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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Corner By Dian Banks, President

Is it Spring yet? This is a question in all of our minds! I just want to say the weather was just perfect when at the conference. I heard a lot of excellent remarks about the speakers all being good. A huge THANKS to the work of Tracy for this.

I want to say thank you for supporting us by coming to the conferences. This is an excellent time for networking and making new friends in this field.

Coming up this fall is the election of the board. Please be thinking about this. Nominations will be taken until after the Fall conference, beginning in September. You must be in good standing for two years as a MACA member to qualify to be on the board. Election will be in November 2013.

The next board meeting will be July 19, 2013 at the Country Kitchen in Columbia, MO.

Have a great spring.

Dian Banks

President

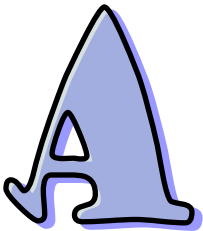
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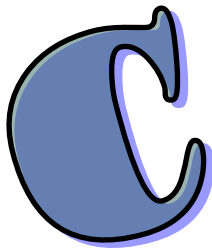
From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

I hope everyone is having a good year. The weather has been a challenge, but hopefully spring will get here soon. The 2013 MACA conference was a great success. From the reviews I see, it was rated high on the satisfaction scale. I don't know what MACA would do without all of the wonderful people who have become (and are becoming) a part of the MACA family.

We had over 110 participants, vendors and sponsors at the conference. The Speakers were excellent, and the fellowship was second to none. The MACA Board of directors and conference chair, Tracy Sovar were outstanding in their efforts to put on the conference. A lot of hard work was involved, and they are working hard to bring the best to the membership. I understand the education committee is already working on the Fall 2013 conference schedule, and there will be a lot of exciting topics and presenters in the lineup. With member rates and free vendor booths, an Agency membership more than pays for itself. Individual members save up to \$70 a year in registration fees. We are still one of the lowest cost conferences, and are able to present 15 quality CEU's per conference. (30 per year) With your help, we will be able to continue keeping cost down and presenting exciting speakers/topics.

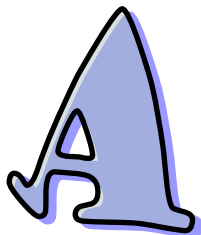


Vicki Budd-Darby was the winner of the drawing for waiver of the Fall 2013 conference fee for those who joined at the conference. If you or someone you know would like to be a MACA member, the information is on our web site at: missouriaddictioncounselors.org.



Michael Peterman won the computer, and Tarrah Hickerson won the one year membership drawing. Congratulations to all our winners.

On a more somber note, MACA and the addiction field lost a member of our community with the passing of Thomas Richardson in early March. He was a great friend and mentor and will be greatly missed.



I hope to see you at our Fall 2013 conference. It will be October 18-20 at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake Ozark, MO. You will be able to find conference and sponsorship on our web site.

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WWW.missouriaddictioncounselors.org

Thanks again, and have a great summer.

Hope to see you in October.

MSAPCB Report By Scott Breedlove, MSAPCB Administrator

The MSAPCB office is busy with April 2013 Renewal Season. We have 544 credentials that are due to renew in April 2013. In addition, we continue to have a high volume of new credential applications at all credentialing levels to process. At our recent board meeting, the MSAPCB decided to provide an online directory of MSAPCB Qualified Supervisors who are willing to post their information to provide supervision for those in the credentialing process. We hope this will be a valuable service for individuals looking for a credentialing supervisor. The MSAPCB continues to provide a variety of educational opportunities across the state. All trainings can be found on our training calendar at www.msapcb.com. Our next board meeting will be Thursday May 23rd and we will be discussing a number of initiatives including the process of supervising RASAC I's and RASAC II's and the credentialing of peers within the area of mental health.

Sincerely,

Scott Breedlove

MSAPCB Administrator

Conference Highlights April 2013

I am humbled and blessed to be included in the great line up of presenters at last weekend's MACA conference.

The camaraderie between sessions was as special as the workshops.

