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FIRST FRIDAY – updates and ideas to share

MN LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

You are invited to the Mental Health Community's Gubernatorial Candidate Forum, July 26, 1-2:30 at the Wilder Foundation located at University and Lexington Ave in St Paul. The candidate forum provides an opportunity to learn each candidate's views on how to build and support Minnesota's mental health continuum. The forum is hosted by the Mental Health Legislative Network, NAMI, MACMHP and the National Council on Behavioral Health.

Mental Health Rate Increase & Rate Methodology Legislative Proposal will be a top AspireMN priority for the 2019 session. Work is underway in developing the proposal and related messaging, communications and community strategies to engage all who support Minnesota's mental health services in advocating for a sustainable mental health continuum. Members with expertise and interest in supporting the development of this advocacy effort are invited to share their talents – please contact Kirsten if you are interested in assisting.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Families First Prevention Services Act

- **The Administration for Children and Families with Federal HHS makes request for public comment:** The Administration for Children and Families, HHS, solicits comments by **July 22, 2018** on initial criteria and potential candidate programs and services for review in a ***Clearinghouse of evidence-based practices in accordance with the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018***. The Clearinghouse will identify promising, supported, and well-supported practices for mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, in-home parent skill-based programs, and kinship navigator programs appropriate for children who are candidates for foster care pregnant or parenting foster youth, and the parents or kin caregivers of those children and youth. The Federal Register Announcement can be found here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-13420>.

- Annie E Casey hosted ***Families First Funding Evidence-Based Programs in Child Welfare: Implications of the Family First Prevention Services***. Listen to the prerecorded webinar
- Accreditation for Residential Treatment Providers who become Qualified Residential Treatment Providers (QRTPs) as outlined by the Families First legislation will be required by October 2019 for states that take up this option at that time. The language requires accreditation by an ACF-approved accrediting agency, including Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and Council on Accreditation. Resources by the accreditation bodies for organizations who are considering accreditation are becoming increasingly available. AspireMN members receive a discount when accredited by Council on Accreditation, who is providing a free 90 minute webinar: [Recording from June 27th](#), [Register for July 10th 2:30-4 PM Eastern](#)

Additional resources on accreditation:

- [Roundup of FFPSA Articles](#)
- [Blog Post, Help I'm Mandated, Now What?!](#)
- [Accreditor Comparison](#)

UPDATES

Leadership Changes – Jim Koppel, MN DHS Assistant Commissioner of Children and Family Services will retire July 10. Nikki Farago, current Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Children and Family Services, will serve as Assistant Commissioner. AspireMN wishes Jim all the best in his retirement.

Crisis Services Update (published by DHS) In light of the recent announcement by Canvas Health that as of June 30, 2018, Crisis Connection will no longer be providing telephone crisis counseling services, we feel it's important to make sure providers are aware of crisis services available in Minnesota.

- Minnesota has had and will continue to have **24/7 crisis services available across the state**, available both by phone and in person by calling the appropriate county crisis phone number. A list of numbers can be found at mn.state/dhs/crisis,
- In the metro area, people in crisis can call ****CRISIS (274747)** from a mobile phone. This mobile phone service will soon be available statewide.
- **Crisis Text Line** is a text-based crisis line available 24/7. Text **MN to 741741**.
- The **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** will continue to be available without interruption at 800-273-TALK (8255).

NAMI Invites Your Stories to be submitted for inclusion in their monthly newsletter that has a distribution of over 8000 mental health advocates and stakeholders. Please consider sharing

new programs or initiatives that you feel will be of interest to NAMI readers by emailing your submissions to NAMI Executive Director Sue Abderholden at sabderholden@namimn.org

DHS Accepting Proposals for Presenters at the School Mental Health Conference The goal of this year's conference is to give attendees knowledge of exciting new practices and programs that successfully increase student outcomes along with the skills and tools necessary to positively impact their own districts and programs. [Call for Presentations Survey](#)
The deadline for presentation submissions is Thursday, July 12, 2018. **November 7 – 9, 2018**
Cragun's Resort, Brainerd [More information](#) (excerpt from the DHS Mental Health Update)

EVENTS

Hennepin County invites interested providers to engage in a focus group. The meeting will be held following the July 10 CTSS Committee at AspireMN offices, 2-3 pm. They hope to have 12 participants who are able to join the conversation in-person, and are providers contracted with Hennepin and interested in sharing your experiences with the children's mental health system of care which includes services and supports in the community. Data collected will help inform the System of Care work underway. Please RSVP to Jessica Cintorino at Jessica.Cintorino@hennepin.us, if you plan to attend.

Quality Parenting Initiative Training & Celebration (community invitation follows)

As a partner within the child welfare system, your voice and knowledge is a key to supporting the children and families. Traditional supervised visits can be stressful and cause confusion for young children after separating from their birth family. QPI-MN invites you to an exciting opportunity on Tuesday, July 24th to learn about Fostering Relationships, a model that provides intentional family interactions for young children in out of home placement. Join us again for breakfast on Wednesday, July 25th, to celebrate the collaboration of our community, county and state providers and honor the youth, birth parents and foster families who have committed to this work together. Events will be held at the Maplewood Community Center. Registration information is available [here](#) for:

- **Fostering Relationships Training** with Carole Shauffer, Founder of the Quality Parenting Initiative, **Tuesday July 24 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Community Breakfast: First Year Celebration & Future Opportunities, Wednesday July 25, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Spots for the upcoming 2018-19 Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate cohorts starting in September are filling quickly! Register today for a limited number of remaining scholarships in Marshall, MN - or to be added to the waitlist for the Twin Cities! This is the 8th cohort year of the [Permanency and Adoption Competency Certificate \(PACC\)](#) program. For program information and online enrollment visit: z.umn.edu/pacc or contact Kate Walthour with questions at kwalthou@umn.edu or 612-626-3831. (provided by CASCW)

DON'T MISS THIS!

UST Webinar "Unemployment & HR Risk Management with UST". This newly revamped webinar is still just 30 minutes long but full of valuable information that is extremely educational, and is scheduled for:

- Wednesday, July 11th at 8am PDT, Tuesday, August 21st at 9am PDT, Wednesday, September 12th at 7am PDT

Nonprofit executives, finance directors, and HR staff can register to learn about:

- Reducing unemployment tax liability as a 501(c)(3)
- Self-funded reserves and insurance options
- Ensuring compliance with state and federal law
- Efficiently managing unemployment claims, protests, and hearings
- Avoiding costly HR mistakes
- Importance of onboarding and professional training
- Enhancing goodwill by utilizing outplacement services (provided by UST)

Save the Dates – 2018 Member Meetings and Conferences

- QPI-MN Founders Planning Retreat – September 12, Madden’s Resort
- AspireMN Member Meeting & Leadership Retreat – September 13-14, Madden’s Resort in Brainerd
- Youth Worker Conference October 8-9, Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd
- Annual Membership Meeting – November 8-9, Radisson in St Paul

First Fridays will be shared monthly with members. Contributions are welcome. Please send your ideas for content to rpeterson@aspiremn.org.