



Missouri Addiction Counselors Association

## The MACA Newsletter

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### From The President's Corner

By Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, President

I would like to start with thanking everyone for your support of MACA. There are changes with as we move forward this year. So the next few months will be exciting.

First off, Ronnie Beaver, our Executive Secretary, has retired. This was a major loss for us as Ronnie was a driving force behind MACA for many years. We have also lost two board members due to personal issues. David Evans, our Southern Representative resigned as well as Matthew Silva, our Eastern Representative. We will miss them and their efforts to help guide us. We have appointed for the remainder of their terms, Jill Limbaugh, CRADC will be the new Eastern Representative and Al Crandall, CRADC will be the new Southern Representative. We welcome and appreciate their willingness to help us on short notice.

Our committees are working hard to bring us together in the fall for a good conference. To refresh your memory they are: Training and Education Chairperson Tracy Sovar and A'ndrea Hyde serving on the committee. Membership Chairperson is Elaine Campbell, with A'ndrea Hyde and Mae Landsford serving on the committee. The Ethics Advisory Committee Chair is Randall Bacon, with Elaine Campbell also serving on the committee. The Constitution and By-Laws will be chaired by the Executive committee. The Fundraising Chair is Randall Bacon with A'ndrea Hyde serving on the committee. The Newsletter Chair continues to be Lavern Blackorby as the committee. I encourage all MACA members to help out with these committees. You do not have to be on the Board to help! This a great way for you to be in on the action and help build our membership!

I would love to hear about what ideas, thoughts, concerns, etc. you might have. I encourage you to visit the web site at <http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org/> and get in touch with your representative. Do you know new counselors? Let them know about us! Let's get the word out! What a better way for a new counselor to know they have a voice and a way to get training and network with other experienced counselors!

We are always looking for presenters for our conferences. Who do you know or who would you like to see as a presenter? We encourage each of you to get in touch with Tracy or A'ndrea and let them know!

Our Spring Conference is April 24, 25, and 26th. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Bring a friend and have fun learning and sharing with us!

See you at the conference!

**Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, MACA President**

## In Memory Of

By Lavern Blackorby, Past President

It saddens me to announce to those of you who remember Rosie Weninger, who served as the Executive Secretary of MACA for several years has recently lost her mother. Helen Hoover, who was born on June 29, 1920 passed away on December 29, 2014. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rosie and her family.

**Lavern Blackorby CRAADC, SQP-R**

## Just for you at the MACA Spring Conference

From The MACA Conference Committee  
Andrea Hyde and Tracy Sovar

CEUs, CEUs, CEUs...What an EXCITING Conference and Presenters for the **MACA Spring Conference** lined up for professionals needing CEUs and wanting to experience a great atmosphere for gaining information to enhance your career! This is a great opportunity for new professionals entering the field and a refresher for current professionals.

Tracy has been busy; with help from her MACA team, in lining up another Great Conference! Mark your **calendars** for the **2015 SPRING CONFERENCE, April 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>**. At the Inn At Grand Glaze, at the beautiful Ozark Lake of Missouri. While you're "Marking your Calendar," MARK, October 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> for the Fall 2015 Conference!

Not only are there going to be great presenters, there is a different twist on the line-up. There will now be 2 tracks at each segment. That should make a greater influence on the information each can share

with other professionals. Here's a glimpse of some of the presentations:

- \*Basic Treatment Planning
  - \* Communications: Juveniles
  - \* Basic Documentation
  - \* Substance Abuse Education
  - \* Introduction to Small Groups
- And, as always; \*Ethics

(Other presentations will be listed on the application that you can access online at the MACA (Missouri Addiction Counselor Association) site. CHECK IT OUT!

Come hear and see what **MARK McDONALD** will be presenting on **Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup>**. It will be exciting, informational and worth your attention!

Go to the MACA online site, and GET THAT EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT.

Can't wait to see each and every one of you this SPRING!

**Andrea Hyde, Board Member for the Northern Area**

## Understanding Missouri's Treatment Courts

Submitted by; Jim Koen – Ignition Interlock Business Specialist with Guardian Interlock and MACA Board Member

Many Missouri residents are confused about the true purpose of Missouri Treatment Courts. I was one of those confused residents until I started to work closely with treatment counselors and probation officers within these programs. The confusion comes from (in my opinion) the word “courts”. Many Missouri residents hear the word “courts” and think that it is just a channeling or grouping of specific criminal cases through our current court system. It is much more than that. The information below helps explain the true benefit of Missouri Treatment Courts. The Missouri Treatment Courts program helps many Missouri residents with specific issues get targeted help to overcome their addictions and become productive members in our communities.

