



Coalition Briefs

A SEMI-MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

Time-effective therapy

The Coalition is pleased to announce that we have been able to retain Simon Budman, Ph.D., to present models of time-effective therapies. Dr. Budman, president of Innovative Training Systems, is the author of more than 100 books, articles, reviews, audio tapes and videotapes concerning individual, couples and group therapy. He has lectured around the country on his innovative models as well as maintaining an active practice. This special forum will be held on March 19, 1999 at UJA, 130 E. 59th St. Participants can elect to attend either a morning (9:30am - 12:30pm) or afternoon (1:30pm - 4:30pm sessions). An RSVP is a must! Fee for members is \$50.00, all others \$100.00. □

MICA roundtable

On March 24th, The Coalition and New York State Council will co-sponsor *A Provider Roundtable on the New York Framework for Treating Individuals With Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Addictive Disorders*. Guests at this forum will include the commissioners of both The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). The roundtable will be held at the SUNY Albany School of Public Health. There is a fee of \$20 for members of The Coalition or New York State Council, or \$25 for non-members. Please contact Joshua Rubin at The Coalition for more information. □

Lobby days are here again

For the second year in a row The Coalition is joining forces with the New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare for our annual Lobby Day. The budget briefing book prepared by the two organizations will be published on The Coalition's website in the coming week. Look for it at www.cvmha.org. □

SNP news

Rumors have been flying about the release of the RFPs for Mental Health SNPs. On February 25th OMH Procurement Officer Dawn Lannon published a letter on the OMH website indicating that the RFPs will be released "in the near future." Rumors immediately started because of the list of geographic regions that can expect the RFP. Four regions are listed: New York City, Westchester County, Central consortium and Western consortium. Careful observers noted that Long Island did not appear on the list and deduced that L.I. had perhaps dropped out. This would free up the third SNP for NYC for which we have been advocating.

However, Long Island has long requested to be in a later procurement, so there is currently no extra SNP available for the City.

In other news, sources at OMH inform us that the black-out period will begin when the RFP is issued. We'll keep you posted. □

Repeat performance

Through the Coalition's Professional Learning Center, Lawrence Berg, Ph.D., Esq. presented on Wednesday, March 3rd on the ethical and legal issues to be considered when clinicians make treatment decisions in a managed care environ-

ment. The forum, entitled "The Clinician, The Client and The Company" was so well received that a number of participants have already asked for a second, more in-depth presentation. We invite readers to call Pat Goldstein with suggestions and/or questions for the subsequent presentation. □

Upcoming Events

March 8-9	Coalition Lobby Days with NYSCCBH in Albany
March 9	MCTA: Incidental MH services at JASA
March 11	Finance Committee at CVMHA Executive Committee at CVMHA
March 15	MICA Committee at The Bridge
March 19	Short Term Therapy Seminar with Dr. Simon Budman at UJA
March 23	MCTA: Utilization Management at CSS
March 24	Co-Occurring Conditions Roundtable in Albany
June 10	Mental Health Awards at Pfizer World Headquarters

New PAR regulations go into effect

As noted in our last Briefs, OMH's new PAR ("Prior Approval Review for Quality and Appropriateness") regulations (new Part 551 of Title 14 NYCRR) become effective on March 5, 1999, replacing the existing Part 551 and CON regulations. The goal of these PAR regulations is to streamline, simplify and update the mental health project review process. OMH has issued a Draft PAR Application Form, which can and should be used until the Final Application Form is released. Pat Gallo Goldstein and Marilyn Kneeland attended the recent PAR informational session and are also available to answer questions. □

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— Help Wanted —

Social Worker **BILINGUAL**: Innovative geriatric mental health program on Upper West Side seeks a bilingual (Spanish/English) psychiatric social worker/CSW with strong clinical skills. Competitive salary. Send resume to: **SPOP**, 188 W. 88th St., New York, NY 10024. ☐

The New York Society for the Deaf is expanding and growing! New Programs! New Positions! We are currently seeking a creative staff of professionals to work with adults who are Deaf or Deaf Blind. ALL POSITIONS REQUIRE FLUENCY IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. Excellent benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Equal opportunity employer.

