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Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority takes next step in consolidating 'middle men'

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority is moving at a faster pace to save \$7 million in administrative costs by eliminating three managed care provider network organizations by Oct. 1, a fourth by Dec. 31, and by bringing in-house provider contracting for its 80,000 clients.

DWMHA offered to extend by six months the contracts of CareLink Network and ConsumerLink Network until April 1, but the MCPNs notified the authority that they would end their relationship when their contracts expire on Sept. 30. Officials for CareLink and ConsumerLink did not return phone calls for comment.

"They rejected the extension and didn't give us an explanation," said Willie Brooks, CEO of DWMHA. "Our plan was to absorb those positions, and we are doing that. It makes a whole lot of sense to do this to serve the people and not be reliant on a third party. There won't be any difference to providers because we were going to take over that (administrative) process anyway."

Brooks said the authority has already hired 50 workers to take on the contracts of Integrated Care Alliance Inc., CareLink Network and ConsumerLink Network. The MCPN contract with Community Living Services Inc. (CLS) will end Dec. 31, but CLS will continue on as a provider agency with the authority.

Jim Dehem, CEO of Community Living Services, told *Crain's* that DWMHA asked the behavioral health agency to submit a contract proposal for next year. He said CLS has not received a response yet from the authority.

DWMHA employs about 250 and in 2019 will increase its budget to about \$770 million from \$750 million this year.

Brooks said he continued the process to consolidate administrative layers that was begun by former CEO Tom Watkins before he stepped down last year. "They knew this was coming. We are only completing the process that Tom started and couldn't get it done at the time," he said.

Several sources affiliated with some of the four MCPNs complained to *Crain's* about the process the authority took to decide which companies it would keep going forward.

"We followed federal rules that gave us the opportunity to do this. We informed the (Michigan) Department of Health and Human Services and the department was fully aware and supportive of what we did," Brooks said. "We didn't end any contracts. We allowed the contracts to expire. Most knew what was going on."

Brooks said the authority's two concerns are that clients have no interruption of services and that providers get paid without delay.

"It won't be difficult to take over the contracts because we do that now," Brooks said. "We pay providers; they pay providers; we managed some care, and they manage some care. We are just expanding what we have done. Instead of duplicated claims processing and rules, we will do it all."

Brooks said he has met with the eight largest provider agencies, known as the "elite 8" because of their size and range of services, to discuss expanding and coordinating services. They are Neighborhood Service Organization, North East Guidance Center, TEAM, Detroit Central Cities, Southwest Solutions, Community Living Services, Lincoln Behavioral Health and The Guidance Center.

"We talked with them about providing holistic care. That is behavioral health, physical health, economic support, spiritual and housing. We would like providers doing all five of those, maybe not completely, but any provider that has the ability to do that, we'd like them to do."



Willie Brooks, CEO
Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority

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October 9, 2018
November 13, 2018

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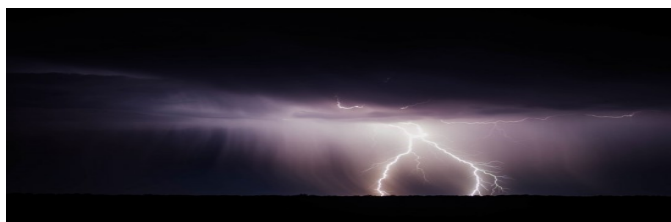
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From The Director



What is an Arc?

An Arc is an amazing organization that is an advocacy and support partner with people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Another definition of an arc is electricity that jumps between two electrodes, or conductors of electricity. Lightening is an example of a naturally occurring electric arc. When electricity moves between clouds, or between a cloud and the earth, the air becomes ionized, allowing electrons to jump. This creates a bridge of electricity that we can see. Electric arcs are also useful in welding as they create heat. (Retrieved from ww.howitworksdaily.com 9/20/2018)

For something as powerful as lightning to occur, it takes two objects that can give off and receive electricity. Not only is electrical power transferred back and forth between these objects, but the atmosphere between and around them is physically changed. The Arc and electric arcs are not that different! The work of The Arc is to help people of all abilities and uniqueness to both give and receive. This dynamic of mutual support and care creates power that changes individuals AND the entire atmosphere around them. Imagine what your little spark can do to make a difference in another person's life, in your own life, and in our world that needs compassion and hope!

