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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Email from Surgeon General Viamonte Ros

Dear Friends,

This is my final weekly update since I will be leaving early this week and will be returning the first two days of January just to finish packing up my office. I want to express to all of you what these past four years have meant to me. I am extremely grateful for the honor and privilege of having had the opportunity to represent and lead the Department of Health. I leave with cherished friendships, wonderful memories and great lessons learned.

At the end of our transition team meeting last week, I was asked by one of the members why, despite so many challenges faced, I had persevered. Without missing a beat, I went back to my office and brought to him two large binders full of all the emails and hand-written notes that I have received throughout the years—many as responses to these weekly updates. I held out these binders and said, “These have made it all worthwhile and are the most treasured possessions that I will take with me.” I am not completely sure what my immediate plans are, but I will always remain committed to helping improve the health of the people in our state. I hope we can stay connected. My personal email is anaviamonteros@gmail.com. The Department of Health is a strong and resilient agency with a vital mission and extraordinary public servants. Thank you for your support, advice and friendship.

May your holidays and new year be filled with joy and many blessings,
Ana

Email from Dr. Chiaro

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, a component of the gubernatorial transition process is the submission of letters of resignation by senior staff (Division Directors and above). As of Friday evening, December 17, I was notified that my resignation has been accepted and that January 3, 2011 will be my last day at Children's Medical Services (CMS) and the Department of Health.

Phyllis Sloyer has been requested by Governor-elect Scott to remain in her appointed position for at least an additional period of 30-60 days. Mike Haney's last day with CMS will be the same as mine.

After six years as your Deputy Secretary, I will be sad to leave this fine organization and the wonderful and superbly talented and dedicated people who have made it the premier provider of care to special needs children. While much has been accomplished the last six years, much remains to be done. More important than any one individual or organization is the mission of delivering quality care to needy children. I pray God's blessing on you and CMS as you continue to accomplish that mission.

You may share this email with your staff as you wish.

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Email from Dr. Haney

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, it is traditional for changing administrations to request resignations of Senior Management for all departments under the direction of the Governor. Regrettably, I was notified Friday evening that my resignation had been accepted with an effective date of January 3rd, 2011. It has been my honor and privilege to serve with you taking care of Florida's children for the past 16 years. While I'm deeply disappointed by their decision, I will look forward to new opportunities to continue to serve abused and neglected children. Thank you for what you do - I can leave with peace that our programs will continue to grow and be nurtured by your leadership. I trust that our paths will cross again soon.

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you!

My best,

Mike

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

A Message from ParentFurther

ParentFurther is here to help you raise caring, healthy, responsible, successful kids. Our easy-to-use, comprehensive resource seeks to build a unique community that provides access to support and practical, everyday steps to help you with a wide range of parenting issues. Behind our advice and approach are research-based information and tools that have been put to the test in the real world. The cornerstone of our approach is Search Institutes Developmental Assets: 40 common sense, positive qualities and experiences that help influence the choices kids make.

<http://www.parentfurther.com>

AHCA Moves Forward with State Health Information Exchange Award

~Creates a "network of networks" for health information exchange~

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will contract with Harris Corporation to implement a secure statewide network that enables participating health care providers to locate and retrieve health care records for patient care when authorized by law. The network will connect provider networks interested in participating, such as hospital systems, integrated delivery systems, regional health information organizations, federally qualified health centers, county health departments and other provider networks. The project will also implement services to support secure messaging for those providers not participating in a network. The total amount of the contract is \$19,013,194 for a four-year project, plus the vendor is providing matching services valued at over \$3.3 million.

An Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) was issued July 15, 2010 to procure a qualified vendor to create the network and implement the health information services using federal funding provided under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement. The ITN requested proposals for a technical solution to promote the effective use and exchange of health care information in a secure environment and reflects the intent of the health information technology provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH Act) of 2009.

"This is the start of a carefully designed effort to improve Florida's statewide health information exchange infrastructure by leveraging existing and developing initiatives in communities across the state, thus empowering health care providers to utilize electronic health records more effectively in patient care," AHCA Interim Secretary Liz Dudek said. "Health care professionals that have more complete information at the time of service can improve coordination, avoid duplication of tests, and encourage preventive care. We are pleased to have a trusted, Florida-based partner with a long term commitment to move us forward in meeting these important objectives."

