



Dr. Nelson Message

Week 2: Community Forums

Hello,

I'm Dr. Nelson, with the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health. I hope you have had a chance to look over this new website, and have found the information to be useful. Please keep checking the website, as it is updated weekly with answers to questions we receive from the public.

However, we do not want to rely solely on questions submitted to our website or phone calls we receive. We want to meet with you as well during this difficult time. Nothing compares to face to face interaction, so we have also arranged many opportunities for you to meet with us and leaders from the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities so we can talk in person.

During the remainder of April, we will be participating in numerous community forums throughout Arizona. These forums are open to anyone who wants to voice a question, comment, concern, or idea regarding the many decisions that must be made in the very near future. We have partnered with the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities and local providers to host these forums in hopes that we reach as many people as possible.

During the last few weeks, my staff has been gathering detailed information, researching options for consideration, and conducting financial analysis to help us make many tough decisions together. These community meetings will allow us to dialogue about these decisions that must be made.

On our website, you will find the community forum calendar. It provides the details for these forums, including the date, time and location. Please take a few minutes to find a forum conveniently located near you.

If you are unable to attend any of the forums, please remember, you can still communicate with us by sending an email to dbhsinfo@azdhs.gov , or giving us a call at 1-800-867-5808.

Here at the Division of Behavioral Health Services, our commitment is to continue to work collaboratively with all of our partners during these challenging times. Our goal is to make the best decisions we can...decisions that continue to support our vision for recovery and quality.

Thank you.

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