



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Disability Services Administration
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
PO Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5320

August 2, 2011

Dear Interested Parties:

Re: Video Conference Regarding the Block Grants

The expansion of health insurance coverage will have a significant impact on how State Mental Health Authorities and State Substance Abuse Authorities use their limited resources. All states are encouraged to begin planning for FFY2014, when Healthcare Reform is expected to be fully implemented. To begin this transition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has provided to the states a draft of the revised FFY2012 and FFY2013 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Guidance and Instructions for a unified block grant application.

The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), which administers both the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants for Washington State, would like to invite consumers and parent leaders to attend a video conference to hear and react to how these changes will affect our current systems; what, and how, we need to plan for 2014; and help us strategize how we can best collaborate to meet the expectations of Health Care Reform.

This video conference will be held on August 9, from 3:30 pm – 6 pm. Hopefully, you will not need to take much time off work to participate. There are several locations available where you can participate in the video conference (indicated below):

- ESD 101 4202 S Regal Street, Spokane, WA 99223-7738
- ESD 105 33 South Second Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902
- ESD 112 2500 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661
- ESD 113 6005 Tyee Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512
- ESD 114 105 National Avenue North, Bremerton, WA 98312
- ESD 121 800 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98057-5221
- ESD 123 3918 W Court Street, Pasco, WA 99301
- ESD 171 430 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, WA 98801
- ESD 189 1601 R Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221-2276

I have also attached presentation slides regarding the pending changes to the block grant to review prior to the meeting. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to email your questions to Sandra Mena-Tyree at sandra.mena@dshs.wa.gov. Notes from this meeting will be available

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through the DBHR website within two weeks. Please let Sandra know by email if you plan to attend at any of the sites listed above.

Sincerely,



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