If you haven't done so already, consider joining The Arc NW and sharing monetary or volunteer support.

Be part of something powerful!
Get charged up and be part of The Arc!

Gretchen Sanewsky

Executive Director



JFC

Halloween Dance

Friday, Oct. 12.

7:00-9:30

Thurston High School,
Redford

J.J. and Company Band



The Arc of Northwest Wayne County
The Arc of Western Wayne County

After I'm Gone Program



October 4

"Beyond Group Homes" Discussion on the various community living options available to people beyond group homes with support from the mental health system.

October 25

"Supporting People in Decision Making" Attorney Roxanne Chang will discuss the various options for supporting people in making important decisions, such as Power of Attorney, representative payee, and trusts.

Information sessions are held monthly during the school year at

Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School

10218 Arthur St., Livonia, MI 48150

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915 ext 204

Driver Needed



Looking for someone living in the Plymouth Rd. area between Merriman and Farmington Rds. to help with transportation to and from Saturday morning bowling for two individuals (brother and sister) with disabilities. Mom no longer able to drive.

If you can help please call the Arc of Northwest Wayne County for more information.

313-532-7915 ext 206.

The arc of the moral universe is long,
but it bends toward justice.
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.~

Special Education Law 101:

A Workshop for Parents, Guardians, & Other Caregivers of Children with Disabilities



WAYNE STATE
Law School

The workshop will be offered three times this fall:

Saturday, October 6, 2018

10:30 am to 12:30pm

Wilder Branch, Detroit Public Library
7140 E. 7 Mile Rd.

Saturday, November 3, 2018

10:30am to 12:30pm

Sherwood Forest Branch
Detroit Public Library
7117 W. 7 Mile Rd.

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Chaney Branch, Detroit Public Library,
16101 Grand River Ave.

FREE - To register or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact the Wayne Law Disability Law Clinic at 313-577-4015 or dlc@wayne.edu

We had a very nice day for our 'Welcome back' hot-dog roast on Friday, September 7th at the Livonia Rotary Park. We had over 210 members, families and staff attend this year. It was so great to see so many happy faces and friends getting together to laugh and have fun!

Everything was very patriotically decorated with red, white and blue balloons and streamers, thanks to Sandy and Barb! It was great to have our snow cone wagon return with so many fruity sugar/sugar-free juices from which to choose. A very 'SPECIAL' thank you to ALL of our Committee members and volunteers who helped out so much setting up, cooking and serving everyone so quickly! We couldn't do it without all of you!

If your membership with the Arc and JFC is current and all of your forms have been completed and turned in to Lana, a new ID badge for the 2018-19 year will be at the check-in table on Friday, Oct.12, at the Halloween dance, \$3 at the door, Thurston High School, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing all those great costumes!

JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

Happy Autumn,
Jackie Norris

Poly Hockey season schedule:

Wings practice – Riley School on Mondays at 7pm – Practice started Sept 17th

Hot Shots practice – Riley School, Mondays at 6pm – Practice starts Oct. 1st

Wolverines practice – Cooper School, 7 - 8pm

Poly Hockey Area Games – Oct. 27th at Stevenson Middle School, Wayne, MI

Poly Hockey State Games – Nov. 17 & 18 at Eastern HS and Fieldhouse, Lansing MI. (overnight event)

If you'd like to be a chaperone/volunteer please contact me, Janice Bearden, or a coach and we'll give you the information needed. This is a great way to help out especially if your son or daughter would like you there for overnight events. It costs you nothing and you'll have a good time.

Coaches, start checking the dates for your athletes, volunteers, assistant coaches, and yourself for Poly Hockey season and the upcoming basketball season in December.

Basketball Dates:

Area Games – February 16, 2019

District Games – March 2, 2019

Basketball State Games – March 15 – 16, 2019

The Arc Sports News

Special Olympics Hall of Fame Banquet & Leadership Conference will be held in Detroit this year at Greektown Casino and International Banquet Center on November 3-4.

