

To: MH/MR Administrators
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Subject: Bullets

"Thus the metric system did not really catch on in the States, unless you count the increasing popularity of the nine-millimeter bullet." - Dave Barry

Acting Administrators: Since MH/MR Administrators Sue Miosi (Lehigh) and Kelly Goshen (Franklin Fulton) have abandoned us, we have a few Acting Administrators filling in during the recruitment process. They are: Franklin/Fulton, Rick Wynn rcwynn@co.franklin.pa.us and Lehigh, Ron Heckman ronheckman@lehighcounty.org. Regional Reps should contact them and welcome them, at least for a while.

Secretary of Public Welfare Estelle B. Richman recently announced the appointment of Ellen DiDomenico as Director of the Governor's Commission on Children and Families. Ellen most recently served as the Human Services Director for Lycoming and Clinton counties and many of you know her. In her new job she will work with advocates and community organizations to "better coordinate and streamline services."

Those of you with implanted cell phones and/or blackberry type devices shouldn't worry. PA has become the subject of urban legend as documented on the Snopes website. For the story, go to <http://www.snopes.com/politics/traffic/penncell.asp>

SIS administration: ODP is close to signing a contract for the administration of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) on a statewide basis. The company selected is DDM Ascend Management Innovations, a managed care services company that is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. You will be hearing a lot more about this. The company is beginning to recruit part-time workers to administer the SIS. You should check out this website: <http://www.siswebsite.org/>

Cheryl Plummer, Franklin County Commissioner and the Chair of CCAP's Human Services Committee will offer testimony on SB 9 (which would prohibit public dollars being used for public benefits for illegal immigrants) at the Senate State Government Committee hearing. The hearing is set for Wednesday, October 17, 2007. We'll send you a copy when it's final.