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# what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

This is certainly an unusual week. As you may know, I was away until Tuesday, in San Antonio for the winter ACA conference. I left just in time for the cold weather to get there. Believe it or not, I experienced absolutely no problems getting home. Everything went according to plan and I arrived safely in Baton Rouge around 10 p.m., and made it to work the next day (Wednesday).

I began the proverbial catch-up on things after being gone for a few days. Y'all all know what that's like – there's a lot waiting for you when you get back. But that went well and Wednesday was clear enough that I could accommodate the usual walk-in emergencies. Of course we were all surprised when this cold weather front moved in and so many offices were closed on Thursday, and again today.

Work, however, goes on. Today I made it in to the office since the roads are not too bad, to participate in a Leadership Team conference call on CSoC (Coordinated System of Care) this afternoon. I was also able to take care of some things that needed attention – the kind that need doing but I never knew when I would ever get to them. So that's the good news. The bad news is that two important meetings were cancelled Thursday – with folks whose schedules are hard to coordinate. It will be a challenge to re-schedule those meetings quickly and get everyone in the same place at the same time.

Speaking of CSoC – I am anxious to hear from those of you who participated in the CSoC webinar held Wednesday. Did you gain any information from it? I am really seeking your feedback. As you know, a lot has been done, but there is still much to do, and many questions to be answered. We are still finding the answers to those questions. Please - let your voice be heard - give us the needed feedback so we can move forward with as much clarity and seamlessness as possible.

On that same note, the four CSoC agencies (OJJ, DOE, DCFS and DHH) will host a series of regional Town Hall meetings throughout the state during February and early March. OJJ will be responsible for convening the meetings in Baton Rouge and Alexandria, and we will send you the full schedule as soon as it is finalized. The purpose of the meetings is to bring stakeholders together to learn about the initiative, and to gather feedback from them.

One of the things I learned at the conference is that the U.S. Department of Justice PREA standards are out for review. We will be working with our team here to craft a response. In addition, ACA and CJCA are also preparing a response. As you know, these PREA standards will have an affect on our field as we move forward.

Please welcome Karen Stubbs, our new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations, Communications and Training. Karen comes to OJJ from the Governor's Office, where she served as Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet.

I am hoping that each of you, wherever you serve in OJJ's world, is keeping safe, warm and dry. My thanks to you all for your unceasing efforts to meet the mission, wherever you find yourself, and in any kind of weather.

Sincerely,  
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