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MEMORANDUM

To: Area/County Program Directors
MH/DD/SAS Commission
State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee Members
State Facility Directors

From: Flo Stein, Chief, Community Policy Management

Phillip Hoffman, Chief, Resource and Regulatory Management

RE: Realignment of Drug Regulatory Functions and Staff

As with any major organization change, agencies must continually reassess business practices and, as necessary, realign responsibilities to ensure the highest possible level of customer service. In the Division's 2002 reorganization, drug regulatory functions were assigned to the Regulatory Team within the Resource and Regulatory Management Section. At the same time, the Justice Innovations Team was established within the Community Policy Management Section. While the organization placement of the drug regulatory functions within the Regulatory Team was logical from a regulatory standpoint, Division management has now determined an overriding need to more closely integrate the drug regulatory and justice innovation functions.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2005, the drug regulatory functions, and staff assigned to carry out these functions, will be transferred from the Regulatory Team, led by Darlene Steele, to the Justice Innovations Team, led by Sonya Brown. This realignment will ensure that the Division has a strong and visible presence with local law enforcement agencies and other health and human services providers. The Justice Innovations Team, with the assistance of the drug regulatory inspectors, will address the entire spectrum of prescription monitoring and the diversion of drugs to the community. In addition, the Community Policy Management Section will assume the expanded role of strengthening relationships among local, state and federal enforcement and justice agencies, the Division, LMEs and service providers.

Drug regulatory staff being reassigned from the Regulatory Team to the Justice Innovations Team include Mr. Johnny Womble, Mr. Gerald Peacock, Ms. Nancy Talbert and Mr. Jack Rowe. Effective January 1, 2005, these individuals may be contacted through the Justice Innovations Team at 3008 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-3008, the phone number is (919) 715-2771.

I am pleased that the drug regulatory staff and the Justice Innovation Team staff are willing to accept the challenges of this new role. I appreciate their commitment to the safety of our citizens and know that they will make valuable contributions as we continue to work to improve our system for the benefit of the consumers we serve.



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<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/announce/index.htm>

The Division will make every effort to ensure a smooth and seamless transition of these functions. Should you have any questions concerning this transition, please contact Flo Stein, Chief, Community Policy Management Section at 919-733-4670 or Flo.Stein@ncmail.net or Phillip Hoffman, Chief, Resource and Regulatory Management Section at 919-715-7774 or Phillip.Hoffman@ncmail.net

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