

Provider Bulletin

for the Adult Mental Health Division

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A Message from William P. Sheehan, M.D.

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Happy Holidays to the Adult Mental Health Division Provider Network!

On behalf of the entire team at the Adult Mental Health Division, I wish you, your staff, and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This note is being sent as a friendly reminder about gift giving to state employees during this festive season, as well as the rest of the year.

We really appreciate your holiday wishes and cards, and thank you for sharing the spirit of the season with us.

Your good wishes and cards are more than enough, but occasionally we also receive gifts.

These gifts, though thoughtful and appreciated, are not necessary. Actually, they can become problematic, from an ethical standpoint, if the value of the gift is more than just a token.

All we really want for Christmas is your good wishes, continued good service to our consumers and the Division, and a great New Year!

I've enclosed a copy of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission guidelines on gifts for your review. Please contact Ms. Dawn Mendiola directly if you have any questions regarding this communication. She may be reached at (808) 586-4689 or email at dawn.mendiola@doh.hawaii.gov.

Best wishes for the holidays and always!