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Saturday, June 7, 2008

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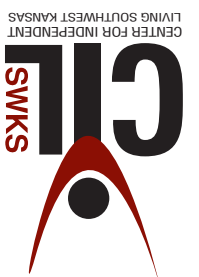
"Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires courage."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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States "Miss" (i.e., Fail to Report or Protect)

People In Nursing Facilities Who Are In Actual Harm or Immediate Jeopardy

By Steve Gold directly, stevegoldada@cs.com. - Information Bulletin # 248 (5/08)

How can so many State officials "miss" seeing and reporting deficiencies in nursing homes, year in and out, that put people with disabilities and the elderly in "actual harm or immediate jeopardy"? It should not be that difficult for States to inspect and monitor nursing facilities and to report accurately how these facilities are "treating" residents. When States "miss" these deficiencies and therefore do not report them, the nursing facilities cannot be held accountable for failing to make corrections or improvements.

A recent U.S. Government Accountability Office report, "Federal Monitoring Surveys Demonstrate Continued Understatement of Serious Care Problems and CMS Oversight Weaknesses" (the eighteenth such GAO report since 1998), once again showed that nursing facilities apparently can do whatever harm they want to residents, and the State inspection officials, who are supposed to monitor these facilities and report deficiencies, ignore these wrong doings and do not report extremely serious deficiencies.

Here's what GAO found:

During States' standard surveys, CMS reported that States did report that nationally 17.8% of the nursing facilities caused "actual harm" and/or put residents in "immediate jeopardy." Let's remember, those were that percentage was only where a State health official actually affirmatively cited the nursing facility's deficiencies.

The GAO report's primary focus was, above and beyond the 17.8% reported deficiencies. Rather, the GAO surveyed when States failed to cite the nursing facility - it "missed" citing and reporting deficiencies. The GAO's report focused on deficiencies above and beyond the 17.8% by the "missed" deficiencies.

Nationally, 14.5% of the State surveys "missed at least one" deficiency of "actual harm or immediate jeopardy." Obviously, from residents' point of view, these are critical, life-threatening "misses." In the first list below, we provide by State the percentages of State surveys with "at least one" such "missed" deficiency. (If the 17.8% of actually reported deficiencies and 14.5% of "missed" deficiencies were combined, it would more accurately show the total percentages of nursing facilities that caused "Actual Harm" or put residents in "Immediate Jeopardy.") The GAO computed that 9 states (AL, AR, MO, NM, OK, SC, SD, TN and WY) "missed" these serious deficiencies on 25% or more surveys!

In addition to deficiencies regarding "actual harm or immediate jeopardy," 68.8% of State surveys "missed" other deficiencies that are classified as "potential for more than minimal harm." The GAO correctly pointed out that these "undetected care problems ... could become more serious if nursing homes are not required to take corrective action." Obviously, if State inspectors "miss" them and do not report them, then no corrective action will occur.

Incredibly, the most frequently "missed" deficiencies at the "potential for more than minimal harm" level included preventing pressure sores, hydration, ensuring proper nutrition and "poor quality of care." Why are hydration or preventing pressure sores only at the "minimal harm" level?

When do they move to "actual harm or immediate jeopardy" levels? In the second list below, we provide by State the percentages of State surveys with "at least one missed" deficiency with "potential for more than minimal harm." Again, the 68.8% are only of "missed" State inspection surveys and do not include actually cited deficiencies at this level.

How is it possible that 68.8% of State surveys "missed" these "minimal harm" deficiencies? Are the nursing home lobbies in States so powerful that State inspectors are intimidated or conditioned not see these deficiencies? Are the lives of the elderly and disabled so unimportant and valueless that State inspectors do not care about these residents?

Neither federal nor State nursing home "reforms" nor more federal and state funds for these facilities will stop the injuries to residents. Neither will they stop State inspection officials from "missing" such deficiencies.

Why does CMS continue to fund those States that year after year "miss" citing nursing facilities for wrongdoings that put the elderly and people with disabilities in "actual harm or immediate jeopardy" and have "potential for more than minimal harm"? CMS should terminate federal reimbursements to these States for Medicaid nursing facilities. If the States want to continue funding nursing facilities that injure the elderly and people with disabilities, then at least make the States fund these institutions completely with State funds, then we'll see if there are so many "missed" deficiencies.

Elderly and Disability Advocates:

What actions are you taking to ensure your State inspection surveys do not "miss" such deficiencies? In your State, what are the consequences when State inspectors "miss" deficiencies year in and year out? Are your newspapers or editorial boards aware of these incredible percentages?

I. Percentages of Surveys with MISSED Deficiencies at the "Actual Harm or Immediate Jeopardy" level

Kansas 17%

Nation 15%

II. Percentages of Surveys with At Least One MISSED Deficiency at the "Potential for More than Minimal Harm" level.

Kansas 79%

Nation 68.3%

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Bus Routes

The following table highlights the Red Route - South City to CILSWKS.

