

Goold, Scott, WCA

From: Goold, Scott, WCA
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 12:00 PM
To: Dow, Thomas, WCA
Cc: Pena-Johnson, Priscilla, WCA
Subject: RE: IAP Clinic on Friday, Dec. 7th: "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol"

Thank you Thomas ~

You claim my request did not comply with agency procedure. How do you know this without discussing my actions with me? I have been attending ECHO training for years now, and Jeff, initially, and now Richard have expedited my attendance with a policy that I only needed to give them my request via email, as the subject matter has been approved previously and officially. When Jeff left this past summer, I discussed this with Richard. He contacted Jeff and this has been our continued working procedure. You can review my Share logs, as I have documented my attendance each time – under Workshop, I believe. You will find no formal requests – only requests as I did on Dec 6th.

Had Richard felt I did not submit my request properly, when I did so on Dec 6th, he could have asked me to submit something more formal. He did not.

You now criticize me for “the attitude and tone” in my email to Richard. I intended no negative attitude or tone – I was simply shocked he did not approve my request. I urge you to note that Richard DID NOT request that I use an approved form and include the (1) and (2) information as you did. He listed his reasons. You now accuse me of not complying with procedure when I am doing exactly what my supervisor, Jeff requested, and what Richard has asked me do for the past 4-5 months since Jeff has departed.

I was stunned to be denied by Richard this morning. He could have denied my request earlier to allow me more time to reapply. You have stunned me as well by not speaking with me about this matter and for apparently holding me to standards that may not apply in this situation.

Please let me be clear. I do not intend any “attitude or negative tone” toward you. I am simply confused how you and Richard wish me to behave. I did what I was instructed to do and am now punished both by Richard and by the agency.

Thank you for your time!
Scott

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From: Dow, Thomas, WCA
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 11:39 AM
To: Goold, Scott, WCA
Cc: Pena-Johnson, Priscilla, WCA
Subject: RE: IAP Clinic on Friday, Dec. 7th: "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol"

Scott,

I have reviewed the denial of your request for training to attend a discussion at UNM on the topic of Stigma of Addiction. While I understand you find it difficult to believe that the request was denied, I note that your request did not comply with agency procedure.

Requests for training should be made on the approved form and include (1) a description of the training program (2) a statement of how the training relates to the employee's job function and which strategic goal the knowledge or skill will support. The request should also include any course application or registration form completely filled out. Your request had none of this information.

Without a description of the training program and a statement of how the training will support your job function and agency goals neither your supervisor nor the HR office has the information needed to decide if the training is appropriate. If you had timely provided the information you put in your last email to Richard, it may have made a difference in the decision making process.

I find it unfortunate that you took the attitude and tone you did in your email to Richard. When your request for training does not comply with procedure and fails to provide the information by agency procedure, you should expect that the request will be denied.

If you are still interested in the training in January, please submit a request that complies with agency procedure.

Thomas E. Dow
Executive Deputy Director
NM Workers' Compensation Administration

From: Goold, Scott, WCA
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 7:49 AM
To: Adu-Asamoah, Richard, WCA
Cc: Dow, Thomas, WCA
Subject: RE: IAP Clinic on Friday, Dec. 7th: "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol"

Good morning Richard ~

You say in your note that the issue of "Stigma of Addiction" does not appear to be of professional interest to you and the WCA at this time. You recently told Director Fuller and Mr. Dow that my presentation before the WCA of NM was "very good." Please see a copy of your comments below. I included a major section on Stigma of Addiction. One individual approached me afterwards in tears. She thanked me for bringing up stigma, as she has suffered an addiction to prescription drugs. She said my words helped her put this matter in perspective and that she could now release some of her guilt and pain. She gave me the most sincere and heart-warming hug for talking about this issue. As you are aware, the WCA of NM has requested I give my presentation, updated, at their May conference. I spoke with Dylan Shaw, current president of the WCA of NM (I believe), yesterday at the Advisory Council meeting. He reiterated how much they enjoyed my presentation and urged me to speak again in May. The issue of Stigma of Addiction would be a major part of that presentation.

