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# what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

Well, I guess I know now that you are actually reading “What’s Up, Doc?” every week...when I came back to work after my day off, I had a stack of messages from people who said “I really need a day off and Doc said I could take off...” Boy, am I glad I added that line about checking with supervisors and filling out a leave slip, or I would be in hot water with every supervisor in OJJ. Glad you all got the message!

You’ve probably noticed the 26.2 mile policy marathon we’ve just completed. We’re back to just running the Policy 5K - we’re going to keep on getting them done, but the policies will be coming a little slower. Thanks to all the CQIS policy people for getting the critical ones done and distributed.

If any of you have been to central office during the past two weeks, you might have thought that Hurricane Gustav blew through here. Whose idea was it, anyway, to paint all the offices and hallways before the ACA audit? Well, the best laid plans, as they say....we finally are done with **that** massive task, thanks to Project Manager Glenn Holt who supervised this huge project, worked a staggered schedule, and listened to griping from just about the entire central office staff! Thanks also to our orderly, Hollywood, who moved everyone’s furniture and possessions in, and out, in, and out, to accommodate the painters.

Having the office painted gave us the opportunity to do a little spring cleaning. If people thought they were not packrats, we had the chance to think again. My goodness, the stuff that got cleaned out! And not only that, a real “packrat” had taken up residence in Accountant Wanda Armwood’s desk drawer - a little mouse scared her silly and scooted across “The Avenue.” But, I took a stroll around the office today around noon, and I noticed that all but a few people have already settled back into their spacious, 5-acre lots, uh, offices.

I made my film debut this week and got my face in front of the camera – this time for a good story. Communications Director Jerel Giarrusso is working on a video orientation to secure care that will be completed very soon. We are looking forward to screening it and seeing the great shots of all of our secure care centers and the fine acting skills of staff and youth. Thanks to everyone in the facilities who worked hard to make this project successful. Our kids’ parents will benefit by seeing what secure care looks like and how we can work together to help their children succeed.

Lots to look forward to: Geaux Tigers! The Tigers baseball team plays University of Virginia in the College World Series this weekend in Omaha (lots of us will be glued to the tube tomorrow, in the new digital format, no less)...only 12 days left in the legislative session...only two and a half months til football season...and only 201 days til Christmas!

Until next week, thanks for everything you do to meet the mission.

Sincerely,

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