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## Reporting of Reasonable Suspicion of a Crime Against a Resident

On January 20, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a revision to CMS [S&C 11-30-NH](#) Reporting a Reasonable Suspicion of a Crime Against a Resident. The revision amends the question and answers document to provide additional responses.

## Staff Update

The following is a survey staff update for November and December 2011 for the ISDH Division of Long Term Care. Attached is an updated [Survey Area Map](#) and [Survey Team Roster](#).

In Memory

David Miller, RN, passed away on December 1, 2011. David had worked for the ISDH for over 24 years as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor having started on July 24, 1988. David worked in-house at the ISDH offices. David worked in the Complaint and Incident Intake Department and was often the individual that individuals would talk to when they called about a health care facility. Over the years David had also been involved in the nurse aide training and certification program. David was well known throughout the agency. He had served as a union representative for many years and was a resource person for many staff. The ISDH is grateful for his many years of service and will miss him.

New Long Term Care Surveyors:

Michelle Carter - hired as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor on November 14, 2011 and assigned to LTC Survey Area 4.

Susan Worsham - hired as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor on November 28, 2011 and assigned to Survey Area 0.

Lora Brettnacher, Public Health Nurse Surveyor 3 (Survey Area 4) - previously a surveyor until February 2002. Re-hired December 27, 2011.

Promotions:

Deb Barth - hired as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor on August 28, 1995. Promoted to Surveyor Supervisor on November 28, 2011, and will be serving as a trainer for the quality indicator survey (QIS)

process.

Christi Davidson - started as Public Health Nurse Surveyor in October 2010 and promoted to Surveyor Supervisor for Survey Area 6 on November 28, 2011.

Departures:

Donna Downs - served as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor from March 1990 thru March 2002 and from February 2003 to August 2009. On August 1, 2009, Donna was promoted to Nurse Surveyor Supervisor as served as one of our initial Quality Indicator Survey (QIS) trainers. Donna retired on November 14, 2011.

Sheryl Roth - Public Health Nurse Surveyor (Survey Area 2) - July 2005 to December 9, 2011.

Robert Bauermeister - Medical Surveyor 3 (ICF/ID Section) - started October 11, 2005 and retired December 30, 2011.

## LTC Area Supervisors

Over the past couple of years, there have been a number of changes in ISDH Division of Long Term Care Managers and Supervisors resulting from retirements, staff leaving for private sector opportunities, an increase in the number of survey areas, and an additional supervisor to coordinate the quality indicator survey process. Because many of our supervisors are new to their positions in the past few years, the ISDH would like to introduce each of our supervisors.

### Survey Manager:

Brenda Buroker became Survey Manager on November 2, 2009. As Survey Manager, Brenda oversees the survey process for the 612 nursing homes and licensed residential care facilities in Indiana. In addition, Brenda is the State Coordinator for implementation of the QIS process and is a CMS-certified QIS Trainer and certified to train other QIS Trainers.

Brenda graduated from Parkview School of Nursing and began her career as a Registered Nurse in 1979. Brenda continued her education and completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan in 1995. Brenda became a surveyor at the Indiana State Department of Health in February 1994 and was promoted to supervisor in March 2003.

Brenda may be contacted via email at [bburoker@isdh.in.gov](mailto:bburoker@isdh.in.gov) or via telephone at 317-234-7340.

### QA/QIS Supervisor:

Debbie Barth became the QA/QIS Supervisor on November 28, 2011. Debbie's duties include oversight of the Quality Review staff and QIS Training. Debbie was certified as a QIS surveyor in March 2011 and went on to complete the requirements to be a CMS-certified QIS Trainer in April 2011 and subsequently completed training to be a CMS-certified QIS Train the Trainer in June 2011.

Debbie has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ball State University and has been a Registered Nurse since 1979. Debbie's nursing experience included acute care as well as long term care experience and 3 years of teaching LPNs at Ivy Tech State College. Debbie became a surveyor with the Indiana State Department of Health in August 1995.

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### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 0:

Vallie Cassette took over supervision of the surveyors assigned in Area 0 in the fall of 2009. There are currently 13 surveyors assigned to this area. Vallie was certified as a QIS surveyor in October 2011.

Vallie obtained an Associate of Science in Nursing in 1988 from IU-East in Richmond and began working in acute care while working on her Bachelor of Science in Nursing which she completed in 1990. Vallie became a surveyor for the Indiana State Department of Health in April 1991 working first as a member of

a team, then as a complaint surveyor, before moving into a Quality Review position which she held until the fall of 2009.

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#### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 1:

Janelyn "Jan" Kulik assumed supervision of Area 1 in the northwest portion of the state in September 2011. Jan has fourteen surveyor positions under her supervision. Jan was in the first group of surveyors to be trained on the QIS process and became a certified QIS surveyor in February 2011.

Jan completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio and has a Bachelor of Science in Retail Management from Purdue University. She became a licensed RN in Indiana in 1998 and started work as a surveyor with the Indiana State Department of Health in 2007. As a surveyor, Jan primarily worked as a complaint surveyor. Prior to coming to the ISDH, Jan had experience in pediatrics, internal medicine, and orthopedics.

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#### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 2:

Brenda Meredith supervises the staff in Area 2 as well as the CNA and QMA complaint investigators for the state. Brenda has been a supervisor in this area since 2005 and is cross-trained in both the long term care and ICF/ID survey process.

