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TO: Executive Directors/CEOs, Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA)

FROM: Rod Swan, Manager  
Mental Health Contracts Management Unit

SUBJECT: New Contract Manager

It is my pleasure to welcome Donna Rheem as the newest Contract Manager in the Mental Health Contracts Management Unit at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Donna earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has transferred to the Department of State Health Services from the Department of Aging and Disability Services. Donna has extensive experience in the provision of mental health services in community, residential, and hospital settings. She is knowledgeable regarding crisis intervention, pharmacological management, evidence based prevention services, counseling, and other therapeutic mental health services.

She also has a strong background in contracts management through her work in overseeing contractors in the DADS guardianship program, Department of Family and Protective Services residential treatment program, and previous experience in providing oversight of DSHS funded disaster crisis counseling services. Her state government contracting background and extensive experience in the provision of mental health services make her a very valuable addition to the DSHS.

Along with Christopher Dickinson, Stephanie Ryan, and Daniel Thompson, Donna Rheem will serve as one of the assigned Contract Managers for the 37 DSHS LMHA Performance Contracts. They will also manage other types of mental health contracts, while ensuring coordination with the Department of Aging and Disability Services regarding mutual contractual requirements and overlapping service issues on behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Donna Rheem can be reached at (512)206-5395 or [donna.rheem@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:donna.rheem@dshs.state.tx.us). For more information regarding the Mental Health Contracts Management Unit and links to Performance Contract documents please visit <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhcontracts/CommunityServicesAdmin.shtm>. The revised contract manager list and contact information will be updated on the website soon.

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A list of Contract Manager assignments for the DSHS Performance Contract is attached for your review (Effective February 11, 2013). Contract Managers will be scheduling transition calls for LMHAs experiencing a change in assigned Contract Manager. Please continue to contact your assigned Contract Manager as the single point of contact regarding all DSHS LMHA Performance Contract related issues or any questions/ issues that require interagency communication and coordination. If you have any questions regarding these assignments, you can contact me at (512) 206-5264.

Attachment: List of Contract Assignments