



James Haveman

MDCH LEADER STEPS DOWN

Michigan Department of Community Health Director, Jim Haveman, is stepping down due to health concerns, taking his place will be Deputy Director Nick Lyon. CEO and President of the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority, Tom Watkins, reminisces about the “early” days with Haveman at the helm and his most recent assistance with the passage of the Healthy Michigan legislation. Please click on the link below:

<http://domemagazine.com/tomwatkins/tw090514>

EDUCATING POLICY MAKERS ABOUT EMPLOYING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Now is the time to show your support when it comes to employing people with disabilities. Please mark your calendar for Monday, September 22nd from 10:30-11:30 under the Rotunda at the state capitol in Lansing for a press conference outlining important information about employing people with disabilities.

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council and the Developmental Disabilities Institute are publishing a report outlining issues related to employment for individuals with disabilities in Michigan. The details of the report center around the vast under-representation of individuals with disabilities, particularly those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, in the Michigan workforce. The report also outlines the use of sub-minimum wage and the prevalence of segregated work environments. Our aim is to educate policy makers about this ever important issue and to hopefully provoke meaning policy that provides more significant pathways to integrated competitive employment for people with disabilities. Please consider supporting the press conference and showing your support.

COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES SUBMITS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Hundreds of hours have been spent on answering the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's RFP and finally the document has been submitted. At the beginning of July, the Authority held a bidder's conference which was the first opportunity for interested organizations who want to become Managers of Comprehensive Provider Networks, to review the bidding process. The DWMHA is now re-bidding its system of care which is required by the Michigan Department of Community Health. The current system has several MCPNs, one of which is Community Living Services.

The new MCPNs will have community-based governance and centralized training and work force development according to a document released by the Authority. A few significant changes include: eliminating the conflict of interest within the governance of current MCPNs, an expanded role of the Authority in vetting, enrolling and privileging the broader provider network of the PIHP in Detroit Wayne and contracts that reward MCPNs for achieving outcomes and penalties that do not come out of direct services.

The MCPNs will be selected sometime in mid-October. For more information on the re-bid process, www.dwmha.com.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) serves over 74,000 consumers. The Authority provides services for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbance and substance use disorders.

DWMHA provides services and offers a culturally diverse network of community mental health programs, clinics, private therapists, psychologists and psychiatrists to adults with mental illness, individuals with developmental disabilities, children with serious emotional disturbances and persons with substance use disorders and their families

CLS is a private, non-profit organization that provides supports and services to over 4,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. CLS also provides services to seniors and those with chronic illness. CLS is funded by the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority, the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and Macomb County Community Mental Health. The Long-Term Care Division is under contract with The United Way of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Area Agency on Aging 1-A, Area on Aging 1-B, The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging 1-C, The Information Center and the City of Allen Park. The CLS Annual Report can be found on the website (www.comlivserv.com) under “About Us.”



National and Local



This is Your Chance to Get Involved!

Now is your chance to get involved and let your voice be heard! Right now, the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council has five openings on its board. The DD Council is a governor-appointed body of 21 people with developmental disabilities, parents, guardians, family members and agency representatives. The group's mission and vision is to adhere to its fundamental goal of ensuring that people with developmental disabilities have the opportunities and supports they need to achieve a life of freedom, choice and inclusion in the communities where they choose to live and work. If you are interested in applying, follow this link: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2941_4868_4897---,00.html

SAVE THE DATE

Michigan Supporting & Including Brothers & Sisters
2014 State Conference

FACING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Join us for an opportunity to connect adult siblings of people with disabilities and those who care about siblings.

Saturday, October 18th
(conference 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

\$40 per person
\$20 (student and people with disabilities)

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel
925 N. Creyts Rd.
Lansing, MI
517-323-7100

(\$115 per night plus tax)

Registration and conference information coming soon to the MISIBS website, www.misibs.org



JOB and VOLUNTEER FAIR

Your job search just got a little easier...

Tuesday, October 21st

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel

5801 Southfield Expressway

(on the border of Dearborn/Detroit)

Detroit, MI

9 am - 1 pm

Stop by to see these employers:

- Meijer
- Costco
- CVS
- Oakwood Hospital
- McDonald's
- Kroger
- Dearborn Animal Shelter
- Biggy Coffee

Employment Prospects
Volunteer Opportunities
Community Involvement

More than 40 vendors will be on hand to hire you, connect with you or offer you a volunteer position!

To register, contact Tiffany Devon at tdevon@comlivserv.com or 734-722-7185



Culture of Gentleness Network

The Wayne County Culture of Gentleness Network <http://www.positivelivingsupport.org/> is holding its second Time to Share conference on Thursday, September 11th from 9:00-3:00 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Senior Management Consultant for the Center for Positive Living Supports, John Williams will be the keynote speaker. Those that should attend are supports coordinators, providers, parents and family who advocate for the use of Gentle Teaching. Also those that have completed the Train the Trainer courses.

