INTRODUCTION: Continuum of Care (CoC)

Our Mission:

The mission of Continuum of Care is to improve and sustain the quality of health and healthcare for all people with intellectual and/ or developmental disabilities (I/DD) in New Mexico. It is estimated that 32,000 New Mexicans have a developmental disability. The range of these disabilities varies greatly. People with disabilities often encounter more challenges than others in the way health care is delivered to them, how they access it, and the level of support services they need to stay healthy within the community.

The Continuum of Care project grew out of the idea that health care services should be available and delivered in a comprehensive and coordinated manner from infancy though adulthood, assuring people with disabilities access to the full array of the health services from a multidisciplinary approach. We promote health care professionals becoming more knowledgeable and competent in dealing with I/DD and in delivering services in a culturally sensitive way which respects individuals’ preferences, honors personal values and promotes quality of life.

We offer:

- Consultation with experts
- Continuing medical education
- Access to relevant research
- Networking opportunities
- Information and referral
- Educational opportunities and materials
- Specialty clinics

We are funded by the NM DOH and are part of the UNM Health Sciences Center.

Our logo was developed by artist Steven Stubblefield. He adapted the symbol for infinity, gave it a southwestern flavor and wrapped it around a universe. We see it as emblematic of the comprehensive encompassing care of our mission.

Regional Offices Corner:

DDSD manages service coordination through five Regional Offices that support privately run service providers contracted to provide services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. DDSD has providers throughout the State of New Mexico. The Regional Offices offer a local resource to help find and access the many services and providers available to individuals and their families.

To look up providers in your region go to NM Health Care Association’s website:
http://www.nmhma.org/facilities

NE Regional Office (NERO):
224 Cruz Alta Suite B
Taos, NM 87575
866-315-7123

Metro Regional Office (MRO):
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 1700
ABQ, NM 87108
800-283-5548

NW Regional Office (NWRO):
2910 E. Highway 66
Gallup NM 87301
866-862-0448

SW Regional Office (SWRO):
1170 N. Solano Dr. Suite G
Las Cruces NM 88001-2369
866-742-5226

SE Regional Office (SERO):
726 S. Sunset Suite B
Roswell NM 88023
866-895-9138

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DD Nurses Luncheon: (Professional peer support for nurses)
August 16, 2013 @ 12-1pm

Continuum of Care

Bring Your Own Lunch

Aging in I/DD [Repeat]
August 9, 2013 @ 8:30-4:30

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Aspiration Risk Management
September 19, 2013 @ 9-5

Aspiration Update 2013: Clinical Advances
September 20, 2013 @ 8:30-5

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REGISTRATION/EVENTS & TRAININGS: Specifics
http://som.unm.edu/coc/

MEETINGS:

CCG: (@ CoC)
August 19, 2013 @ 1:30pm
October 21, 2013 @ 1:30pm
December 16, 2013 @ 1:30pm

HDR: (@ CoC)
August 14, 2013 11:30am

Regional Offices:
Please call the regional offices directly

http://som.unm.edu/coc/
Regional Medical Consultants

Our Regional Medical Consultants provide quality medical care and local support to interdisciplinary teams and health professionals serving individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities across New Mexico.

Our consultants support:

- Local Health Professionals
- Interdisciplinary Teams (IDT)
- Individuals with I/DD, their Families & Guardians
- Community Agencies serving individuals with I/DD, including case management providers
- Students in the health care field
- Hospitals
- Schools & Community Groups
- Professional organizations for health professionals

By providing consultation, presentations, trainings and curriculum development assistance.

Meeting our Medical Consultants:

**Metro/NW Regions:**
Lourdes Vizcarra, M.D.
Family Medicine

**NE Region:**
Jemery Kaufman, M.D.
Internal Medicine

**SW Region:**
Kathleen Burke, M.D.
Family Medicine

**SE Region:**
Karen Vaillant, M.D.
Family Medicine

To request a consultation or if you are seeking more information, call our main office at 877-684-5259 and indicate your specific questions or concerns; the appropriate consultant will get back to you as promptly as possible.

MEDICAL TOPIC:

Please go to our website to read about the board spectrum of training options given by CoC and to see an extensive list of previous training power point presentations and training videos posted and available for your learning.

Topics on our website include:

- The Long & Winding Road (Aging)
- Dementia
- Pain & Depression
- Enteral Tube
- End of Life
- Psychopharmacology

For future news letters, I plan on writing a short summary of key points on specific medical conditions as related to people with I/DD. Please feel free to send in any suggestions on specific conditions that you would like to read about.

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