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To: All DASA and DMH Providers

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Subject: The Consolidation of SUD and Mental Health Services

As you are probably aware by now, the Illinois Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) and the Division of Mental Health (DMH) have been charged with the task of exploring the consolidation SUD and mental health services. Two of the primary reasons that this effort has been promoted across the nation are to improve the efficiency of government by practicing more cost effective fiscal strategies as well as to better serve the co-occurring population.

In an effort to get information from key stakeholders, the Department of Human Services is approaching this task from different angles including but not limited to a literature review, consultation with other states that have undergone the process of consolidation, and to solicit comments from the provider community in Illinois regarding their thoughts on the process.

In order to facilitate this effort, the Department has arranged to have four scheduled town hall meetings for providers. These meetings are designed to solicit your ideas and opinions on the pros and cons of consolidating substance use disorder and mental health services. If you have questions, concerns, and ideas about how the process should go and what it should look like, now is the time to contribute your thoughts. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- ✓ July 23, 2013, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
One Stop Business and Employment Center  
333 Potomac Blvd., Ste. F  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864  
Conference Rooms 354 A&B

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- ✓ July 26, 2013, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Michael A. Bilandic Building  
160 N. LaSalle, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room C-500  
Chicago, IL 60601
  
- ✓ July 30, 2013, 1:00pm to 4:00 pm  
McFarland MHC  
901 Southwind Road  
Springfield, IL 62703
  
- ✓ July 31, 2013, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
True North Solutions  
3400 West New Leaf Lane  
Peoria, IL 61615

If you have any questions, you may contact the Assistant to the Director, LaDonna Williams, at (312) 814-6357 in DASA or Michael Pelletier in the Division of Mental Health at (847) 742-1040 ext. 2807.