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Brian M. Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director

TO: Maryland's Public Mental Health System Partners

FROM: Brian M. Hepburn, M.D.
Executive Director

RE: "Meet Value Options" Forums

DATE: June 17, 2009

Value Options, Inc. of Norfolk, Virginia has been awarded a five year, $51.6 million contract to serve as the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for Maryland's Public Mental Health System (PMHS), beginning on September 1, 2009.

Meetings have begun with representatives from Value Options, stakeholders, and our current vendor, MAPS-MD. I want to ensure everyone who has an interest in this change that MHA is doing everything possible to make this a seamless transition so no disruption in services occurs to the consumers or payment to providers. To this end, MHA plans to hold a series of meetings with providers and other stakeholders for input and training on Value Options' system. MHA will also convene a Transition Oversight Committee with representatives from the mental health stakeholder community to assure that the transition proceeds as planned.

The current toll-free number, for providers and consumers, 1-800-888-1965 will remain the same. Beginning September 1, 2009 Value Options will be operating this number, rather than MAPS-MD

As a part of this transition, MHA and Value Options will hold series of regional community meetings for providers and consumers to introduce the community to Value Options and answer questions that may arise.

I encourage your attendance at these meetings. Additional meetings will be held throughout the summer. The first series of meetings will be held on:

FORUM	DATE & TIME	VENUE/LOCATION
Baltimore City	June 22, 2009 9AM-10:30AM	Baltimore City Community College 2901 Liberty Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 2121
Baltimore Area	June 22, 2009 1PM-2:30PM	Hilton Pikesville 1726 Reisterstown Road Pikesville, MD 21208
Southern Maryland	June 23, 2009 1PM-2:30PM	College of Southern Maryland: La Plata Campus Room BI113E 8730 Mitchell Rd La Plata, MD 20646
Western Maryland	June 24, 2009 1PM-2:30PM	Hagerstown Community College Merle S. Elliott Continuing Education & Conference Center Career Programs Building Rooms 211 & 213 11400 Robinwood Drive Hagerstown, MD 21742
Eastern Shore	June 25, 2009 9AM-10:30AM	Holiday Inn Express 8561 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601
Southern Maryland	June 26, 2009 9AM-10:30AM	Comfort Inn Conference Center in Bowie 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716