Revised LBHP Member Handbook Available

In keeping with our commitment of supporting our members first in their individualized behavioral health care, Magellan in Louisiana, has made revisions and updates to our Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership Member Handbook. Our Member Handbook includes information about which benefits are included and details how we support our members each and every day. We encourage all members and their families, friends and providers to use this as an ongoing reference in understanding how we can help in reaching success with quality behavioral health care that supports personal recovery and resiliency.

Visit www.MagellanofLouisiana.com to find versions in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. If you would like a hard-copy version, please call our Member Services line which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week serving all of our members across Louisiana who are seeking help with a behavioral health care need.

Magellan Member Services
Toll free: 1-800-424-4399
TTY/TDD toll free: 1-800-424-4416

CIRA 2014 - Call for Presentations

The Community Integration and Recovery Academy (CIRA) was introduced in 2013 and brought together over 150 peers, advocates, practitioners and community partners to introduce and provide information about creating the foundation for a recovery-oriented culture
of care in Louisiana. Workshops featured information on how to reduce instances of seclusion and restraint, community integration practices, enhancement and inclusion of a peer workforce and the importance of evaluating services performed.

In 2014, the 2nd Annual Community Integration and Recovery Academy will explore further the need for creating and implementing a recovery-oriented culture in Louisiana with a focus on the Adoption, Adaption and Evolution of a Recovery-Oriented Culture and how services rendered in a recovery-oriented culture have become an integral role in the transformation of the system of care. In addition, we are adding a family and youth support specialist component to strengthen the knowledge and best practices of these specialized services. We invite proposals for conference presentations on adoption, adaption and evolution with a special emphasis on topics which highlight the following:

- Emerging, best and evidenced best practices in recovery services
- Innovative approaches to creating and delivering peer services in communities for adults, youth and/or families
- Delivery of culturally respectful support and/or interventions
- The role of peer services in addiction and/or co-occurring disorders
- Evaluation of peer services
- Trauma-Informed care practices
- Prevention and Resilience in a recovery-oriented environment
- The impact of the Affordable Care Act on peer-centered service delivery
- Whole Health Integration
- Ethics in Peer Services
- Veterans Issues
- Non-traditional peer specialist roles

Access our instructions to submit proposals.

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Magellan in Louisiana Supports National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month during July

July has been recognized as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month aiming to improve access to Mental Health Care and services for multicultural communities through increased public awareness. Magellan Health in Louisiana supported community events in July promoting these ideals. In partnership with AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana and the Gardere Initiative /Faith Chapel Summer Program, Magellan Health in Louisiana shared our support in celebrating and promoting mental health awareness by co-sponsoring a community event in the Gardere area of Baton Rouge and participated in NAMI New Orleans's "Dialogue on Mental Health in the African-American Community."

At the Gardere Children's Program, Magellan in Louisiana's Race Equity Administrator, Robert Blue wanted to address stigma with the next generation, our children and grandchildren. He shared that "To inform and educate children at an early age will teach them that mental health is as important as physical health and there is no shame in receiving treatment for either." The LSU Neighbor Art Project offered opportunities for children to express their feelings about a friend or family member experiencing a mental health challenge. It was great to share information while having fun with over 100 children and families.

Magellan Health in Louisiana appreciates our partners who joined us in sharing resource information including Ekhaya Youth Project, Just Kids Dental, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, National Child and Family Services, St Gabriel Primary Care Service, The Emerge Center for Communication Behavior and Development, National Guard Youth Challenge Program, and BREC.
Continuing with Magellan in Louisiana’s support of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Blue attended and participated in a "Dialogue on Mental Health in the African-American Community" hosted by NAMI New Orleans and the Regional Advisory Council of the Metropolitan Human Services District. We remain firmly committed to our support of community efforts that build awareness and promote Member Voice and Choice.

Robert welcomes opportunities to share with groups across our state. You may contact Robert Blue by email or by calling (225) 367-3152.