RED ROUTE - SOUTH CITY Every Hour (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	
Senior Center (Transfer) :00	Community Support Services :21
Plaza Medical :02	Wal-Mart (Transfer) :27
Hospital South Side :05	East Fulton Terrace :34
Pershing Manor (Transfer) :08	Asian Plaza :37
Dillons East :10	Post Office/Recreation Center :40
Harold Long Park :13	Salvation Army on Fulon :43
Garden Valley Retirement :16	Mexican American Ministries :47
GC Community College :18	Senior Center (Transfer) :51

Exact Fares must be paid in cash, FIT token(s) or a punch card. FIT tokens and punch cards may be purchased at the FIT Office or by mailing a check or money order to Finney County Transit, 907 N. Tenth, Garden City, KS 67846. To receive the Half Fare Senior or Disabled Fare, a completed Half Fare Discount Application must be completed. Present discount card and picture ID upon boarding to receive discount. Punch Cards are non-refundable and non-replacement.

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**1:00 - 2:00 P.M.,
JUNE 24, JULY 22, 2008**

FREE to the Public!

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Staying in Touch

Appreciation / Open House

Consumer Appreciation Open House

Center For Independent Living Southwest Kansas Hosts Annual Consumer Appreciation Barbecue And Open House!

Center For Independent Living Southwest Kansas treated it's cunsomers to a delicious Barbecue complete with all the fixin's on Friday, May 9, 2008. This annual event is hosted by the management and staff of CIL SWKS to show its appreciation of their consumers and patrons without whose loyal support they could not continue the legacy of being leaders in support services. The Barbecue was held at the CIL SWKS office in Garden City during a beautiful cool afternoon. CIL SWKS cunsomers , family members, friends and employees enjoyed delicious food, refreshments, entertainment, informational booths and goodie bags provided to attendees. Center For Independent Living Southwest Kansas has been providing support services to Southwest Kansas since 1997 and offers three convenient locations in Garden City,Dodge City, and Liberal.

The Center for Independent Living Southwest Kansas would like to take a moment and thank all of the people who helped and attended our Consumer Appreciation Barbecue and Open House. The Open House was a great success! As you can see by the pictures in this newsletter, everyone had a wonderful time. The Center for Independent Living Southwest Kansas would also like to congratulate the winners of our Consumer Appreciation Open House giveaways:

- Ruth Beach
- Kurt Wilson
- Tamari Tresner
- Roebi
- Pamela Quick
- Becky Sullivan
- DeAngelo Perez
- Peggy Jensen
- Ruth Roughbough
- Nicole Naab
- Monica Lorenzo
- Mindy Harrison

A special thanks also to those who donated items:

- Ehresman Packing Co
912 E Fulton St
Garden City, KS 67846
(620) 276-3791

Scheopner's Water
2203 E Fulton St
Garden City, KS 67846
(800) 481-5121

Dillons
1305 E Kansas Ave
Garden City, KS 67846
(620) 275-4274

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1615 Taylor Plz E
Garden City, KS 67846
(620) 275-4136

Again, the staff of The Center for Independent Living Southwest Kansas would like to thank those that attended our Consumer Apperation day and Open House. We appreciate your interest and hope the experience left you with a better understanding of what we do and how we do it.



PHOTOS BY J.T. KENT



CIL SWKS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2008 BEEF EMPIRE DAYS PARADE

Saturday, May 31, 2008
Garden City, KS

Center For Independent Living Southwest Kansas will have a float in the 2008 BEEF EMPIRE DAYS PARADE slated for May 31, 2008. The Center has participated for 2006 and 2005. This year's theme is "40 Years... BEEF: New Tastes, Old Traditions" and CIL SWKS is planning on two floats: one with the CIL SWKS motorcycle drawing onboard and one with CIL SWKS customers & staff.

DODGE CITY DAYS WESTERN PARADE

Saturday, July 26th, 2008
Civic Center to Dodge City Roundup Arena

Center For Independent Living Southwest Kansas will have a float in the The 48th Dodge City Days Western Parade. slated for Saturday, July 26th, 2008. The theme this year, "Dodge City Days...Enjoy The Ride".

ADA CELEBRATION - GARDEN CITY

July 25, 2008 10:00 AM

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Friday, July 25 2008, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Annual ADA Celebration 1802 Spruce Garden City, KS

Center For Independent Living Southwest Kansas will be celebrating the anniversary of the ADA. The celebration will take place in Garden City, Kansas on July 25, 2008.

Celebration details to come.

DMD CELEBRATION - GARDEN CITY

Wed, Oct 15, 2008 10:00 AM

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Celebration details to come.

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2008 KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

June 17-21, 2008

Washburn University, Topeka, KS.

