



Missouri Addiction Counselors Association

The MACA Newsletter

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President's Corner

Spring Conference

By Tracy Sovar, President

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone

We were so terribly sorry that we had to cancel the 2020 Spring MACA Conference. ***I personally missed seeing everyone! I hope everyone is safe and staying busy.***

As of today we are planning to keep the dates for the 2020 Fall Conference will October 9-11, 2020.

We want to assure you that we take the health and well-being of our attendees, members, speakers, guest, hotel staff and vendors very seriously. Like you, we're closely monitoring the continued effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are all in this together! If you need to talk to someone on the board please give us a call. All of our numbers are on the MACA website, missouriaddictioncounselors@socket.net.

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of one of our past presidents Dian Banks and the passing of Lavern's mom, both from natural causes.

You may reach me at 573-533—0598, email tsovarmadac@gmail.com

Thank you,

Tracy Sovar, MACA President

MACA NEWLETTER: Message from Charlie Maguire, Membership Committee

As you well know this past few months has been a challenging year for everyone, including our industry. MACA had to cancel the Spring Training Conference this year due to the COVID-19 virus. In fact almost all business had to close, lay off or furlough employees or reduce hours of operations in addition limit the number of employees who could work at one time. Treatment centers were also impacted and not admitting clients in for residential services. Slowly our State and Nation will recover from this and as we do we will need to be prepared to not only help those people in our community who may have relapsed while coping with COVID-19 but ourselves and coworkers who had to manage not only their personal issues during this time, but adjusting to workplace changes that may have been new or difficult. I'm asking that while everyone begins their recovery from this that you check and see if your MACA membership is current and that you encourage new and old co-workers who have not yet join MACA to do so. As MACA members we can share our victories we may have had during this time and support each other during this time of recovery and renewal. I look forward to meeting many of you at the next MACA conference in October and I challenge you to bring a coworker to the conference and have them join MACA.

Sincerely

Charlie Maguire, CRADC

In Memory Of

By Lavern Blackorby

In Memory Of

I'm very sad to announce that Lola Blackorby, mother of Lavern and Gary Blackorby passed away on April 7, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She was the mother of Lavern and Gary Blackorby. Dian Banks also passed away on April 14, 2020, his passing comes as a great loss to all his family, friends, and MACA members who had met and interacted with Dian over the years. Diane held a doctorate degree in Psychology, she worked for Catholic Charities and Preferred Family Healthcare in St. Joseph, MO. I have no other reported loss of family or friends in the past quarter.

I do want to extend to all MACA members as well as attendees to share with your friends and peers, if you know of any birth's, weddings or wedding anniversary, sobriety anniversary, graduation, or death of a member of the counseling friends and family, or any other hard working member of the counseling field, please let either Tracy Sovar or myself know and we will share it with all in the next quarterly newsletter.

I would like to also take just a moment to thank all of you who were planning on attending the Spring Conference, and a very special thanks to the presenters, and our sponsors. It was with a lot of sadness that we were forced to cancel the Spring Conference, but it with the greatest concern for each and everyone's safety and well-being that we made the choice to put every one's health safety first. To all of those who were planning on attending I hope to see you in October.

Please keep in mind that you are the reason we are able to and why we have these conferences. MACA has strived from our conception going on 49 years ago to provide an affordable, educational, and fun learning experience for all who attend. I would encourage each of you to bring a friend or co-worker with you to the Fall Conference which will be held October 9, 10, and 11, 2020 at the Inn at Grand Glaze Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.

If you have problems getting signed up for the conference or need information please feel free to contact MACA Office at (417) 554-1412 or email maca@socket.net, Web: missouriaddictioncounselors.org or Tracy Sovar at (573) 533-0598.

Hope to see you all at the Fall Conference.

Lavern Blackorby CRAADC, SQP-R

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You Are Invited to Send in Articles

Individuals wishing to write and have their article posted in the MACA newsletter are welcome to send your article to myself lblackorby@pfh.org and cc the same article to Tracy Sovar at maca@socket.net. We also welcome articles on Wellness relating to physical and or Mental Health issues. All articles will need to be submitted prior to the 15th of the month ending the quarter. All articles will be considered and screened for appropriateness.

Thank you,
Lavern Blackorby



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[Read the Blog](#)



What Your Clients WON'T Get from Smart Start

It can be hard to differentiate between IID providers. So when you refer a client to Smart Start, it's important to understand what we WON'T do.

There won't be any misleading pricing or hidden fees. There won't be any cold shoulder

or uncaring attitude. And we'll never misrepresent who we are or how we do business.

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New Jersey Appeals Court Runs Out of Patience

An appeals court has ruled that drivers in New Jersey who are drunk and sleeping in a parked car can still be charged with DWI.

But in a sternly worded decision, the court noted that they've addressed that argument seven times in the past year, with the same result each time. And they're tired of hearing it.

Why Appeal?