You deny my request for more research and training in this area? I am stunned!

I am ready to meet with you, Roger, Brenda, Tom or whomever else you would like to include on both the Provider Fee Schedule and Annual Expenditure Data collection application. You pick. I am ready and at your disposal whenever you wish.

Thank you,
Scott

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From: Adu-Asamoah, Richard, WCA
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Dow, Thomas, WCA; Fuller, Ned, WCA
Cc: Adu-Asamoah, Richard, WCA; Goold, Scott, WCA
Subject: Research Presentation/Discussion on Opioids at WCA Meeting - Mr. Scott Goold
Importance: High

Good Morning Thomas,

Mr. Scott Goold made a very good presentation on opioids and pain management (dependency, abuse, and implications for the New Mexico Workers' Compensation System) at the New Mexico Workers' Compensation Association monthly breakfast meeting this morning. As discussed a few weeks ago, I joined Scott and Diana at the breakfast meeting this morning. The presentation was well-prepared, the delivery was excellent, and the subject matter was very well received.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for me to directly observe Mr. Goold interact with stakeholders outside the agency building. I was very happy with the results.

The presentation had 40 slides providing a range of information for all stakeholders. The size of the presentation did not permit hard copies to be printed for meeting attendees. Instead, the following URL

http://www.wcasubmit.org/docs/wca_11.09.12.pdf

has been provided for interested parties to have access to the presentation and other information. Stakeholders interested in knowing more about the presentation, and the subject discussed, have been asked to contact Scott.

Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

From: Adu-Asamoah, Richard, WCA
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 5:53 PM
To: Goold, Scott, WCA
Cc: Adu-Asamoah, Richard, WCA; Dow, Thomas, WCA
Subject: RE: IAP Clinic on Friday, Dec. 7th: "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol"
Importance: High

Good Evening Scott,

I have reviewed your request to attend the presentation on "Stigma of Addiction". The topic does not meet the requirements that I have used to evaluate approval for participation on behalf of the WCA i.e., the topic must have relevance to ongoing work at the agency and in Workers' Compensation; the topic should have unique contribution to understanding current issues of debate in the New Mexico Workers' Compensation system; and participation will not delay critical work at the Economic Research Bureau. Your attendance at this presentation is not approved.

I have not seen work completed on the Provider Fee Schedule, and the Annual Expenditure Data Collection applications. Please prepare to make a presentation to Roger, Brenda and me on Friday, 12/14/2012 or Monday, 12/17/2012 (between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) on the AER data collection applications. Executive Deputy Director Thomas Dow will participate if his schedule permits and depending on which day and time you select. Thank you.

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To: Adu-Asamoah, Richard, WCA
Subject: FW: IAP Clinic on Friday, Dec. 7th: "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol"

Richard ~

I would like to attend the presentation on December 14th regarding Stigma of Addiction if that meets with your approval. If I'm still around in January, I would like to attend the two discussions on Cannabis as well.

Thank you.
Scott

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From: Project ECHO [<mailto:kgaines@salud.unm.edu>]
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To: Goold, Scott, WCA
Subject: IAP Clinic on Friday, Dec. 7th: "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol"



Internal Medicine

[Click here to view this week's Project ECHO calendar.](#)

Greetings, IAP Clinic Participants.

Please join the Integrated Addictions and Psychiatry TeleECHO clinic on **Friday, December 7th, from noon - 2:00 p.m. (MST)** for a presentation on "Medication to Prevent Relapse to Alcohol" by Miriam Komaromy, MD. This session will be facilitated by Dr. Komaromy.

[Links to clinic materials will be sent out on Friday morning.](#)

Patient Presentations:

NEW: We invite you to present your patient case *BEFORE* the didactic presentation. So, if you are pressed for time and would like to present your case at noon instead of after the didactic, please let us know.

