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TM COMMUNICATOR

WELCOME to the Team 2015 Transition Manager Training Graduates!

Mary Whitaker	Sharon Underwood	Camille North	Shea Weaver
Angel Jewell	Brian Payton	Michele Kolb	Ruby Messerli
Tera Fellows	JoAnne Nielsen	Diane Nielsen	Sherri Case
David Willits	Ebe Amaechi	Lavonda Spillers	Stephanie Davison
Mike Borchardt	Camille Crapo	Susan Thomas	Nichole Morgan
Paige Bennion	Eunice Njiranini	Altan Urbaeva	Angela Curtis
Jared Lupton	Krystn Pitt	Anthony Burton	Candace Van Hout
Eddie Van Hout	Brandi Schmidt	Eric Schmidt	Mellowdee Brooks
Michele Kolb	Kasey Bailey-Vanhook		

We are thrilled to welcome you to The Idaho Home Choice Program! Please, if we've not heard from you for a while, be sure to let us know how you are doing and, as always, if you have ANY questions, don't hesitate to give one of us a call!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

THANK YOU ALL for your hard work and hours spent ensuring an improved quality of life for every participant we have moved!!

Here's a little recap of 2015:

1st the BIG NEWS:

WE MET OUR BENCHMARK FOR THE YEAR 2015!!!!

With your help we successfully transitioned 80+ participants out of institutional care back to the community!!! In **March** we received notification that The Money Follows the Person grant was extended another 5 years!! WooHoo!!

In **May**, The IHC Program procured the incredible talents of the amazing Cathy (Pape) Jones!! (Wink Wink)

AND... **July** brought great news! The Idaho Home Choice sustainability plan was approved, ensuring this program will be continued as a Medicaid benefit long after the grant is completed.

March, August and October, we held New Transition Manager trainings in the East, South Idaho, and Northern Regions of The State, graduating 34 new Transition Managers!

In the course of 2015, Tammy and Cathy visited roughly 90% of the nursing homes in Idaho and will complete the remainder visits early in 2016. Response has been very good and we have seen a rise in referrals since.

Now, what's new for 2016?

Our Benchmark has been raised from 80 to 100, we are confident this is a realistic goal as IHC has consistently been gaining traction around the state. Tammy and Cathy will focus on bringing Idaho Home Choice to a bigger audience; we will be reaching out to Hospice and Residential and Rehabilitation providers.

Beginning this month, you will be asked to send in a monthly update on each of your open files. Cathy will email each of you a request to respond with a quick note updating us on the status of each participant you are working with. Thank you in advance for your prompt responses to these monthly emails.



Question of the Month:

What is the difference between Idaho Home Choice (IHC) and Money Follows the Person (MFP)?

They are the same! "Money Follows the Person" is the federal grant and "Idaho Home Choice" is what we call it, in Idaho. Currently there are 43 state and The District of Columbia that are taking part in this grant funding and each state has their own name for their program.

Noteworthy!

~ Thank you all, for your hard work to help make Idaho Home Choice a successful program! ~

As of 1/14/2016

We have transitioned...

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