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Our mission is to achieve excellence in the provision of behavioral health services that lead to optimal health and well being

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 YEARS

Bonnie Fisher

7 YEARS

Jessica Schart

5 YEARS

Tiffany Widoe

Mary Bryant

4 YEARS

Sharon Murray

3 YEARS

Linda Abalos

Molly McDonald

2 YEARS

Mike Schoenecker

Mary Cross

1 YEAR

Lindsay Mays

Nate Reinick

Shauna Scarano

Jackie Barton

Sarita Montez

Dallas Huber

THANK YOU to everyone above for all your years of service and for continuing to move lives forward!

WELCOME SEPTEMBER NEW HIRES

CAMRON MORTON	MHP 1 - Case Manager	Sterling
DOMINIQUE MARINEZ	UA	Sterling
EILIS KING	Office Assistant	Elizabeth
KAREN NELSON	Office Coordinator	Wray
KATIE CURE	Accounts Receivable	Sterling
SUMMER HOLMQUIST	Case Manager-SUD	Elizabeth
TARA MINARDI	MHP 2-Offender Services	Burlington

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING

OCTOBER 2018

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

CMHC RELAY FOR LIFE



October is right around the corner! We would like to kick off our new Relay For Life fundraising year With a fun, staff only, month long event!

Each office will have Pink Ribbon Items that you can receive with a donation to our relay team. These items will each have certain donation "costs". If you feel you would like to donate more than what the item is listed for we will have donation cards available as well.

You will need these items!! For every business day in October that you "Show your support" by wearing one or many of these items you will receive a ticket that will go into a drawing at the end of October. Your Office Coordinators will have these tickets. You will need to show the item you are wearing before you can write your name on any tickets. How many tickets you get in the drawing is up to you! Wear an item once and receive one ticket. Wear items every business day and receive multiple chances at winning!

We will also be awarding a Pink Ribbon TROPHY to the office that raises the most in donations!! This will be a traveling trophy (like the Stanley Cup). If your office wins, you will have the honor of displaying your trophy until our next fundraiser. Then the other offices will have a chance at stealing that Trophy!

We want to have fun with this! Cancer is never an easy topic, but spreading awareness is so important! Every small reminder helps to start the habit of prevention and self care.

Help the CMHC Relay for Life Team kick cancers butt!!

Our October goal is \$300.00 and I believe we can reach it!

Items will be available before the first week in October so that you can start earning those tickets the first day! I will also send out another e-mail a few days prior to update everyone.

THANK YOU for all of your support! It DOES make a difference!



Above are some of the items that can be purchased to help this effort to raise funds. Some of the items are things like stickers, finger flyer toys, lanyards, wristbands, id badge clips, koozies, stressballs, pins, shoelaces...and also tattoos and magnets are coming!



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To the left is the trophy that will be potentially roaming from office to office each year as this process continues.

For additional questions on this please contact Ashley Lanman in the Julesburg office.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - STATE CRISIS RFP INFORMATION FROM LIZ

Some of you, particularly those that are part of Centennial's Crisis Services team, had a "heads up" last week that Centennial and other providers within the Colorado Crisis Services are facing a major challenge in regard to future contracting with the state. Colorado DHS's Office of Behavioral Health posted a "Request for Proposal" on September 4th that throws several monkey wrenches into the statewide crisis system that has developed over the past 5 years. When our Board met on the 13th, I provided some of my concerns around funding and program changes that could significantly change how mobile crisis response could be delivered, under the state contract at least, and our Board has gotten fired up and into their role as ADVOCATES for mental health! One column was published just last Friday in a couple of our local papers, and it may be shared in others over weeks ahead. Here's a link to the Sterling Journal Advocate's version if you haven't already seen it.

http://www.journal-advocate.com/sterling-columnists/ci_32153063/westfall-mental-health-crisis-funding-at-cross-road

There are other places and ways this message may be coming out and I just wanted you to have some context for the messages. The "worst case scenarios" as noted in the article above are real in that the current level of funding set aside for the region most of our counties would fall into within this newly defined regional geography is grossly, and I believe unfairly, underfunded. For that and many other reasons, we are at the table wherever we can to plan for solutions and forward appropriate tough questions back to OBH (completed last Friday) that will hopefully give them pause about some of the "unintended consequences" that many of us believe this RFP would set in motion. Along with funding, we are pressing hard on ways that stated program changes could undercut rural crisis response, for instance around this funding being disallowed for responses to our rural hospital partners.

While I cannot provide any guarantees, I am hopeful that somehow this RFP may be slowed down, corrected, or simply stopped altogether. Existing crisis contracts go through this fiscal year and there may be alternative ways of extending such contracts, which statewide are embedded into the community behavioral system as one facet of the broader safety net we provide. Especially at this time of Governor Hickenlooper's final months in office, it is possible that our next Governor and his cabinet might see this differently.

So, if you have concerns about how any of this evolving situation could affect Centennial, you or your position, please speak up with your supervisor, one of the Leaders team or route them to me directly as you wish. I will keep you posted as we hope and work for better news!

If you get "fired up" yourself and want to express yourself on the subject, feel free to do so as an individual who lives and works in these communities. It may be best NOT to identify yourself directly as a Centennial employee, lest some just take your opinion as coming from someone "feathering their own nest", but general impressions you have as a community member or behavioral health provider around the importance of the crisis response system in our Northeast counties is absolutely fine! Most of our

area county commissioners are already clued in and Senator Sonnenberg will be in the next day or so; coordinated advocacy at the Governor's office is also occurring. It is not required but any means, but I'd love to know about any such advocacy you move forward on your own as well.

Thanks for listening and, most importantly, CARING about our communities and clients, including those we haven't met yet!

Liz

SAFETY TALK



Congratulations Andie La Combe for winning Safety Talk's most recent prize for completing the crossword puzzle correctly last week! She received a snow shovel that goes in your trunk and a Centennial lanyard.



AVATAR TIP

THE CLIENT APPOINTMENT HISTORY FORM

reflects a summary of where and what appointments a client has missed.



CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 2nd - Sources of Strength Training for Adult Advisors & Peer Leaders - Elizabeth Schools
- 4th - MHFA for Dept. of Human Services in Fort Morgan (closed)
- 10th - Year 2 Sources of Strength for Adult Advisors and Peer Leaders - Cheyenne Wells
- 11th - Board of Directors Meeting - Fort Morgan, CO
- 17th - New Employee Orientation - Sterling Admin
- 23rd & 24th - ASIST - Sterling (Contact Sam Melfi to attend)

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