You and MACA are appreciated by,

Harris also known as Dr. Laugh
Magic, marionettes and marvelous Toys



For Those We Serve, It's Personal, Not Political

As the current session of the Missouri legislature winds down, if Missouri does not expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it will likely be a hot button topic again next year. For different interest groups, failure to expand Medicaid is disappointing. But for people in need of mental health or substance use disorder services, a year delay means another year without insurance that would have helped them get needed health services. For them, the issue is personal, not political.

Your political beliefs aside, it is important that everyone understand what the expansion of Medicaid means to low-income individuals. Many who would be covered by Medicaid in the expansion are struggling with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Some may have received behavioral health services without the benefit of insurance, but those services were likely crisis-oriented and time-limited. The rest may have not even tried to get treatment because they had no insurance or had insurance with poor behavioral health benefits.

Only a small percentage of Missourians who seek the Department of Mental Health's help for substance use disorders qualify for Medicaid. In addition, young adults with serious mental illness only become eligible for Medicaid after being determined disabled. The federal process for determining someone as disabled is complex and often takes years. By the time many people become Medicaid eligible, their symptoms of mental health or substance use disorders have worsened to the point that the help they need is more expensive and includes services beyond just treatment (housing, community support, etc.).

Having health insurance makes getting necessary behavioral health services easier, and those services are more likely to be coordinated within their communities. Early intervention and treatment not only lead to better health but also lower costs to the state, as many unnecessary hospitalizations or legal problems could have been avoided.

For people struggling with substance use disorders, expanding eligibility for Medicaid would create new opportunities for jail diversion, drug court treatment, and probation and parole programs that prevent expensive jail or prison stays and reduce returns to crime and prison. Individuals who receive timely substance abuse treatment do better at work or in school, have fewer health problems, commit less crime, and have stronger social relationships.

It is important, as behavioral health professionals, to have a good understanding of what a future expansion of Medicaid could mean for those that we serve. We encourage you to spread the word.

-- From the Department of Mental Health

MACA Business Meeting Minutes, April 6, 2013

Call to Order: President Dian Banks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Membership meeting was at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO

Dian introduced the MACA Board and Head table. She acknowledged the conference sponsors, and thanked the presenters for providing Great workshops...

Minutes of 010/12 Business Meeting: Minutes from the October 2012 business meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

First Quarter 2013 Financial Report: Financial report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Training & Education: James Gillum reported on planning for the Fall 2013 conference... The 2013 Fall conference will be October 18-20, at the Inn At Grand Glaize. James reported they are already on the way to completing the Fall schedule. A request was made for the membership to let the MACA Board/and education committee know if they had any suggestions for speakers and/or topics.

Membership: Membership numbers are staying steady, and the member incentive available to MACA membership will be continued. During the time period between conferences, the member who recruits the most new members will receive a \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card, which will be awarded at the membership meeting during the conference banquet. This 6 month winner of the Wal-Mart card was Ronnie Beaver. Membership Information can be found on our web site at; www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org.

Ronnie encourager ALL MACA members to get involved in this incentive program.

Ethics Committee: No report.

Constitution and By-Laws: Linda Christian reports the committee is working on revising the constitution and by-laws, and developing MACA policy and procedures.

Newsletter: Lavern reported the newsletter will be out the end of this month.

Fundraising: Randall Bacon reported he is hard at work raising funds and securing sponsors and donations for the Fall conference. He hopes to at least double the donations and sponsorships. To do this he needs your help. Please give ideas, suggest sponsors and/or donate items for the next White Elephant Auction/raffle. All funds go to MACA membership services and conferences.

MSAPCB Report: MSAPCB is staying busy with renewals, trainings and credentialing.

MACA Progress Report: Dian reports financially MACA is in good shape. We are continually upgrading MACA services. Membership numbers are improving. Dian thanked the membership for their continued support.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Next Business Meeting: October 19th, 2013, at 6:30 P.M, Grand Glaize Inn, Osage Beach, MO

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

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

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.