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The MACA Newsletter



MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

President's Corner By Laverne Blackorby, President

Hello again to you all. I'm very sorry that our news letter is late. Hopefully this will be the last time it will be delayed. We made plans during the conference, and Josh and Jen Meyer as well as Trina Goodenow have volunteered to publish the newsletter, and maintain the web page for us. I wish to extend a big thanks to them all for taking it over for us.

We are now well into our second quarter and the Spring Conference went really well we had one of the largest attended conferences for sometime now. We found in reviewing the conference speaker evaluation forms that all the workshops received

excellent reviews. Plans are almost complete for the fall conference and it looks like it should be another outstanding educational opportunity. Effective with the Third quarter newsletter all Agency MACA Members will be eligible to post job postings as well as post agency new updates. This can be done by forwarding any postings or updates to MACA@socket.net.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Mark Stringer for being kind enough to address our membership at the banquet, and for his continued support of Missouri counselors and MACA.

Just as a reminder, elections for all MACA board

positions and officers will be coming up this October. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the board start thinking about it now. Ronnie will be sending out nomination forms at the end of September.

Once again, Thank You all for your patience during our transition and updating of our website and services. Most of all, Thank you for being a member of MACA or a supporter. Hope to see you on October 9 thru 11 at Grand Glaze Inn.

Thanks to you all, and have a wonderful Summer,

Laverne Blackorby
MACA President

MSAPCB News By Scott Breedlove, Administrator

The MSAPCB is offering a grandfathering period for our two new Co-Occurring credentials. The grandfathering period is from June 1st, 2009 to August 31st, 2009. These two credentials are called CCDP and CCDP-D. The CCDP is the Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional and is at a Bachelor Degree level while the CCDP-D is the Certified Co-Occurring Disorders-Diplomate which is at a Master Degree level. During the grandfathering period, applicants must meet all credential qualifications except there is no testing. The application cost during the grandfathering period is \$150.00 if the application is postmarked during June, \$175.00 if the application is postmarked during July, and \$200.00 if the application is postmarked during August. The grandfathering applications are available on the MSAPCB web site www.msapcb.com. If you have any questions, contact the MSAPCB at 573-751-9211 or at help@msapcb.com.

News from the Office By Ronnie Beaver, Executive Secretary

Things have been really busy here. Since the first of the year, MACA has been responsible for membership applications, renewals, and mailings. We have seen some great progress in our numbers. Currently we have a total of 121 members. We have had 14 new members and 6 returned members which results in 113 professional members, 2 associate members, 2 retired members, and 4 agency members.

MSAPCB has been working with our individual members to provide the benefit of a \$5 discount to all of their trainings. Keep in mind; you are not a MACA member as a result of having a credential. MACA membership is separate from MSAPCB credentialing. If you are

interested in becoming a MACA member, just call the office at 816-232-3411, or e-mail; maca@socket.net, and I will send you application information.

I think I have finally wrapped up with our Spring 2009 conference and am working on the Fall 2009 conference. We had 119 participants at the Spring conference, and hope to have more in the Fall. We also had 6 vendor booths, and a total of 16 sponsors. A total of 100 CEU certificates were mailed to conference participants.

Thanks to all of the participants, sponsors, speakers, and Board members for helping to make the Spring conference a very positive experience.

We will be having MACA Board elections in the Fall,

with the new Board starting in January, 2010. I will be sending out nomination forms sometime in September, and we will also take nominations during the Fall conference. If you are interested in serving on the Board, keep an eye out for the nomination forms.

I also want to take a second to tell all of you how proud I am on MACA and the work we do, and plan to see many more changes in the future.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service to MACA and its members, and I will see you in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Beaver
Executive Secretary



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Did You Know...

One of our agency members saved \$245 by sending 7 of their staff to our Spring 2009 conference. With Agency membership costing \$195 per year, they not only paid for their membership, but saved \$50 when they qualified for the agency membership registration fee for the conference.



MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE

The Missouri Addiction Counselors Association is a not-for-profit Professional Organization for Counselors living in or working in the State of Missouri.

MISSION

MACA will actively engage in those activities which promote the integrity and professionalism of addiction counselors. MACA will provide continuing educational opportunities to addiction counselors, counselors-in-training, and other counseling disciplines. MACA will inform legislative and government officials of Missourians' treatment needs. MACA will explore and pursue ideas and principals which advance the Professional recognition of Addiction Counselors in Missouri.

Did You Know.....

MACA is the only Professional Membership Association in Missouri for Addiction Counselors and other Professionals in the Addictions field.

MACA was organized in 1971 as the Missouri Association of Alcohol Counselors to provide fellowship and support for persons professionally employed in alcoholism counseling. The role and mission of MACA expanded through the years to include persons providing professional counseling for alcohol, drug, and other addictive behaviors, thus necessitating a name change to the Missouri Association of Substance Abuse Counselors. In 1992, MASAC Membership and NAADAC (National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors) St. Louis Chapter agreed to combine and form one professional association in Missouri. MASAC then became Missouri Addiction Counselors Association.

In 2008 MACA discontinued its affiliation with NAADAC in order to focus resources on the needs of State membership.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Professional (Individual) Membership*:

Open to anyone engaged in the work of counseling or related fields who is interested in the addiction-focused profession. (It is *not* a requirement that Professional Members be credentialed in Addictions.)

May actively participate in the association, hold office, serve on committees, and have full voting rights.

Will be expected to uphold the aims & actions of MACA and abide by the MACA Codes of Ethics.

Associate (Registered) Membership*:

Open to persons with an interest in Substance Abuse and/or Addictions & the aims of the Association, *but not qualified for Professional or Student Membership and not yet certified by MSAPCB as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.* Associate Members will inform the MACA Board of Directors when they qualify for Professional Membership status.

Student Membership*:

Open to any full-time (9 hours) student at an accredited college or university or students involved in full-time or part-time internships. Student Membership is limited to Student Members for four 1-year membership terms, Student membership is open to both new & renewing Members. Student Members will be required to present documentation of "student-status" to MACA

** All individual memberships*

Agency Membership:

Open to those agencies, organizations, institutions, and associations wishing to support the purpose, objectives and actions of MACA. *Agency members receive the reduced conference rate for their employees.* Agency members can designate one representative who may vote and serve on committees, but is not eligible to hold office.

Retired Membership:

Open to anyone who has retired from working in counseling or related fields who is interested in supporting the addiction focused profession. (It is not required for the Retired Members to have been credentialed in Addictions)

MACA BENEFITS

- Inexpensive continuing educational opportunities
 - Annual Spring & Fall Conferences
 - Centrally located in Osage Beach
- Informative MACA Newsletters
- Networking opportunities with other Missouri Addictions Professionals and Agencies
- The chance to promote and enhance the role of the Professional Addictions Counselor
- MACA official certificate
- Individual members receive a discount on all MSAPCB training fees

Join today and you'll be on your way to gaining the professional edge, earning greater recognition, and keeping up-to-date with the newest field information.