For more information and to register, call Cynthia Whisler, 734-722-7493 or cwhisler@comlivserv.com.



Social Security Field Office Service Changes

The Social Security Administration is making changes to some of the services it provides to individuals and families that work with the local Arc chapters. The SSA has eliminated the issuance of Social Security number printouts in its field offices. Instead, people will be directed to apply for a new SSN card which takes about two weeks. However if a person is in "dire need" and needs their SSN immediately, each field office will have a person to assist them.

Oakland County Achievement Award Winners

The Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority is holding its annual Achievement Awards Ceremony on September 12th and three people supported by CLS Oakland County will be winning an award!

Stigma Buster: Deshaun Jones

Helping Hands: Emily Monroe

My Life: Cole Gluklick

The awards ceremony is also an opportunity for OCCMHA to recognize its Provider Network.

Your Questions Answered!
OCCMHA's New "Service Wait List,"
Healthy Michigan, and the General Fund

Please join Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority's leadership panel for an important community discussion on the new "Service Wait List," Healthy Michigan, and the General Fund. Audience members will be given an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about these key topics concerning the public mental health system and the people it serves.

Please Join Us!

<p>Monday, August 11, 2014 10 a.m. - Noon Resource & Crisis Center Conference Rooms A & B 1200 N. Telegraph Rd/Bldg 32 E Pontiac, MI 48341</p> <p>Please park in the North Parking Lot and enter through the conference room door.</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 6 - 8 p.m. OCCMHA Administrative Offices 2011 Executive Hills Blvd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>
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Who should attend: OCCMHA Leadership Panel

- Persons receiving services, their families, advocates, and friends
- OCCMHA staff, core and direct service provider agencies, and others who serve people with a mental illness, developmental disability, or substance use disorder
- Community service organizations, faith-based representatives
- Local and state legislators

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Kathleen Kovach, Deputy Executive Director & COO
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For questions or special accommodations call (248) 858-0929

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11th Annual
WALK OF THE MINDS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014
HERITAGE PARK 46202 HERITAGE PARK RD, CANTON, MI,
CHECK-IN: 10 A.M. START TIME: 12 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS

TO JOIN TEAM "OAKLAND COUNTY HOPE GIVERS," PLEASE VISIT:
<http://namiwalks.nami.org/hopegivers>

OR CONTACT JESSICA GIBSON AT
GIBSONJ@OCCMHA.ORG



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Friends of CLS/Long Term Care

Donations are Always Welcome.

If you aren't able to attend our biggest fundraiser of the year on September 18th but would like to make a donation to Friends of CLS, it's easy! Just go to the [CLS website](#) and click on the donation button, Your donation will assist people supported by CLS is paying for college classes, starting their own small business or perhaps joining a group in their community. Money donated to Friends of CLS helps people purchase items that traditional Medicaid funding does not cover.



Are you an Amazon.com shopper? Next time you make a purchase, please consider using the Amazon Smile Program and .5% of your purchase price will be donated to Friends of CLS! Click on this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2849658> and choose Community Living Services as your preferred charity! It's that simple! Friends money goes to the people we support for microenterprise start-up costs, health club memberships and many other expenses that Medicaid dollars do not cover. Thank you for supporting the people we serve!



Evening with Friends Winners Chosen!

The Friends of Community Living Services biggest fundraiser of the year is Thursday, September 18th from 5:00 a.m to 9:00 p.m. at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia.

The night will be filled with food, fun and friendships. This annual event focuses on accomplishments and accolades for the people supported by Community Living Services.

Each year, a video awards ceremony is the highlight of the year. This year's six winners are: Calvin Wolfe, Chris Waligora, Cassie Petterson, Nadine, Tyler Laviolette and Gino Byrd. If you'd like to purchase a ticket, an advertisement or make a donation, please follow the link: <http://www.comlivserv.com/EWF.html>.

Great Ways to Save \$\$

Every year, AARP comes out with its 99 Great Ways to Save whether it's at home, on the road or your health, these tips are always good to know. Below are just a few ideas.

AT HOME:

- In the winter, reverse your ceiling fan. Revolving clockwise, the fan will pull up cool air and send down the heated air that's settled near the ceiling. Clean or replace the filter in your furnace or air conditioner.
- Proper maintenance can save 5 to 15 percent on the monthly heating and cooling bills.

ON THE ROAD

- Head to ski resorts in the summer and beach locations in late August or early September. For cheaper flights, look to the earliest and latest flights of the day. Click on the [dollar sign](#) for the complete list:



2014 Michigan Seniors and Caregivers Expo

Planning is underway for the **2014 Michigan Seniors & Caregivers Expos**. All shows are filling up so register today at: www.MichiganSeniorsExpo.com.

This is a great opportunity to network with hundreds of Seniors and Caregivers at every event. Below is the fall schedule.

2014 Metro Detroit Fall Schedule

- Livonia - September 13th
- Troy - September 27th
- Detroit - October 20th