Friends, family, volunteers are welcome to attend. Some events are free & some have a cost for you to attend. For more information visit: somi.org

Happy Halloween Everyone - Janice Bearden

The Arc Early Birds Bowling League



We still have a few spots left on the league. We bowl every other Saturday morning at 9:00 at Oak Lanes on Middlebelt in Livonia. It's a fun league made up of bowlers with a variety of skill levels. If you want to join, please call Vicki Soto at **734-422-3732**.

GUYS & DOLLS SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOWLING



Our 2018/2019 Season will start on **Saturday Sept 8 at OAK LANES**.
30 weeks of Saturday afternoon bowling.

If you are interested in joining for the **NEW SEASON** please contact:
Jim Gallas 248-318-8856 (cell) or
jagallas@comcast.net

6th Annual Michigan Autism Conference

October 11-12, 2018

Pre-conference workshops on October 10

Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites | Kalamazoo, MI

<http://www.michiganautismconference.org/>



Detroit Premiere of

Intelligent Lives

Date & Time: Thursday October 18, 2018 5:30 - 9:00 PM



Location: Wayne State University
McGregor Conference Center Community Arts Center 450 Reuther Mall Detroit, Michigan 48202

INTELLIGENT LIVES is the latest documentary from award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib, director of *Including Samuel* and *Who Cares About Kelsey?*

INTELLIGENT LIVES stars Naieer, Naomie, and Michigan native Micah Fialka-Feldman. The film follows these three pioneering young adults with intellectual disabilities as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce, challenging perceptions of intelligence along the way. This special **FREE** screening is sponsored by the Wayne State University College of Education and the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute.

Register online through the Wayne State University Events Calendar or contact:

Michael Bray mikebray@wayne.edu
313-577-4178

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ELECTION 2018

Michigan Primary Candidate's Forum

Learn what candidates have to say about transportation, public access, employment and disability rights.

Engage in dialogue and ask questions of legislators.

FREE Parking in Rear Refreshments Served

Friday, October 19, 2018
Considine-Little Rock Family Life Center
8904 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48202
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

RSVP and to request special accommodations go to <https://bit.ly/2xazafU> or contact Paul Johnson at 313-923-1655.

Focusing on the issues of people with disabilities and seniors

Confirmed Attendees:
US Rep Debbie Dingell
State Rep Erika Geiss
Michigan Supreme Court Candidate Samuel Bagenstos

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Memorials

**In Memory of
Kathleen Longuski**

Fred and Cathy Barden
John and Carol Zago
Joe and Susan Johnston
Jerry and Betsy Gwizdz
Gerry and Peggy Simpson
Joan and Donald Compton
Donald Donagrand
Timothy Ellison & Family
Ronald and
Priscilla Jakubczak
Ray and Carol Chopp & Ed and
Sylvia LaRoche
Theresa Jamula
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Smith
Megan Lowe

**In Memory of
Allison Allen**

Jackie & Melissa
Marchewka

Donations

**Thomas and Pam
Hammerschmidt
Lynn Jones
Eula Goff**

**If you hear of the passing of an
Arc member please let us know.
Help us honor the memories
of our members and support one
another through difficult times.**

**Call The Arc NW office at
313-532-7915**

**Won't you join & support
The Arc NW as a member?**

The Arc NW provides advocacy, support and information on disability-related issues across the lifespan.

We seek - and work - to build a more inclusive community.

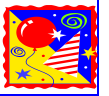
See the Membership form on the back page of this newsletter or join us online at













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October 2018




Open House & Retirement Gathering for Chris Lerchen
Thursday, Oct. 4. 3:00 - 6:00pm at the Arc NW



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Membership Application

Name _____

Email Address _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Name _____ **Birth Date** _____

(Name line above for member(s) with intellectual and developmental disability)

Address (if different) _____

Telephone (if different) _____

Welcome!

Membership Dues

- New Member
- Renewing Member
- Associate Member
- \$35 Annual Family or Group Home Membership
- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$25 Associate Membership

DONATIONS \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 _____ Other