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RE: Organizational Changes at SUD

The Division of Behavioral Health is announcing several organizational and staffing changes. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) will now be a program rather than a bureau. This move in no way indicates a change in the importance of SUD prevention and treatment, but instead reflects staff reductions at the central office level. The position of SUD Bureau Chief has been eliminated and Bethany Gadzinski's last day in the office was July 27th. The Acting SUD Program Supervisor will be Kathy Skippen, who has been managing the BPA contract.

Program Specialist Sherry Johnson, who has been actively involved in program approval, clinician status approval, management of the CASAT contract, and SUD rule writing, will be leaving SUD today, and relocating to Oklahoma. The Program Specialist position is currently being advertised for hire. The position Kathy previously held is being eliminated. The Division of Behavioral Health, like all of you, has to continue to tighten our belt and do more with less.

Kathy's email address is skippenk@dhw.idaho.gov and her phone number is (208) 334-6676. When the Program Specialist position has been filled we will provide you with contact information for that position.

Thank you for continuing to provide a valuable service to the people of Idaho. It is appreciated by all of us at Behavioral Health.