



LEO A. HOFFMANN CENTER'S
“JOURNEY TO NEW BEGINNINGS” NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2014

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**From the Desk of Gene Taylor,
M.S., LPCC Executive Director**

Construction has finally come to an end at Hoffmann Center!!

Leo A. Hoffmann Center is pleased to announce that our new Kitchen and Dining Hall is completed and fully functional! We have contracted with New Horizons Company to manage and provide fresh food for three meals a day; seven days a week. New Horizon's has been great to work with and the clients love the variety of the food as well as being involved in keeping the dining hall clean and sanitized. New Horizon's Chef is Joe Schmit who is in charge of managing the kitchen staff. This new area has also provided valuable added space for clients to play games, do hobbies, and have experimental groups in addition to providing additional space for clients to spend time with their parents.

The North Cottage, Achievers Unit, has been remodeled; the living area has been enlarged as well as providing the clients on that unit with individual bed rooms. The remodeling of this unit allows for these clients to learn and develop more appropriate leisure skills as well as development of learning to feel connected to others and helping in creating a positive milieu.

Evergreen Cottage, Branch 2, has been remodeled and provides similar space as the North Cottage Achiever's Unit, single bed rooms for all clients on that unit and additional living space. This area once again provides the clients room to spread out and develop more leisure skills and more room to do other activities such as yoga and meditation and other individual or team building activities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Leo A. Hoffmann Center is to maintain a safe and structured environment in which quality mental health services are provided. This comprehensive treatment emphasizes helping adolescents overcome problematic behaviors and make choices that will give positive direction for their future.

*It has become very clear to me that from time to time, revisiting the **MISSION** is very important. As we continue to see changes economically at the federal level as well as the state level, it is important to strategically assess effective and efficient ways to meet the needs of our clients we currently serve.*

It is my hope this year to bring together all positions on campus to evaluate our Mission Statement and collectively assess ways we can be more effective and efficient to help our clients accomplish treatment progress and success. Through the eyes of our staff and the client's we serve, we can continue to work on developing a better delivery system for all we serve.

*In conclusion, while these changes provide greatly needed space for clients, it has also created some additional growing pains. It is great to see our staff working together collectively to overcome these growing pains and keep in mind how the therapeutic value of this change will positively affect the clients. I would like to thank all those individuals who have been instrumental in working to overcome any obstacles, including the Board of Directors for their support on this project and to the Department of Social Services. This also includes all parents, staff, clients and visitors for having to put up with the mess and lack of parking available on campus. **Thank YOU for your support!***

**Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. —
Helen Keller**

MEET THE PRIMARY COUNSELORS!

The Primary Counselor is responsible for assisting in the coordination of residential services and providing professional treatment and care to clients. The position provides quality client care and close intensive supervision of male adolescent clients, who have displayed inappropriate sexual behaviors, in a residential treatment setting. In addition, this position is responsible for providing a range of residential counseling and skills training services to clients and their families, working with clients to help them meet the goals of their individual treatment plan, and reporting on client's treatment progress and providing peer leadership.



John Schumacher, Evergreen Cottage, Branch 1. John has worked at Hoffmann Center since June of 2007. He has a BS Degree in Sociology from Minnesota State University, Mankato. In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his family and friends watching sports and coaching.



Amanda Worrell, Evergreen Cottage, Branch 2. Amanda began her employment at Hoffmann Center in July 2001. She has a BSW in Social Work from Minnesota State University, Mankato and is a Licensed Social Worker by the MN Board of Social Work. Her interests include movies, theater, reading, cribbage, bowling, and spending time with her family and friends.



Nicole Hanson, North Cottage, Achiever's Unit. She started her employment at Hoffmann Center in October 2007. Nicole received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice: Corrections, with a minor in Sociology. Nicole states "I really enjoy working with the clients because it is rewarding to see them grow, mature, and make healthy changes in their lives. I feel proud of the work that our team does with each client when I am able to see the client's really internalize what they have learned here." Her interests include reading, movies, swimming and spending time with her family and friends.



Jacob Hoerst, North Cottage Believer's Unit. Jake has been with Hoffmann Center for approximately four years; in his current position for six months. He received his degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Jake became interested in this field while he attended college. He states "I enjoy working with the clients at Hoffmann Center; their hard work and long term successes are what makes this job and working

environment so satisfying." His free time interests include reading, working out, watching movies and television series, and spending time with his family and friends.



Therapeutic Activities

At Hoffmann Center

Brad Walsh, Recreation Coordinator

It has been a long cold winter, but the boys have still been busy with a variety of recreational activities. The main focus over the winter has been team building activities. Team building activities emphasize problem solving, positive communication, compromising, and working as one. Along with team building activities cross country skiing, curling and snow tubing has been the highlights of the winter. Moving into spring, the boys can look forward to canoeing, hiking, fishing, and more team building activities



Hoffmann Center is licensed by the Department of Human Services as a

Rule 2960 facility. **Counties who place boys with us are able to seek federal funds through Medical Assistance and Title IV-E.** This allows counties to be reimbursed for **over 57%** of the per diem costs! Hoffmann Center does not bill for clients who are on straight medical assistance (counties bill) but our programs are MA reimbursable! Hoffmann Center **DOES** bill the treatment portion to insurance companies for clients who are on Prepaid Medical Assistance (PMAP). This means that counties are only responsible for the Room & Board portion!

Also, did you know that **Hoffmann Center, as a Rule 2960 licensed facility, is frequently eligible for private insurance coverage?** We are very willing to work with counties and parents to check for eligibility of coverage prior to placement. In some cases, **Hoffmann Center has reimbursed the referring county 100% of the total per diem they paid!** If you have questions about this or would like additional information, please contact our office at (507)934-6122. We are very happy to work with counties in helping to keep placement costs down!

If you have questions, would like additional program information, or are interested in a tour of our campus, please give us a call at (507)934-6122.