

Welcome Christine Kelly



Hi, my name is Christine Kelly and I am the new Behavioral Health Services Unit Manager.

I have been in the Mental Health field for over 28 years, and have worked both as a clinician and as a supervisor in a variety of mental health settings, which have included county community mental health outpatient clinics, community inpatient mental health centers, non-profit medical clinics/hospitals which have provided mental health services to their patrons, private outpatient mental health clinics and social services department within the Rock County Jail.

My formal education includes obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Social Work in 1980 from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, followed by a master’s degree in Counseling and Guidance in 1983, from that same institution. I have also completed the requirements for licensure as a School Counselor for grades K-12 from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

On a personal note, I have been married for 23 years to Peter Kelly, a private general practice Attorney in Monroe, Wisconsin. We make our home in rural Monroe, just three miles from town. Peter and I have five children, three of whom are currently teenagers. Our oldest son Peter is 20, and is a Business/Theatre student at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. We then have Bridget-17, David-16, Mary-14, and Katie-9; all of whom are very active in academics/sports/theatre/choir, and various other activities that “keep us running” in the Monroe School District.

My favorite things to do are read, sew, knit or “hang out at farm auctions to see what lovely old piece of furniture follows me home”. I am recently in the business of learning to garden; no time before with my many “little people.”

I am happy to be here and to become part of LCHS. I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you so much for your kindness and warm welcome!

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LCHS Calendar

April

- 11 Human Services Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 14 Department Head Meeting, 8:30 AM
- 20 All Agency Meeting, 11:00 AM to Noon
- 22 County Offices Closed, Good Friday

May

- 4 Commission on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM
- 9 Human Services Board Meeting, 6:15 PM
- 12 Department Head Meeting, 8:30 AM
- 18 All Agency Meeting, 11:00 AM – Noon
- 18 Agency Potluck, Noon – 1:00 PM
- 30 County Offices Closed, Memorial Day

June

- 9 Department Head Meeting, 8:30 AM
- 15 Human Services Board Meeting, 6:15 PM



Director's Comments

Thank you to those of you who have provided feedback during these past few months. Now that we have spent some time adjusting and making whole our mission, vision, and values, we have to take a hard look at where we are as an agency and where we will be going. Not only culturally, as a group and department of Lafayette County, but fiscally as the proposed budgets give us some indication and forecast of what is to come.

We are looking at proposed reduction to areas in our budget. For more information, I will suggest you read more and I guide you to the following site:

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/2011-13%20Budget/Governor/dhs.pdf>

There are many items in the proposed budget that we should consider but for this note I will identify one that will likely have a significant impact on our agency.

Let me first mention how I had the opportunity on April 6, 2011 to attend Human Services Day at the capital and spend time with fellow Directors and County Board members in a forum to address some key areas of the budget with our area Legislatures. I was able to connect with Howard Marklein and staff from Dale Schultz's office.

The day was well spent rallying around Human Services issues. We were given "talking points" to share with the representatives and one item or talking point was regarding income maintenance. The proposed budget and bill would centralize the administration of income maintenance programs throughout the state within a new unit in DHS called the Income Maintenance Administration Unit.

During our time with Assemblyman Marklein and staff members from Dale Schultz's office, we presented how we oppose the Governor's proposal to centralize income maintenance functions, including the use of tax levy to fund the state's centralization effort. Along with this point, we offered a solution that is currently percolating around a hybrid model and an alternative proposal for delivery of income maintenance services and programs.

The meetings were positive and productive. Hopefully, we made an impact and the ideas will be given bona fide consideration. Nonetheless, there will be more to come. In the meantime, use the mission, vision, and values as a guide or a platform from where to operate and perform your duties. Be well.

- Shane Schuhmacher, LCHS Director



IT'S A GIRL!!!

CONGRATULATIONS SHEENA on the birth of your daughter!

MADYSON LORRAINE LONG – born to Sheena Abbitt and Dan Long on March 20, 2011, around 5:10 am. She was 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 20 ½ inches long as birth. Welcome Madyson ☺!



