



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/15/18

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Larry Benders, Susie Meles and Judith Weyburne met with officials from The MetroHealth System this week to discuss referrals and rehabilitation needs for those patients who have experienced trauma/vision loss, employment collaboration opportunities and further ways to grow this partnership, which began with a recent visit to CSC by MetroHealth’s President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Akram Boutros.
- Larry Benders, Susie Meles, Sylvia Snyder and Judith Weyburne visited with various leaders at Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center (CHSC) this week. The collaborative meeting among similar agencies discussed a variety of topics including work with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), clients served by CSC and CHSC, as well as opportunities for increased collaboration going forward.
- Larry Benders and Karen Hiller attended the annual meeting of the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation on Thursday, June 14th. The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation is a great partner to CSC, with their recent \$100,000 in support of CSC’s electronic medical record project.
- CSC engaged hundreds of visitors at the agency’s tent and art activity table at the annual “Parade the Circle” event on Saturday, June 9th in University Circle. Thanks to staff members Desmond Kennedy and Jessica Polack and the many volunteers who participated to make it such an engaging and meaningful experience for attendees.



CSC's activity tent



Youngster uses a signature guide while blindfolded

- Early Intervention Specialist Barb Williams presented information about CSC to staff members (optometrists, ophthalmologists and techs/support staff) at Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons at their office in Stow, reaching a group of 65 people in attendance on Tuesday, June 12th.
- Tom Sawyer presented the “Tips Talk” at Huntington Square Apartments in Medina and visited with a low vision support group at Medina Department for Older Adults on Monday, June 11th. On Tuesday, Tom attended the Medina County Senior Services Network meeting in Brunswick. Desmond Kennedy made visits this week with Dr. Kraft and staff at Clarkson Eyecare in Brunswick, Dr. Crapanzano and staff at Pleasant Valley Eyecare in Parma and doctors and staff of the ophthalmology department at MetroHealth Middleburg Heights November Family Health Center.

CSC's EMR Project Continues:

- The EMR project management team continues weekly meetings with many users and stakeholders at CSC. The meetings have been very productive and yielded great conversation and tremendous

collaboration. The development and implementation team has been focusing on Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) to get those workflows and project needs ready for usage with a mid-August goal, which aligns with the start of the school year. This segment of the EMR will be a model for the rest of the agency to make the system as efficient as possible. More information will be provided on any necessary training sessions for staff members.

Ramping Up at Highbrook Lodge:

- Staff members at Highbrook Lodge have been in full swing preparing for the arrival of campers for its 90th summer. Staff training kicked off this week and included training and skill verifications for lifeguards (pool and waterfront), archery instructors, vehicle drivers and outdoor living instructors. Additional Program staff members arrive Friday to continue training in their respective program areas; with all staff arriving on Sunday.

What's New in the Eyedea Shop:

- Stop by the Eyedea Shop to purchase one a Cleveland Sight Center baseball cap to support our agency. They are embroidered with the CSC logo and come in khaki or royal blue. Each hat is priced at \$18.00.



CSC-branded hat in either royal blue or khaki

- The Eyedea Shop's clearance item this week is the Food Pod. Boil veggies or potatoes without worrying about draining a large pot of boiling water. Made of silicone and dishwasher safe. The clearance price is \$16.00.



Image of the Food Pod in yellow

- Looking for a great gift idea? For a limited time, the Eyedea Shop is offering a men's talking watch with a silver face and expansion band. The watch will verbally report the time and date. The sale price is \$30.00!



Image of talking watch with silver face, silver band and black numbers

- If you are or someone you know is an artist who is blind or has low vision, consider submitting artwork to grace the cover of some of the 2018 Holiday Cards. The requirements for this year's cards are as follows: artist must be blind or have low vision; two submissions per artist; if submitting in digital format, artwork must be 300 DPI, entry window is May 7, 2018 – August 10, 2018; submit entries to bpascik@clevelandsightcenter.org. Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).
- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Items of Note:

- CSC welcomes University Circle, Inc.'s Future Connections program intern Folakemi Sampson! Folakemi will be spending her time at CSC helping Volunteer Services determine how to reduce and minimize gaps that take place in volunteer placements. Folakemi will be working

on this project through July 6th, when she will be charged with leading a presentation to propose a solution that can help CSC minimize volunteer gaps that are experienced between semesters and seasons.



Volunteer Manager Melissa Bresnahan and Folakemi Sampson

- Participants in the Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) program had a busy first week at CSC, taking various assessments, opening bank accounts and preparing for their first day of work, scheduled for Monday, June 18th. Stay tuned for more information on the group's Job Fair and Talent Show to be held in mid-July.
- The CYAS department hosts their quarterly "BLAST" event for "tweens" with an event on Saturday, June 23rd, at Sweetie's Golf Land and Candy Warehouse. Mini golf, picnic lunch, ice cream, and shopping and scavenger hunt at the country's largest candy shop are on the schedule. For more information on the event or the "BLAST" program, contact Kristen Callahan (216-791-8118).
- Please continue to be aware as the repaving and construction around Chester Avenue continues there may be new hazards that occur from time to time. The crosswalk landings on the south side of Chester Avenue at E. 101st Street, that is the corners of where the cross walk in the road meets the sidewalks, have been dug up and are awaiting new concrete. There is a drop off of about a foot in depth that is not fully barricaded from pedestrian access. Please use caution or solicit

assistance if needed when navigating this area. CSC's Facilities Department has talked with the work crew and asked that they pay special attention when possible.

- HoloLens, Microsoft's face computer, is made for mixing digital images with the real world. But a group of scientists found it's really good at a totally unanticipated application: helping people who are blind find their way through buildings and offering a better sense of where objects are around them. For the full article, [click here](#).

Did You Know?

- The June solstice of 2018 will happen on Thursday, June 21st at 6:07 a.m. (ET), marking the first day of summer and the longest day of the year to people who live in Earth's northern hemisphere. June is often considered a "summer month", whereas September is not...despite the fact that September has twice as many summer days as June.