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BHD Bulletin

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TO: Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver, Child DD Waiver, and Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Providers

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Introducing new Clinical Psychologist at the Division

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I am pleased to introduce Dr. Sandra Jensen, a licensed Clinical Psychologist with the Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division (the Division). Dr. Jensen joined the Division in June 2013, bringing with her over 17 years of experience in the assessment and treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness.

Prior to joining the Division, Dr. Jensen practiced as a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist in the State of Florida and worked in a number of settings, including the Florida State Hospital, Florida Department of Corrections, residential treatment facilities, and in private practice. She was the Clinical Director for the Residential Alternatives for the Mentally Challenged (RAMC) Program for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and conducted sex offender treatment of juvenile males adjudicated for sexual offenses. Her experience working with developmentally disabled adults includes conducting forensic evaluations at the Developmental Disabilities Defendant Program in Florida, conducting evaluations for the Social Security Administration, and serving as a psychologist reviewing behavioral plans for individuals on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Waiver. She was an evaluator for the Florida Sexually Violent Predator Program and specialized in the assessment of sexual reoffending for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Some of Dr. Jensen's duties at the Division include:

- Reviewing all new waiver applicant files to ensure eligibility criteria for the Waivers are met;
- Reviewing eligibility for those individuals on the wait lists;
- Reviewing behavior plans for individuals currently receiving waiver services;

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- Working with Division administrators, providing subject matter expertise during the Developmental Disability Waiver redesign and upcoming Mental Health and Substance Abuse revisions;
- Facilitating the Clinical Review Team regarding IBA adjustments and concerns;
- Working closely with the DD Section participant support staff reviewing Plans of Care for medical necessity; and
- Developing guidelines for psychologists providing psychological evaluations to determine clinical eligibility for the Waivers.

Those guidelines are available on the Division's website and attached to the electronic message sent via email to providers. On the DD Home, page click on BHD Psychologist in the left hand menu. Here is the direct link: <http://health.wyo.gov/ddd/DDPsychologicalInfo.html>.

Dr. Jensen is also available for clinical consultation on individual cases if providers want to contact her. Dr. Jensen can be reached at (307) 777-5070 or via e-mail at sandra.jensen3@wyo.gov.

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