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U.S. Representative Susan Brooks visits NDI

by Kellee Hawkins Coleman, Clinical Director, and Cindy Wilson, Director of Nursing

With one of her pillars being healthcare, Congresswoman Susan Brooks requested a tour of the NDI during the congressional recess. She, along with two of her staff members, Karen Glaser, the Congresswoman's district director, and Erin McMenamin, the Congresswoman's healthcare legislative assistant, toured the NDI on August 13, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our guests visited several units as well as the Advanced Treatment Center, school, playground, terraces, and treatment mall. We discussed the current state of mental health, specifically funding, staffing, youth suicide rates, and services available

for autism spectrum disorder. All were impressed by the facility and the staff they were able to speak with on their tour.

Overall, the tour was a success. The following is a "thank you" note from Jennifer Bagi, the Congresswoman's district scheduler/communications assistant:

"Thank you so very much for allowing the Congresswoman and staff to visit the facility. They had an absolutely wonderful time and were impressed by the facility and staff. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you in the future, and thank you again for all your assistance."



(left to right) DON Cindy Wilson, Congresswoman Susan Brooks, and Clinical Director Kellee Hawkins Coleman

Save the date: Secretary Walthall's all-staff address

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, FSSA Secretary Walthall will host an all-staff address to give an update on FSSA's 2019 goals and objectives. The all-staff address will be held in the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; it will also be live-streamed. The live-stream link will be made available closer to the event day; the presentation also will be recorded and made available via The Hub.

The NeuroDiagnostic Institute and Advanced Treatment Center, Indiana's newest state psychiatric hospital, delivers advanced evaluation and treatment for patients with the most challenging and complex neuropsychiatric illnesses and moves them more efficiently into the most appropriate treatment settings within the community or state mental health system.

A monthly reflection

Something to think about

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” – Thomas A. Edison

Thomas A. Edison (1847 - 1931) was a self-educated American inventor and businessman.

Around the NDI

Employee news

We welcome new state

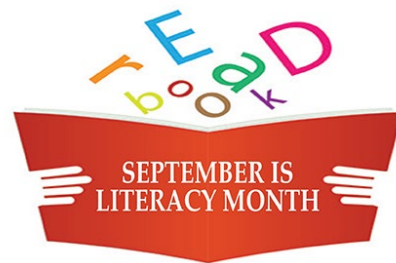
employees: Lionel Bey (BHRA), Tiffany Briggs (BHRA), Kyler Kuhn (RTA), Brian Larimer (Nurse), Alexis Morse (BHRA), Tae Newson (RTA), and Hayley Self (Nurse).

We welcome new agency/contract

employees: Angela Bell (CNA), Jena Blackwell (CNA), Jermica Boatner (CNA), Emily Kardis (Psychologist), Marketa Lewis (RN), Whitney Norman (RN), Shelley Richards (CNA), Arthenna Shorter (CNA), and Brandon Spratt (RN).

We say farewell to: Nakia Allen (BHRA), Maribeth Cavanaugh (Rehab Therapist), Dawn Gray (Secretary), Sarah Johnson-Nettles (TCS), Charity Swan (BHRA), Cindy Vandivier (Nurse), and Sunny Walton (Program Director).

Congratulations to Diondrae Rice (BHRA Supervisor) as he joins the Nursing Education Department.



Food Truck Fridays

Good food comes to us!

Last month, the NDI instituted a good-tasting perk: Food Truck Fridays. Each Friday following a payday, we will have a food truck here in the NDI parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Although only one truck will be available on each of those Fridays, the trucks will change, giving us some variety.

The scheduled food trucks for September are: A Taste of Home Catering on September 6 and Tacos without Borders on September 20.

In October we will have: Box Burger on October 4 and Tacos without Borders on October 18.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Natasha Cole.

DMHA leadership team named

Jay Chaudhary is director; Rachel Hallek is deputy director

Jay Chaudhary (pronounced CHAW-dree) has been named the new director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. His first day in this position will be September 9. Chaudhary replaces Kevin Moore who retired after 35 years of service. Chaudhary was the managing attorney for Indiana Legal Services where he served in several key positions, including Midtown

Medical Legal Partnership's founding director.

Rachel Halleck, a licensed mental health counselor and a licensed addiction counselor, has been named DMHA's new deputy director. Most recently, she was the senior director of behavioral health strategy and innovation for Volunteers of America Ohio and Indiana.



Jay Chaudhary, J.D. (left)

Rachel Halleck (right)

Introducing Hub Mobile

Get info from The Hub delivered straight to your phone

FSSA's Office of Communications and Media is excited to introduce Hub Mobile, a new feature of The Hub that lets you receive announcements about life at FSSA and other important employee information on your phone. It's easy to sign up—and they promise they won't bombard you with text messages!

By texting GET HUB to 468311, you will be able to receive staff-related news and reminders in a simple text. Some

messages may include a link to more information. Hub Mobile is entirely voluntary and you may opt out at any time by texting GET STOP to 468311.

Hub Mobile is another tool designed to help staff stay up-to-date with important FSSA employee news and announcements.

Cafeteria hours change

Now it's open on weekends!

The Community Hospital East (CHE) cafeteria is now open on Saturday and Sunday. The new hours are: breakfast 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Bistro weekend hours have also changed; it now opens starting at 1 p.m. and closes at 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Your attention please!

Important information ahead!

Keep everyone safe: check the doors!

Keep patients—and yourself—safe. Make sure that doors are shut and locked at all times. Wait for an “automatic” door to latch behind you before you move on. If a door requires a key, make sure the door is locked before you leave it.

Don't assume a door is secure—check it!



Please don't bog down our technology!

Think twice (or even three times) before hitting “reply all”—particularly if you are responding to an email sent to a mass mailing list. A common example is an announcement of a promotion, which goes out to everyone at NDI. Do your congratulatory well wishes need to go to every person at NDI? Probably not. When several people send congratulations to all NDI staff, this puts great strain on our network, and may cause some system problems.

If you want to congratulate someone, please use only the name of the person you want to congratulate in the “to” line.

The IT Department (and all email recipients) thank you!

Meanwhile, back at “Larue Carter”

Skeleton team maintains Carter's physical plant

Did you know that the old Larue Carter building and grounds are not deserted?

When we moved to the new, beautiful NDI, a skeleton crew remained at the closed LCH building. Burkett Bell, Terry Campbell, Jim Hambrock, Carl Howard, Mario Rodriguez, Stan Russell, and Art Tillberry have been responsible for ensuring the facility is clean and in good repair. (One of this team, Mario Rodriguez, said farewell on July 26.)



Another team works in the boiler room to maintain acceptable temperature levels. This will be especially important when the snow flies—they will make sure that no pipes freeze and burst. This team consists of: John Dearmin, Kyle Hood, Bill Myers, and Bruce Tussey.

Stan Russell (left) thanks Mario Rodriguez for his hard work