SOCIAL WORKER: C.W. preferred will accept Master's Degree in related field. One year counseling experience.

DIRECTOR OF SERVICE COORDINATORS: MA preferred but will accept BA in human services with 3-5 years experience. Provide direct supervision to service coordinators.

SERVICE COORDINATORS: BA required in the human services field. One Year experience and possess knowledge in providing case management services to adults who are Deaf/Deaf Blind, seniors, HIV+ or living with AIDS, substance abuse, Development Disabled and/or Mentally Ill.

RESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS: High School Diploma/GED required. Provide assistance to individuals so they may become more independent.

ACCOUNTANT: BA required in accountings with a minimum of 3+ years work experience. Assist in financial statement preparation, budget, and general accounting duties.

STAFF INTERPRETERS: Part-time position interpreting in a wide variety of settings. RID certified a plus.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS: ASLTA certified a plus.

JOB COACHES: Seeking an energetic professional job coach with at least six months work experiences. A NY Teacher's Certificate or MA in Vocational Rehabilitation, Special Ed, or Employment Training experience can be substituted for work experience. All candidates will be required to pass a job coaching evaluation.

Send letter of intent and resume to: **New York Society for the Deaf**, Attn: Personnel Dept., 817 Broadway - 7th Floor, New York, New York 10003, Fax: (212) 777-5276. ☐

Weston United Community Renewal, Inc. has an opening for a full time, day shift residence counselor. Duties include counseling adults with possible mental illness and/or substance abuse. Provides rehabilitative and restorative services to residents. Provides services to residents in apartment visits, individual sessions, group meetings and off-site activities. Reports to Team Coordinator and participates in individual and group supervision, team meetings and staff meetings. Qualification includes a High School Diploma or equivalent with two years experiences in a mental health or related field. Computer literate and good writing skills. Great Benefits. Salary \$18,000. Fax resumes to: Joseph Wong, Human Resources Manager at (212) 316-0789. ☐

The Hudson Guild, a settlement house in Chelsea, is seeking the following professional: A part-time psychiatrist for our community mental health clinic. Experience with adults and/or children; bilingual a plus but not required. Send or fax resume to: **Hudson Guild** Counseling Service, Marlene Mendelson, CSW, 441 W. 26th Street, New York, New York 10001. Fax (212)-268-9983. ☐

Brooklyn Psychiatric Centers, Inc., a mental health agency serving the residents of Brooklyn for over 90 years, is seeking the following professionals:

Clinical Supervisor/C.S.W./Ph.D.: Our children's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team in Central Brooklyn Seeks a FT CSW/Ph.D. with minimum five years experience to supervise Professional staff delivering services to seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children and their families in their natural setting. Must be a team player. Familiar with systems approach; Exp. In indiv./family therapy: Spanish/French/Creole desired. Substance abuse background encouraged to apply. Excellent benefits.

Psychiatric Social Worker/M.S.W. or C.S.W.: Our ACT Team seeks a Social Worker to deliver services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed children and their families in their natural setting. Exp. In indiv/family therapy. Spanish speak desired. Excellent Union Benefits.

Psychiatric Social Worker/M.S.W. or C.S.W.: Our outpatients mental health clinic seek full a time social worker to deliver services in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn to children, adolescents and adults. Spanish speaking desired.

Driver: Exp'd mature indiv. To drive staff of a mental health program on visits to clients. Excellent driving and communication skills. Flexible hours. Must have NYS drivers' license.

Psychiatrist: Our On-site School Program seeks a part-time (7hrs per week) psychiatrist (Board-eligible/certified) to serve children in two schools within School District 15.

Occupational Therapist OTR TR: Our CSS Day Program seeks a part time (14 hrs per week) Occupational Therapist to develop a program for geriatric adults in a mental health setting.

E.O.E. Fax resumes to: Marie Kelleher, A.C.S.W., (718) 875-5672. ☐

Alcoholism screening day

Thursday, April 8th is scheduled to be the first National Alcoholism Screening Day. The event is designed to bring attention to the problems caused by alcohol abuse, provide information and screening and access to counseling and referrals for those who request it. DMHMRAS plans to set up screening sites throughout the City. For more information call DMHMRAS at (212) 219-5520x4. ☐