"We look forward to partnering with AHCA to fulfill the vision of a statewide Florida Health Information Exchange," said Jim Traficant, Vice President and General Manager of Harris Healthcare Solutions. "We are excited to bring to this initiative our exceptionally qualified and experienced team, a holistic health information exchange solution, and our compelling innovations that will offer value to large and small health care organizations as well as individual physicians. Our Harris family employees living in Florida, and worldwide, are all counting on our collective success."

Harris Corporation is an international communications and information technology company serving government and commercial markets in more than 150 countries. Headquartered in Melbourne, Florida, the company has annual sales of over \$5 billion and approximately 16,000 employees, including over 6,500 employees in Florida.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. AHCA administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 41,000 health care facilities and 52 managed care organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics on FloridaHealthFinder.gov. For more information, please visit AHCA.MyFlorida.com.

NECTAC NEWS

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

UPCOMING TRAININGS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

National Stuttering Association Workshop (With 2 Attachments)

The University of South Florida, in collaboration with the National Stuttering Association, will host its 3rd Annual Youth Day for children who stutter, their families, and speech-language pathologists who work with children who stutter. This event is comprised of both a continuing-education workshop, as well as a child/family workshop, both held on the same day at the University of South Florida's Tampa campus. Attached please find the brochures for both events. Please forward the Youth Day flyer to parents who might be interested in bringing their children who stutter to the Youth Day event. Please forward the CEU flyer to Speech-Language Pathologists who work with children who stutter.

Center for Early Education and Development College of Education and Human Development University of Minnesota

Interested in becoming a reliable observer using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)? CEED offers two-day trainings led by certified CLASS trainers to help you and your staff through this process.

REGISTER ONLINE:

<http://www.regonline.com/ceedclass>

Register by: January 6

Next training will be held January 13-14, St. Paul Student Center, University of Minnesota - St. Paul Campus. Hurry - Registration for this session is closing soon.

For further information on CEED's many CLASS-related services and a complete CLASS 2011

schedule, please visit the [CLASS Trainings web page](#).

2011 CLASS OBSERVER RELIABILITY TRAINING SCHEDULE:

- January 13-14, 2011 St. Paul
- March 31-April 1, 2011 St. Cloud
- May 19-20, 2011 Fargo/Moorhead

CLASS OBSERVER TRAINING DESCRIPTION:

The CLASS is a multifaceted observation system that requires training to use it appropriately. This two-day in person training covers the instrument and provides opportunities to score video segments in preparation for the online reliability testing. Additionally, participants must complete 3-4 hours of pre-training exercises and readings, and schedule one half day to complete the reliability testing after the training. Passing the online test is necessary to become a reliable CLASS observer.

- Possible audience size: up to 20
- Training price: \$180/person

For all CLASS-related questions, please contact Yvonne Godber at ygodber@umn.edu.

The Early Steps State Office staff would like to wish everyone a very healthy and happy holiday season.

Holiday OSEP Soup

Put the following ingredients into a slow cooker

- 20 oz. of **Part B indicators**, sliced
- 14 oz. of **Part C indicators**, diced
- 4 lbs. of **618 brand Data**, cubed
- 1 lb. of shredded **Monitoring**
- 1 bottle of **IDEA Sauce**, (shake first)
- 1 Tbsp. grated **APR**
- 1 Tbsp. minced **SPP**

Season to taste with **self monitoring** spice of your choosing and to taste of your state contact.

Simmer in slow cooker for 3 hours or until Head Chef, **OSEP**, makes a determination on the soup:

Meets Requirements: Dish into bowls, tell everyone it is **Compliant** and enjoy the OSEP Soup

Needs Assistance: Add some more **618 Brand Data** and 4 tablespoons of Technical Assistance

Needs Intervention: Let it simmer and **Monitor** for 5 years

Or is Not Acceptable: tell Chef **OSEP** to change the **Targets** and just forget it!!!

May your days be merry and your New Year compliant!

Happy Holidays All!!