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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Corner By Dian Banks, President

I hope this finds all healthy and well!

If you did not come to the Spring conference, you missed out on a good time networking and listening to the great speakers.

As always a huge thanks to all of the speakers and the conference attendees. Without you, these great conferences would not be possible.

The Fall conference will be at the Inn of Grand Glaize October 5, 6, 7, 2012. The conference mailing will be out in just a few days. Of course you can get this information here on the web site.

On Friday, October 5th: come have lunch with the Board of Directors and join in the meeting. It will be at 11:30.

Saturday night: come and enjoy the great food, raffle and white elephant auction and a short business meeting. This starts at 6:00 pm.

Sunday: come for the keynote speaker and have breakfast on MACA.

I look forward to seeing all of you again in the fall.

Dian Banks, LPC

President's Corner

MSAPCB News By Scott Breedlove, MSAPCB Administrator

The MSAPCB had a conference call board meeting on Wednesday, July 18th. The highlights from that call include the following:

1. For those holding a reciprocal level MSAPCB credential, the IC&RC will now be charging for those wanting to obtain an International Certificate from the IC&RC office. The MSAPCB staff will include an order form with each new reciprocal level credential offered and with each reciprocal level renewal. A professional can fill out the form and submit the form to the IC&RC National Office along with the fee of \$25.00 to receive a 2 year International certificate.
2. The MSAPCB approved changes to the requirements to receive the Missouri Substance Abuse Prevention Associate (MSAPA) credential. The online “Foundations of Prevention” course that was required for this credential has been replaced with a live training called Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training (SAPST). The oversight for this training is from ACT Missouri.
3. Over the next few months, changes will be made to the Missouri Recovery Support Specialist credential. These include the following:
 - A. The writing of a new code of ethics that is more oriented to the work of recovery support providers.
 - B. An option for applicants to self identify of being in personal recovery and receive a Missouri Recovery Support Specialist-Peer designation.
 - C. Training opportunities for recovery support specialists to prepare for a National Peer credential from the IC&RC that is expected in the summer of 2013.

In addition to the above items, the MSAPCB continues to work on other initiatives including providing quality trainings throughout the state including our Medication Assisted Recovery 40 hour training program.

Sincerely,

Scott Breedlove, MSAPCB Administrator

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, our staff is available to you at -751-9211 or at help@msapcb.com.

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From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

I hope everyone is surviving the heat of the summer. Here at the MACA office, things have been steady, but are picking up in preparation for the Fall Conference. You will be able to access the Conference flyer and sponsorship form on our web site.

It looks like it is going to be another wonderful conference. With the registration fee being so reasonable, you get a big "bang for your buck". We are working hard to increase our membership, and I am ready to process all applications and member certificates. Please check the member application under "membership".

After going to over 20 years of MACA conferences, I still get excited when the next one comes around. As a long time MACA member, I have been able to develop many lasting friendships, as well as learning from all of the outstanding presenters and their workshops. Be sure to tell your friends and co-workers about our conferences. Better yet, bring a friend or two (or more) to the conference.

I hope to see you soon. Also, call the office if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

Membership Committee By A-drea Hyde

Greetings and salutations to all you MACA members and those of you that wish to join! It's been a HOT! HOT! Summer. However, MACA is looking forward to a COOL Fall Conference. There's close to 100 members, so let's make it more than 100. The membership drive is going strong and there's a \$100 gift certificate to Wal Mart for the member that recruits the most new members before our Fall Conference.

(Remember, you are a member if your Agency has an Agency Membership.) If you're asking yourself, "Why should I become a member of MACA?" Here are some good reasons why: MACA has been the only professional organization for professional addiction counselors for over 40 years in Missouri. MACA's goal continues to 'promote the advancement and enhancement of the professional status of Addiction Counselors in the State of Missouri and nationally.' MACA members receive a discount when registering for the MACA Conferences and a discount if registering for any MSAPCB trainings/workshops. With membership being only \$75 to join, you'll save more than that in registration discounts each year! MACA offers Conferences twice a year where you have the opportunity to enhance your skills and meet other professionals, get interesting ideas and refreshing motivations. (And those much needed C.E.U.s)

Agency Members receive free advertising on the MACA Web Site / employment link: missouriaddiction-counselors.org. Agency Members will receive a free vendor booth at MACA conferences.

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!

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

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

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