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South Kane County Townships Working Together

PROGRAM CHANGES

In place of our usual agency profile, we are highlighting some recent program changes at several of our INC-funded agencies. In these challenging times, community providers are always trying to adapt in order to meet the needs of clients and still stay in business. Here's some of what's going on in south Kane County:

Hope For Tomorrow has opened a Recovery Home for U.S. Veterans suffering from substance use and post-traumatic stress disorders. This program is designed specifically with honorably discharged veterans in mind. Contact Jeff at 630-966-9000.

Gateway Foundation is now offering a partial day treatment program for adult men and women struggling with substance use disorders, including those with a co-occurring mental health diagnosis. The program runs M-F, 8:45-3:30. There is also a Multi-Family Education group on Wednesday evenings. Contact Gateway staff at 630-966-7400.

Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice is offering two family programs for the summer. Herbie's Friends is a six-week program from July 8 to August 12 on Thursday evenings. Grief Takes a Hike is a two-day overnight adventure from August 6 – 8th. Each program is for families who have experienced a loss to death. For more information, contact Christy Pitol at 630-232-2233 x230.



Keeler Kitchen Remodeled



INC recently remodeled the thirty-five-year-old kitchen at the Keeler Center, one of the Inc-owned building on our campus. The former kitchen was not ADA or wheelchair accessible. The new kitchen is fully accessible and suitable for training Keeler clients to use kitchen appliances and prepare meals. Keeler Center Director Diana Hulst says that staff and clients are thrilled with the new kitchen.



A Big Change for Mutual Ground

Linda Healy, long time executive director at Mutual Ground, Inc., south Kane County's domestic violence shelter, will be retiring effective July 1st. Linda has courageously served victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for decades. We wish Linda well in her retirement as she moves on to other endeavors. Linda, thank you!

Approval of 2010-2011 Budgets & Allocations

At its May 24th meeting, the INC Board approved preliminary Operating and Building Fund budgets for 2010-2011. These will be revised at the July INC Board meeting when year-end figures are available. Program funding to 21 community agencies totaling \$1,295,767 for 47 programs was also approved. Budgets and allocations will be available on INC's website after July 1st at www.incboard.org or by contacting INC at 630-892-5456.

For a job well done...

Our own Executive Director, Jerry Murphy, was recently honored at the Quarterly Meeting of the Association of Community Mental Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI). Jerry recently completed his second term as President of the Association. He has led ACMHAI through some trying times.

Also attending and honored at the meeting, was Dick Lockhart, a gentleman active when the Mental Health Act was first passed into law. Dick was instrumental both in getting several 708 referendums passed throughout the state and in getting ACMHAI started.



Changing Faces and More Terrific Volunteers

A big thank you to two departing INC Board members, Jim Rudnicki and Pat Beebee. Jim has served two terms and Pat has served one. Both have done well for their communities.

Welcome to new INC Board members Michael Wueste (who is moving from the Aurora 708 Board to the INC Board) and Ray Weaver, recently retired City of Aurora employee. We look forward to their input and guidance. We also welcome Sally Bruce to the Sugar Grove 708 Board.

Save the Date

Advocates Network, INC and many other local organizations are sponsoring an Elected Officials and Candidates Forum on Thursday, September 16th. The forum will start at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Community Church on Randall Road approximately three miles north of Hwy. 64. All local elected officials and candidates for office have been invited to listen to residents' concerns about mental health and developmental disability issues. Please save the date and plan to attend this forum.