



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 05-2009 June 4, 2009

TO: SHERIFFS, COMMISSIONERS of CORRECTION, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, FACILITY MEDICAL DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS, TRAINING COORDINATORS

RE: Jail Suicide Risk Assessment Presentation

The New York State Office of Mental Health will be presenting a free seminar via internet broadcast on June 25, 2009 on the topic of Jail Suicide Risk Assessment. This seminar is intended for mental health professionals who currently provide services in county correctional facilities. The seminar is adapted from training recently delivered to all mental health clinicians who provide services through the Central New York Psychiatric Center and its satellite units in the New York State Department of Correctional Services. The seminar is intended to help mental health clinicians enhance their skill in identifying and managing inmates who may be at risk for suicide while incarcerated.

Registration information and access to the internet seminar is provided on the attached flyer. Questions regarding participation should be forwarded to Sam Catroppa or Mary Rathbun at 315-426-3930 or ocadmmr@omh.state.ny.us

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Beilein".

Thomas A. Beilein, Chairman

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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday
June 25, 2009

Jail Suicide Risk Assessment Presentation via a free Internet Broadcast

Mark your calendars!

**Participation information &
Registration to follow in early June**

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Sponsored by the
New York State Commission of Correction
New York State Office of Mental Health

The NYS Commission of Correction and the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) is pleased to announce a free internet broadcast on a program on Jail Suicide Risk Assessment. The program will take place on June 25, 8:45 AM – 1:00 PM.

This program is based upon best practices in the field of suicidology. With the help of staff from the State Commission of Correction this program has been adapted from a program used extensively for OMH clinical staff stationed in NYS State Prisons. Presenters will include senior Forensic clinicians who have presented this program very successfully in the past.

The audience for this presentation are those staff members who provide clinical care at local correctional facilities within New York State. System requirements to view the program are noted below.

If more than one individual is viewing the program from the same site it is highly recommended that viewers view the program together to avoid problems with multiple computers at a site trying to utilize bandwidth. Also below is a test link to ensure the program will run on the computer to be utilized for viewing the program.

Please contact the information systems director at your work location as soon as possible to discuss system needs and to avoid possible problems on the day of the webcast.

As noted, this program is being provided free and is being provided via the internet to avoid travel costs.

To register please contact: **Sam Catroppa or Mary Rathbun at 315-426-3930 or ocadmmr@omh.state.ny.us**

The test link to ensure your computer can receive this program is below.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not the link you will use to access and view the program on June 25. That will be sent to you following your registration.

http://pointers.audiovideoweb.com/stcasx/va91win1520/Start_Healthy_Stay_Healthy.wmv/play.aspx

The system requirements for the computer to be utilized to access and view the program should minimally be:

Minimum specs for viewing New York Network Web Stream

1. A Pentium III or greater, 700 mhz PC, minimum 256 mgs RAM
2. Windows 2000 SP4, Windows XP SP3, Windows Vista SP1
3. Windows Media Player minimum Version 9
4. Real Player (only if viewing Real Media Stream)
5. Sound card & speakers
6. Reliable Bandwidth. Our streams can be received on Dial-up, but it is not recommended. Dial-up bandwidth can be unreliable. Cable or DSL should be considered
7. Permission from your IT administrator to view the streams if viewing from behind your company firewall. They should be notified prior to the day of the broadcast to efficiently view the stream.