Brenda an Associate of Science in Nursing from Indiana University-Kokomo and became a licensed RN in 1978. She spent 13 years in hospitals before moving into long term care where she served as MDS Coordinator and Director of Nursing. Brenda became a surveyor with the Indiana State Department of Health in 1999 and became a supervisor in the ICF/ID supervisor in April 2003 then transferred to supervisor in Area 2 in September 2005.

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#### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 3:

Randy Fry is the supervisor in Survey Area 3 and there are thirteen surveyors under his supervision. Randy was appointed a supervisor in January 2010 and became a certified QIS surveyor in June 2011.

Randy obtained an Associate of Science in Nursing from Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio and has been a Registered Nurse in Indiana since 1980. Randy became a surveyor with the Indiana State Department of Health in March 2003 and worked as a member of a survey team and as a complaint investigator.

Randy may be contacted via email at [rfry@isdh.in.gov](mailto:rfry@isdh.in.gov) or via telephone at 317-233-7772.

#### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 4:

Rebecca Lemon is the supervisor in Survey Area 4 and supervises fourteen surveyors. Rebecca was appointed as a supervisor in September 2010.

Rebecca obtained a diploma in nursing from the Burnham School of Nursing in Champaign, IL, then went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL and then a Master of Science in Management from Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. Rebecca had extensive experience in emergency room and coronary care nursing as well as long term care before coming to the Indiana State Department of Health as a surveyor in 2002. As a surveyor, Rebecca did both field survey work and work in the Complaint and Incident Intake Department before being promoted to supervisor.

Rebecca may be contacted via email at [relemmon@isdh.in.gov](mailto:relemmon@isdh.in.gov) or via telephone at 317-233-7441.

#### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 5:

Jodi Meyer has responsibility for Survey Area 5 and the fourteen surveyors who work in the southern most part of the state. Jodi became supervisor over this area in April 2011 after working in the area for over 20 years.

Jodi has an Associate of Science in Nursing from Wabash Valley College and began her career in long term care as an aide while still in high school. She obtained her RN license in 1978 and worked in acute care, home health and long term care prior to coming to the Indiana State Department of Health as a surveyor in March 1987. As a surveyor, Jodi was on teams that did surveys throughout southern Indiana.

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#### Surveyor Supervisor for Area 6:

Christi Davidson is brand new to the supervisory staff and will be responsible for the fourteen surveyors in Survey Area 6. Christi previously served on a survey team in Survey Area 4 and became a certified QIS surveyor in June 2011.

Christi graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Evansville and started her nursing career in critical care in 1992. After several years in acute care nursing, Christi joined the staff at the Indiana State Department of Health as a surveyor in October 2010.

Christi may be contacted via email at [chdavidson@isdh.in.gov](mailto:chdavidson@isdh.in.gov) or via telephone at 317-233-9272.

#### Life Safety Code Supervisor:

Dennis Austill was appointed supervisor over the Life Safety Code division on August 3, 2009. As supervisor, Dennis oversees the work of eight Life Safety Code Surveyors who conduct surveys at nursing homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, intermediate care facilities for individuals with disabilities, and inpatient hospice centers.

Dennis has a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from Indiana University. Dennis started his career at the Indiana State Department of Health in 1989 as a surveyor that accompanied the health survey teams to perform the kitchen and environment inspections, including life safety from fire. In 1994, Dennis officially was designated a Life Safety Code Surveyor.

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#### Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Disabilities (ICF/ID) Supervisor - North:

William Christopher "Chris" Greeney is the supervisor over the nine surveyors who conduct surveys in the ICFs/ID in northern Indiana. Chris was a supervisor in this area since late 2004.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Indiana University-South Bend and a Master of Business Administration from Bethel College. Chris joined the staff at the Indiana State Department of Health as an ICF/ID surveyor in 1994 and was promoted to supervisor in 2002. Chris left the ISDH in late 2002, but returned as surveyor in 2003, becoming supervisor again in 2004. In 2011, Chris was cross-trained as a Life Safety Code Surveyor to assist in the inspections at some of the 4-8 bed group homes.

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#### Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Disabilities (ICF/ID) Supervisor - South:

Steve Corya supervises the ten surveyors who conduct surveys in the ICFs/ID in southern Indiana. Steve has held that position since October 2003.

Steve has a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and Health from Franklin College. After 17 years of work as a Rehabilitation Therapist and Assistant Director at the Muscatatuck State Developmental Center, Steve joined the staff at the Indiana State Department of Health as supervisor. In 2011, Steve completed cross-training in the Life Safety Code survey process so he can assist in the inspections of the 4-8 bed group homes in his area.

Steve may be contacted via email at [scorya@isdh.in.gov](mailto:scorya@isdh.in.gov) or via telephone at 317-233-7561.

#### Enforcement and Provider Services Manager:

Miriam Buffington and her staff handles licensing, certification and enforcement, as applicable, for

nursing homes, residential care facilities, and ICFs/ID. Her department is also responsible for coordinating Involuntary Transfer/Discharge appeals.

Miriam graduated from Indiana University-Bloomington with a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs/Management. After working for the State of Illinois and the City of Indianapolis, Miriam joined the team at the Indiana State Department of Health in April 2006.

Miriam may be reached via email at [mbuffington@isdh.in.gov](mailto:mbuffington@isdh.in.gov) or via telephone at 317-233-7613.

## Coming Events

### Indiana Advanced Wound Care Symposium

The 2012 Indiana Advanced Wound Care Symposium will be on Thursday, February 16, 2012. The event is sponsored by the Wound Care Specialists of Indiana. Online registration is available at [www.wcsofindiana.com](http://www.wcsofindiana.com) or [download](#) the symposium brochure and registration materials.

Have a good week.

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