



Happy Holidays

From INC Board and Staff



New Board Member

The INC Board and Staff would like to welcome the newest INC Board member, Evelyn Hull. Evelyn is an Aurora resident who currently works for Kendall County Health and Human Services. She has a long history of working in the mental health systems for both Community Counseling Center (now Gateway Foundation) and AID. We look forward to her expertise and input.

INC Board Endorses New Three Year Plan

INC Board and staff conducted a strategic planning session in October. They used data from the Latino Mental Health Needs Assessment, Kane County Needs Assessment, an INC conducted survey and information on state/national initiatives and trends. The session identified issues and helped in setting priorities for the next three years.

Following are the Three Year Goals (2012-2014) and One Year Objectives (2012) adopted by the INC Board at their November 28th meeting. As always, the INC Board invites public comment and input, which can be sent to Jerry Murphy (jerrym@incboard.org) or Marti Cross (marti@incboard.org).

GOAL 1:	Assure adequate services for the non-Medicaid eligible populations and others whose services have been limited.
GOAL 2:	Increase availability of residential services, including an adolescent residential substance abuse facility.
GOAL 3:	Increase knowledge and access to information regarding when and where to refer for services and treatment for mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders to increase access and combat stigma within INC's communities.
GOAL 4:	Increase availability of children's psychiatric services.
GOAL 5:	Increase access to seniors needing services for mental health and substance use disorders.
GOAL 6:	Improve access to services, especially in the rural communities.
GOAL 7:	Improve transition services for persons either moving from childhood to adult services or from home to alternative community settings.
GOAL 8:	Promote collaborative efforts by community providers in order to produce better coordinated systems of care.

One-Year Objectives are on the next page.

OBJECTIVE 1:	Review funding priorities during the allocation process with an emphasis on services for the non-Medicaid population and others whose services have been limited.
OBJECTIVE 2:	Study potential models for developing additional community residential settings and report to the board by October 31, 2012.
OBJECTIVE 3:	Develop a training and education plan for professionals and others within the community that includes tools for recognizing symptoms of mental health concerns, provides access to referral resources and promotes awareness of treatment success.
OBJECTIVE 4:	Explore options for bringing additional child psychiatric services into the community.
OBJECTIVE 5:	Continue to support and encourage collaborations that increase the number of seniors accessing services.
OBJECTIVE 6:	Investigate additional methods of providing transportation for residents to receive services, especially in the rural areas.
OBJECTIVE 7:	Compile a report on transition services currently available for persons with mental illness and developmental disabilities.
OBJECTIVE 8:	Continue to be supportive of collaborative efforts between provider agencies through funding and staff time resources.



New Face in INC Offices

The Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI) recently hired a new Executive Director, Phyllis Russell. ACMHAI provides support and information enabling 708s, 377s and 553s to operate effectively and efficiently. While the previous office had been in Urbana, IL, Phyllis will have an office at INC. So if you see a new person around please say hello and introduce yourself.

Application for 2012-13 Funding Now Online

The Funders Consortium FY 13 Application for funding is now online at www.incboard.org/ApplyReport. There have been some significant changes in some criteria so be sure to review criteria for the INC Board, United Way of the Fox Valley and Aurora Township.

Three copies of all applications are to be delivered in hardcopy to the Fox Valley United Way offices no later than Friday, January 27, 2012 at 3:00PM. No exceptions. If you have any questions regarding the application or the process, please call Jerry or Marti at 630-892-5456. Do not wait until the last minute.