Reprint from; <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=250>

### Missouri Treatment Courts

House bill 471, passed by the general assembly in 2001, established a “Drug Courts Coordinating Commission” and the Drug Court Resources Fund. The commission is responsible for the evaluation of resources available for assessment and treatment of persons assigned to treatment courts. The commission oversees the operation of treatment courts, secures grant funds, and other property and services necessary or desirable to facilitate treatment court operations and allocates such resources among the various treatment courts operating within the state. The office of state courts administrator staffs the commission.

Treatment courts are judicially-supervised court dockets that reduce correctional costs, protect community safety and improve public welfare. In treatment courts, drug-addicted individuals remain in

treatment for long periods of time while under close supervision. Treatment court participants must meet their obligations to themselves, their families and society. To ensure accountability, they are regularly and randomly tested for drug use, required to appear frequently in court for the judge to review their progress, rewarded for doing well and sanctioned for not living up to their obligations. A treatment team is responsible for implementing daily operations of a specialized docket. The treatment team may include, but is not limited to, the following members: a judge, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, coordinator, probation officer, licensed treatment provider and law enforcement.

### **Adult Drug Court**

An adult drug court is a specially designed court calendar – or docket – with a goal to achieve a reduction in recidivism and substance abuse among drug-involved offenders in the community. An adult drug court seeks to increase the offender’s likelihood of successful recovery through continuous, intense judicially-supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, community supervision and use of appropriate sanctions and other rehabilitation services.

### **Juvenile Drug Court**

A juvenile drug court is a docket within a juvenile court, to which selected delinquency cases and in some instances status offenders, are referred for handling by a designated judge. The youth referred to this docket are identified as having problems with alcohol and/or other drugs. During the program, the juvenile treatment court team meets frequently (often weekly), determining how best to address the substance abuse and related problems of the youth and his or her family that have brought the youth into contact with the justice system.

## **Family Treatment Court**

Family dependency treatment court is a juvenile or family court docket, for which selected abuse, neglect and dependency cases are identified, when parental substance abuse is a primary factor. Judges, attorneys, child protection services and treatment personnel unite with the goal of providing safe, nurturing and permanent homes for children while simultaneously providing parents the necessary support and services to become drug and alcohol abstinent. Family dependency treatment courts aid parents in regaining control of their lives and promote long-term stabilized recovery to enhance the possibility of family reunification within mandatory legal timeframes.

## **Mental Health Treatment Court**

Modeled after drug courts and developed in response to the overrepresentation of people with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system, mental health courts divert select defendants with mental illnesses into judicially-supervised, community-based treatment. Defendants are invited to participate in the mental health court following a specialized screening and assessment. For those who agree to the terms and conditions of community-based supervision, a team of court staff and mental health professionals works together to develop treatment plans and supervise participants in the community.

## **DWI Court**

A DWI court is a distinct post-conviction court system dedicated to changing the behavior of the alcohol-dependent repeat offender arrested for driving while impaired (DWI). The goal of the DWI court is to protect public safety by using the drug court model to address the root cause of impaired driving – alcohol and other drugs of abuse. Variants of DWI courts include drug courts that also take DWI offenders, which are commonly referred to as “hybrid” DWI courts or DWI/drug courts. DWI courts often enhance their close monitoring of

offenders using home and field visits, as well as technological innovations such as Ignition Interlock devices and transdermal alcohol detection devices.

### **Veterans Treatment Court**

Veterans treatment courts are hybrid drug and mental health courts that use the drug court model to serve veterans struggling with addiction, serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. They promote sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with the traditional partners found in drug and mental health courts, with the addition of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks, the Veterans' Benefits Administration, volunteer veteran mentors and veterans and veterans' family support organizations. The veterans treatment court model uses volunteer veteran mentors and veterans' family support organizations to help defendants engage in treatment and counseling, as well as partners with local Veterans Affairs offices to ensure that participants receive proper benefits.

### **Re-Entry Treatment Court**

Offenders incarcerated in state prisons generally are outside of the jurisdiction of the treatment court. However, treatment courts are becoming an increasingly important structure through which drug-involved offenders can exit a state correctional system if they are under the jurisdiction of the court. A re-entry treatment court is a court that utilizes the drug court model, as defined in the ten key components, to facilitate the reintegration of drug-involved offenders in their return to the community after being released from prison. Using the authority of the court to apply graduated sanctions and positive reinforcement, resources are marshaled to support the prisoner's reintegration to promote positive behavior by the returning prisoner.



For more information regarding the treatment court program in Missouri, contact [Angela Plunkett](#), Treatment Court Coordinator.