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Behavioral Healthcare Education

Letter from the Director

Greetings Colleagues:

As the Division of Behavioral Healthcare Education (BHE) begins to develop our calendar and course offerings for 2015-16, we have been reflecting on past successes, examining opportunities and considering the financial challenges that lie ahead.

For over 30 years, BHE has offered no cost, high-quality continuing education to behavioral healthcare providers across the Commonwealth. However, as we look forward in our field's evolving landscape, we have come to accept that our program, like those of many providers across the state, is also impacted by the financial realities of our time. I'd like to take a moment to describe some of the heavily debated and ultimately necessary changes to BHE in order to provide continuing education, beginning in September 2015.

Our course offerings will be broken down into two separate categories: **Drexel Regional** and **Drexel Reserve**.

- **Drexel Regional** courses will comprise approximately half of our trainings for 2015-16, and will continue to be offered free of charge to approved providers. Registration is done on a trimester basis, with a maximum of two trainings per person per trimester.
- **Drexel Reserve** courses will comprise the remaining half, and will be offered for a nominal fee, with most courses costing only \$30 for five hours of accredited continuing education. Most of the Drexel Reserve trainings are some combination of skills-based, high-demand and advanced content that provide the most value and benefit to providers. Registration is open year round with no limitation on the number of trainings per person.
 - There are also multi-day trainings such as case management and psychiatric rehabilitation that meet the needs of specific practitioners/providers. Fees will be listed in the catalogue.
 - The Trauma Series will be offered as a hybrid of Drexel Regional and Drexel Reserve. The three introductory courses will be delivered as part of the Drexel regional offerings at no cost, while the remaining elective offerings will cost \$30 per training.
 - The Co-occurring Disorder Series (11 courses) will only be offered privately for a fee to agencies who wish to better serve the complex needs of consumers with CODs.

While we recognize that this change is a departure from our established norm, our research indicates that our cost structure is quite reasonable, and substantially less than other accredited continuing education providers. We appreciate your continued support, and look forward to providing you with education and consultation in the coming years.

For further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 877.243.3033 or email me directly at donna.mcnelis@drexelmed.edu.

Sincerely,

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