



## LEO A. HOFFMANN CENTER'S "JOURNEY TO NEW BEGINNINGS" NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2016

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

**"Excellence is not a skill, it's an  
attitude" Ralph Marston**

Leo A. Hoffmann Center has provided residential treatment services to adolescent males exhibiting inappropriate or harmful sexual behaviors for over 35 years!

We worked hard this last year to develop a new strategic plan for 2017-2021. Feedback was sought out from our stakeholders through a needs assessment. We also gathered information from our staff through in-services and various strategic planning meetings. As an agency, we see the need to diversify as well as strengthen our current treatment program through the process of providing a continuum of care for our stakeholders and clients. Through this process, we reviewed and changed our Mission Statement, Vision Statement and new core values to assist us in moving forward.

**Mission Statement** - *"The mission of the Leo A. Hoffmann Center is to provide quality mental health and human services in a safe and structured environment."*

**Vision Statement** - *"Leo A. Hoffmann Center will provide a continuum of care that supports quality individualized services for youth, adults and families."*

### **Statement of Values:**

- Accountability
- Nurture
- Change
- Hope
- Opportunity
- Respect

These core values were developed through discussion with our entire treatment team. Staff identified these specific core values as what they see at Hoffmann Center.

Hoffmann Center goals and direction are set for the next four years with strong strategic ideologies toward change and growth to strengthen our client centered programming, as well as family focused treatment.

### **Therapeutic Services:**

Our clients have been utilizing community recreational opportunities! These activities included fishing at local lakes, canoeing, golfing, movies, Vikings training camp and other various on-campus recreational opportunities. We focus on assisting clients to learn specific hobbies to provide them life-long leisure activities.

Another component of our therapeutic services is to provide learning experiences in the community for our clients. As part of the spring and summer learning experience, clients participate in the "Adopt the Highway" program. Our clients also asked to adopt a local park as part of their giving back to the community. Clients work to keep the park free of debris. They take a lot of pride in keeping the park area neat and clean.

### **Family Services Special Event:**

On June 25<sup>th</sup> the annual Family Day event was held. This gives families an educational and fun day with their sons. Over 118 people were in attendance! Food, exercise and therapeutic art projects were offered to all parents. Hoffmann Center's RN, Marcy Nesje, and our Consulting Psychiatrist, Dr. Shane Wernsing, set up a healthy snack booth to provide parents and clients an opportunity to experience and learn about healthy snacks for their sons. A healthy snack booklet was passed out with recipes provided to the parents.

Sara Mennen, Clinical Supervisor/Family Therapist, coordinated this event which included therapeutic activities for parents to become hands on with their sons. Our Recreation Coordinator, Brad Walsh organized recreation opportunities for parents that wanted to participate.

BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs and salads were prepared by New Horizon Foods and served to all clients, parents and staff. This activity always has an overwhelming turnout and parents, kids and staff all were thankful for this event. Hoffmann Center appreciates the staff that participated and worked so hard to make this activity such a success.

\*\*\*\*\*MEET OUR NEW STAFF\*\*\*\*\*



Kelsey Granowski, MA  
Therapist, Evergreen Cottage

Kelsey graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and from Saint Mary's University with a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology. She has past years of service as a Youth Counselor and has now returned to LAHC as a therapist in the Evergreen Cottage.

**Providing Opportunities & Partnerships with Local University and Colleges for Internships**

Hoffmann Center is engaged at strengthening its relationship with local Universities and Colleges by providing academic internship opportunities in Corrections, Family Counseling and the Social Work field for not only undergraduate students, but also with graduate students. We started by developing a partnership with Minnesota State University-Mankato (MSU) in setting up internship sites for two graduate students in Social Work. Their experience was not only helpful to Hoffmann Center, but provided these students with an opportunity to practice their clinical skills in the field, having contact with other professionals in the field and having opportunities to work in a team-orientated process. Hoffmann Center clinical staff were able to provide field instruction and supervision for our interns. We were also successful in assisting MSU and Gustavus Adolphus College with undergraduate internships.

We were successful in receiving a small grant to assist with graduate students internships through MSU! We are in the planning stages for the upcoming college year. This will allow us to provide paid internships for students depending on the length of their internship. We welcome interns!!



*Congrats, Sara Loose!*

Sara is one of our extraordinarily talented therapists! She recently received her LICSW licensure. She started at Hoffmann Center in December 2005 as a Youth Counselor, promoted in June 2009 to Primary Counselor and then to Therapist in September 2013. As a therapist, Sara continued to work towards completing her Master's degree. She has worked hard to accomplish this personal goal, and at the same time, worked full-time as a therapist. This is no easy task, and we want to recognize her achievement.

Again, Congratulations to you Sara!!



Leo A. Hoffmann Center donated \$1,000 to River's Edge Hospital and Clinic Foundation to go toward the purchase of a new ambulance!

**JOB OPENINGS!**

Are you, or someone you know, looking for a job AND a rewarding field? Hoffmann Center has openings! We are seeking individuals for:

- Youth Counselors
- Night Youth Counselors
- Part-time On-Call Youth Counselors

Did you know that Hoffmann Center has a hiring bonus?

- Full-time - \$500
- Part-time - \$300

Prospective candidates can call (507) 934-6122 or e-mail [staylor@hoffmanncenter.org](mailto:staylor@hoffmanncenter.org).



**H**offmann 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 58%** of the per diem costs! Hoffmann Center does not bill for clients who are on straight medical assistance (county's 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.**