

May 9, 2013

Greetings,

This is revised invitation. Some regional meeting locations have changed from yesterday. If you forwarded the invitation that you received yesterday to anyone, please resend this one to them today.

May 2013 has been declared National Mental Health Awareness Month. With this in mind, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Community Services and Programs Commission (CSPC) Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is holding a series of regional meetings to hear from stakeholders as the agency moves forward with the Governor's Mental Health Initiative. We would like to create opportunities for Community Mental Health Centers to serve a wider variety of challenges through collaboration, capacity building, resource sharing and a strengths-based approach.

We want to meet with stakeholders who are interested in behavioral health to provide some basic information about the Governor's Initiative, begin gathering initial information for regional needs assessments, and identify potential community partnerships.

Location and time of Regional Meetings- All meetings will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM- Some locations have been revised

- **Overland Park** – **Holiday Inn Overland Park West, 8787 Reeder Road**, Overland Park, 66214 – May 13, 2013
- **Dodge City**- Knights of Columbus, 800 Frontview, Dodge City, 67801 - May 14, 2013
- **Manhattan** – Holiday Inn at Campus, 1641 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, 66502 - May 15, 2013
- **Independence** – **Independence Community College, 1057 W. College Ave**, Independence, 67301- May 16, 2013
- **Hutchinson** – **Hutchinson Community College/West Campus, 1300 N Plum St.**, Hutchinson, 67501 - May 17, 2013
- **Wichita** – Marcus Welcome Center on the Wichita State University Campus, 21st North & Mike Oatman Drive, Wichita, 67260
May 17, 2013

Please see the attached map and attend the regional meeting where you live or work. Due to the limited seating, please register at the following site: <http://www.bhsupdates.org/rscmeetings> . **We are trying to arrange conference call capability at each location. We will post the phone numbers on the registration page <http://www.bhsupdates.org/rscmeetings> prior to the meetings.**

We encourage persons experiencing mental illness, co-occurring disorders as well as family members and other stakeholders' to attend these meetings.

If you need accommodations, please contact Diana Marsh at Diana.marsh@kdads.ks.gov or 785-296-3471. For more information regarding the Governor's Mental Health Initiative or if you wish to submit feedback in writing, please visit www.bhsupdates.org .

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