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TO: Administrative Agents

FROM: Nora Bock, Director of Community Treatment 

SUBJECT: Community Mental Health Liaison

The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) is pleased to announce the creation of a new position, Community Mental Health Liaison, to be funded by the Department of Mental Health and employed by each Administrative Agent (AA). This new position was added to the FY14 budget as a component of Governor Nixon's Strengthening Missouri's Mental Health System initiative.

A total of 31 Community Mental Health Liaisons will be employed by AAs across the state. Each AA will receive funding for one Community Mental Health Liaison, with the exception of the following agencies:

Agency Name	Positions
Crider Center	2
Burrell Behavioral Health	3
Pathways Behavioral Healthcare	4
BIC Behavioral Health	5

Attached is the position description for the Community Mental Health Liaison. This is a full time position(s) and is an addition to your current personnel. Once your agency has filled this position(s) you will be required to furnish to the DBH the name of your newly hired Community Mental Health Liaison, along with their résumé and agency contact information. This is to be an established position(s) within your agency, not an additional function for current staff. You may promote from within your agency and backfill any vacancy(s). Please notify Natalie Fornelli at Natalie.Fornelli@dmh.mo.gov if your Community Mental Health Liaison position(s) is not filled by September 30, 2013.

A contract amendment will be issued once contract language is finalized that outlines the responsibilities associated with this position.

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It is expected that the agency Community Mental Health Liaisons work closely with the Community Coordinator at the Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers (Coalition) and with the Program Manager overseeing this initiative at the DBH.

Attached are the FY2014 allocations for the Community Mental Health Liaison positions which were developed jointly with the Coalition. Administrative costs to be paid to the Coalition have been included in the allocations to five CMHCs. You will receive notification from the Coalition regarding payment of these administrative costs.

Questions about the Community Mental Health Liaison Program may be directed to Natalie Fornelli.

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Attachment

cc: DBH Executive Team
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