2008 FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES

- Sponsored by Commerce Bank

Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 1:00 PM

Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 1:00 PM

1802 Spruce, Garden City, KS

FREE to the Public!

2008 DODGE CITY DAYS PARADE

Saturday, July 26th, 2008

Dodge City, KS

- Dodge City's heritage comes to life and walks the streets annually during Dodge City Days!

Dodge City Days....Enjoy the Ride" during the 10 day celebration (July 25 - August 3, 2008), which hosts more than 50 events including:

- Q-97 FM DODGE CITY DAYS KICK-OFF CONCERT - It's Jo Dee Messina and special guests, Kahuna Beach Party. Tickets go on sale June 28!
- The top-rated Dodge City Days Rodeo
- A 2-day Craft show with over 200 crafters from a 10-state area
- KidFest
- Professional Barbecue Contest
- Western Parade
- The crowning of Miss Rodeo Kansas and Miss Rodeo Kansas Princess
- And dozens of other exciting activities!

HEALTHY KANSAS PROGRAM - GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Friday, June 20, 2008, 10:00 AM

- The Governor's Healthy Kansas program will be hosting a two-day Summit in Garden City June 20-21 at Garden City Community College.

More information is found at

- www.healthykansas.org.

Please share this information with friends, family and colleagues to attend the workshops or Saturday health fair.

2007 MOTORCYCLE DRAWING

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Garden City, KS

- The Last chance to win a 2007 Suzuki Boulevard C50T Motorcycle will be Saturday, June 7, 2008.



Kansas Legislative session:

As we look at this Legislative session, there are many things to count as success this legislative session:

- An \$11/person/month increase to the Protected Income Level
- Restore \$118,500 in SGF for Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy
- Restore \$500,000 in SGF for base funding for Centers for Independent Living
- \$5.6 million in SGF for HCBS Waiver funding, which will include a 2% rate increase for direct line workers and then provide the rest of the funding to address people needing services on the TBI, PD and DD waivers.
- And after 5 years, we finally have legislation that will put Money Follows the Person language into Kansas State Statute with no cap on the number of transfers. This is huge! In the end, the Money follows the Person bill was included in SB 365. This bill also includes the establishment of a joint oversight committee on Community Based Services and will establish a savings fund to capture savings that occurs when someone transitions from an institution to community services. The bill also notes the Legislative Budget committee report on the targeted amounts needed to eliminate the DD waiting list. This legislation provides framework for establishing a significant infrastructure to community based services!

Now we also know that there were losses this session; one being the loss of the base funding for the Assistive Technology for Kansans program access sites (\$375,000). This loss is just devastating, and over the next few months we will be working to see if there are other options to address this incredible loss.

But, overall, it is time to take a moment to celebrate the accomplishments of this session! Do remember that this is an election year, and it is now time for all of us to turn our attention to those campaigns that we might volunteer for. This is a great opportunity to get to know your elected officials who we will try to educate on the issues during the next session.

KACIL CIL CONFERENCE 2008 -
FUEL THE IL PASSION
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, 9:00 AM
Best Western Wichita North
Hotel & Suites
Wichita, KS

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Friday, July 25, 2008, 10:00 AM
Annual ADA Celebration:
1802 Spruce, Garden City, KS

2008 BEEF EMPIRE DAYS PARADE
Saturday, May 31, 2008
Garden City, KS

- Mark the date of the 2008 Aquila Beef Empire Days Parade, Saturday, May 31, 2008 on your calendar so YOU can be there to support CIL SWKS participation in the Parade.

KANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES (KRS) invites individuals and organizations interested in employment services for people with disabilities to provide input on the FFY 2009 Update to the State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services.

KRS will conduct a public hearing on the State Plan Update from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on June 17, 2008. The hearing will be an interactive web cast facilitated by Michael Donnelly, KRS Director. The web cast will use technology to connect people in 12 Kansas communities through a live audio and video broadcast. In addition, participants in each location will be able to share their comments or questions which will be broadcast live to all locations.

The locations for the interactive web cast are:

Hays
Gray Room
SRS Service Center
300 Broadway

Hutchinson (South)
Prairie Room
SRS Service Center
600 Andrew

Garden City
Bunker Conference Room
SRS Service Center
1710 Palace Dr.

Prior to the hearing, individuals may review the draft State Plan Update at: http://www.srskansas.org/rehab/text/State_Plan/2009.htm

The entire FFY 2008-2010 State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment Services may be reviewed at: http://www.srskansas.org/rehab/text/state_plan.htm

Individuals who wish to submit comments in writing may email: krsstateplan@srs.ks.gov. Please submit written comments no later than June 20, 2008.

To request a sign language interpreter or other accommodation for the hearing, please call toll-free 1-866-213-9079 or toll-free TDD 1-800-432-0698 no later than June 9. All hearing sites are accessible locations.