Economic Support

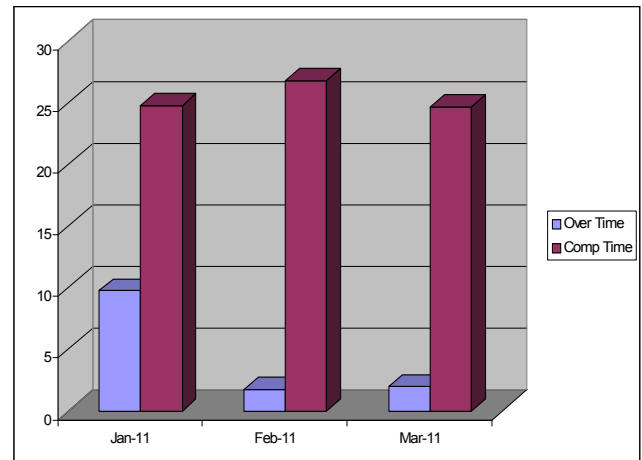
Just a reminder that the Energy Assistance application deadline is May 15th. Crisis funds are available if customers have received a disconnect notice from their heat or electric providers or if they are out of fuel. Customers must have received a regular benefit during the heating season to be eligible for crisis funds. 630 WHEAP applications and 26 crisis requests have been processed this heating season.

GOODBYE

All foot-stomping aside.... I want to thank everyone for the wonderful working relationships I have experienced and all I have learned from each of you over the past 13 years. It is with sadness I inform you I submitted my letter of resignation on April 18, 2011. My last day of employment with LCHS will be May 31, 2011. Steve was stationed in Ft. Lewis, WA and will be there for a number of years. We will be leaving for Ft. Lewis, WA on approximately June 2, 2011 to join him. I would like to get pictures of everyone so I can make a memory book before I leave. So, be prepared if I enter your office with a camera!! Here is our new mailing address: 11522 Sunrise Circle, Box #16, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA 98433. My hotmail account is: kathryn111965@hotmail.com.

Over Time & Comp Time Report

Congratulations! The past quarter has illustrated how we have become more consistent in providing service and avoiding any unnecessary compensation or overtime issues. Compared to 2010, the past several months have maintained average of around 4.5 hours of overtime and 25.38 hours of comp time; versus being up and down and spiking as high as 13.5 hours of overtime and 67.29 hours of comp time. Keep up the good work!



Community Support Program

The CSP program is a coordinated treatment program for persons with severe and persistent mental illness. The goal of the CSP program is to assist and support people with mental illness to live as independently as possible in the community of their choice, and to live a fulfilling life.



The CSP program primarily assists individuals with four major mental illnesses: Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder/Manic Depression, Major Depressive Disorder and Schizoaffective Disorder. The CSP program is designed to serve the most needful persons with Severe and Persistent Mental Illnesses by providing an environment conducive to recovery and support within the community. Services provided are unique to the individual needs; however, typical services provided include medication monitoring; nursing /medical services; budgeting and payee-ship; socialization in the community such as individual outings as well as group outings; Adult Daily Living (ADL); life skills; psychiatry; psychotherapy; dual diagnosis treatment and AODA; as well as practical assistance and transportation.

Each participant in the program is assigned a clinical case manager who is responsible for collaboratively assessing needs, planning treatment and organizing care. The Case Manager provides a fixed point of responsibility and serves as the primary therapist in a long-term treatment relationship. The result is a highly organized and coordinated care team, therefore preventing the potential for "falling through the cracks". As individuals in the CSP program improve in their mental health, services are flexed, not withdrawn or discontinued. Services are tailored to the individual's changing needs. In the event of an episode of illness or circumstance incurring an increased need for service, interventions are tailored to the specific need.

If you are interested in CSP program or have questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Dawn Sennhenn at 776-4923 or 482-0345 or Brad Willborn at 776-4928 or 482-0596.

Recipe – Tater Tot Casserole

1. Brown 2 lbs. Hamburger with onion, drain
2. Mix 1 can Golden Mushroom Soup and 1 can Cheddar Cheese Soup together and add to hamburger.
3. Top with Tator Tots and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.



Thank you to Kristine Brunkow for sharing your recipe!

Word Search

AGING	AODA SERVICES
BIRTH TO THREE	DISABILITY
ECONOMIC	FAMILY SERVICES
FAMILY SUPPORT	FOSTER CARE
HUMAN SERVICES	PSYCHIATRY
RESOURCES	SOCIAL SERVICES
SUPPORT	THERAPY

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For a puzzle solution, please see Joy. ©

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