Please FAX your cases prior to this week's clinic to **505-272-6906** using the [Case Presentation Form](#). Please try to fill out all 4 pages of the form, so that our medical specialists will have as complete a picture of your case as possible.

Connecting to the IAP TeleECHO Clinic:

Telephone Dial-in Number: 1-866-453-5550

PIN: 5548097#

When telephoning in, enter **5548097#** at the prompt. You will then be asked to state your full name and location, then press the **#** key in order to join the clinic. Please mute your telephone to prevent feedback; to mute on a phone, press ***6**, and to un-mute, press ***6** again. Please do not put the call on hold.

Video IP: 64.234.191.5##1000 for personal computers with CMA Desktop software

For POLYCOM machines that are NOT "Encryption Enabled":

Here is the NEW procedure to follow with your POLYCOM unit: Enter **64.234.191.5**, wait for the announcement, and then press the **#** sign to bring up the number pad on your computer screen. Then, type **1000#** on that number pad to enter the clinic. Link: [New Polycom instructions](#)

Upcoming Didactic Topics:

12/14/12 - "Stigma of Addiction" by Jeanne Block, RN, MS

12/21/12 - NO CLINIC

12/28/12 - NO CLINIC

01/04/13 - "What Do We Know About Cannabis?, Part I" by Miriam Komaromy

01/11/13 - "What Do We Know About Cannabis?, Part II" by Miriam Komaromy



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Molina Healthcare will reimburse you \$150 for your IAP patient presentation

Molina Health Care offers financial reimbursement to providers who seek out specialty consultation for their members through Project ECHO. Molina Health Care and ECHO's partnership is an effort to acknowledge your time and effort to improve both access and quality of care for your clients. To receive reimbursement enter the **NEW code Q3014 with a GT modifier** on a standard Medicaid claim form (the CMS-1500 form if billing electronically) and receive a **\$150 reimbursement** for the presentation of Molina members to Project ECHO clinics. This is a standard HCPC code that can be billed in the same manner as other procedure codes.

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Reimbursement from Medicaid & SCI for addiction treatment

Primary Care physicians are now allowed to bill Medicaid & SCI for office visits for treatment of opioid addiction and the management of buprenorphine. Here is a link for the [Letter of Direction](#) from the State to Salud! / SCI Managed Care Organizations.

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UNM Health Sciences Center Course: Treating Chronic Pain in New Mexico on Saturday, January 26th (additional offerings in 2013)

"Addressing Best Practices, Addiction and Current Regulations" is a half-day course brought to you by the UNM Pain Consultation & Treatment Center, in collaboration with the UNM Office of Continuing Medical Education. Additional offerings are on February 23, April 6 and May 18 at various locations. See brochure for details: http://som.unm.edu/cme/docs/2012_Pain_Bro.pdf This course fulfills the requirement from the New Mexico Board's Rule: 16.10.14 on Management of Chronic Pain with Controlled Substances. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™, as well as nursing credit. Contact the UNM HSC Office of CME at 505-272-3942 or visit their website at <http://som.unm.edu/cme>.

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New Skills Training Group for Alcohol Relapse Prevention
(contributed by Katie Witkiewitz, PhD)

@UNM, an outpatient alcohol-treatment clinic located within the UNM Psychology Clinic, is offering an affordable treatment group for individuals recovering from an alcohol problem. Interested individuals should call 505-277-5165 to undergo a phone screening and assessment. The clinic is alcohol-only so individuals with current comorbid drug dependence (with the exception of nicotine) will not

be allowed to enter the group. Click on this link to access the flyer:

[@UNM Alcohol Skills Training Group](#)

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Evidence-based guidelines for treating substance abuse, from the British Association for Psychopharmacology

Please click on this link to access these guidelines (recommended reading, shared by Miriam Komaromy, MD):

[BAP evidence-based guidelines](#)

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