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Short and Sweet

by Paul Harmon, MA, LPC, LSATP, NCC

Traveling to the 2009 Virginia Summers Institute for Addictions Studies this year I did not know what to expect with the change to have it under one roof. I had no idea that the Hospitality House had so many meeting rooms, some large some small, on multiple floors. I was familiar with the Hotel because I had stayed there before at the VSIAS 2008 Training. Although the 2009 VSIAS training was only for three days, it seem just as helpful for my professional development as the week long VSIAS 2008 training.

I have been going to the VSIAS trainings annually since 2004. Working in the field of co occurring disorders for over ten years, I still found presentations thought provoking, the topics helpful, with plenty of choices from a variety of presenters. There were interesting choices of presentations, more than I could attend.

All in one building was an idea that seemed to work. I didn't miss bolting across the green rolling campus of The College of William and Mary. It seemed more an intimate conference setting with both the venders and old and new colleagues.

I found new topics that interested me. Sandy Kanehl, M.Ed., CSAC, presentation about "The Language of Addiction and Recovery" was bestirring and insightful. As Chemical Dependency Clinicians do we need to change our language to reduce the stigma for the people we help, families we serve or to attract more professionals in the field? How do we approach opposing views about the nature of addiction from other leading professionals like Sally Satel M.D.?

Dr. David Mee-Lee, M.D. spoke with amazing clarity in his presentation about promoting co-occurring recovery by suggesting "One Team, One Plan, One Person". How much harm is done by clinicians trying to implement treatment compliance instead of treatment adherence in a more collaborate process?

Jennifer Smith, MS, LPC's presentation about her work implementing the ACRA/ACC evidence based treatment program was inspirational to me and others in the room. Hearing how Jennifer adapted her EBP to the needs of the people referred to her program gave me useful knowledge for my work and community. It was helpful to have a colleague you know have a success with implementing a large EBP.

Michael Gillette, PhD's high energy closing presentation Wednesday afternoon ended the training on a fun positive note. Much of his case presentations reminds us all of people we helped with very complex issues. His focus on co-occurring issues demonstrated the fluid evolution of ethics in the field we serve.

What I learned will help me in my professional development. I am already using ideas learned with my colleagues and the people who come to me for help. I can't wait to see what's offered at VSIAS 2010.

VAADAC Call for Award Nominations

Have you ever admired a colleague's outstanding work? Put that admiration into action by nominating that person for one of VAADAC's 2010 Awards. The awards are given in recognition of hard work, professionalism, and dedication to the field.

Nominations can be made by any member of VAADAC by submitting a nomination letter to Madeleine Dupre, the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Letters may be sent via snail mail to: Madeleine Dupre, Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents, P. O. Box 4000, Staunton, Va 24402, or by FAX (540) 332-2202, or via e-mail:

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Counselor of the Year: An active VAADAC member for the past year who is not a Board member, who has made outstanding contributions to the treatment and recovery of clients,

has exceptional dedication to the field, and a high level of professionalism.

Distinguished Service Award.

A person or organization distinguished by outstanding contributions in the field of addiction and recovery (award limited to one per year). Current members of the Association Board are not eligible for nomination.

Citizen of the Year Award.

A person who has made significant contribution to the field of addiction and is not employed in addiction counseling.

Walter Kloetzli Award.

This award is in honor of Walter Kloetzli, a long time VAADAC member and past President of VAADAC, who has spent the better part of three decades advocating on behalf of addiction professionals and those in their care. His relentless pursuit of appropriate support and recognition for substance abuse professionals has been unmatched and integral to the growth and development of VAADAC and the profession. The recipient of this award will be VAADAC member who has served at the chapter, regional or state board level and who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication in advocating for the addiction profession and VAADAC.

--- article written by a VAADAC member

Substance Abuse Services Council Report

The SAS Council Report is at:

<http://www.dmhmrsas.virginia.gov/SASC/documents/AnnualReportSASC2008.pdf>

About Our Members

Ron Pritchard Awarded the Ginger Acey by VADAP



“The Ginger Acey Award is presented annually to an individual for distinguished service to the field of substance use disorders. Criteria for awarding the Ginger Acey include:

-Serving as a catalyst for positive system change and development

-Advocacy on behalf of substance use disorder services and consumers of those services

-Involvement in leadership positions with organizations concerned with providing substance use disorder services

-Scientific contributions with practical applications toward improving substance use disorder services and

-Enhancing public awareness of substance use disorders and the effectiveness of appropriate treatment”

Ron Pritchard was awarded the 2009 Ginger Acey Award from VADAP, the Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol programs “for his outstanding leadership and advocacy in furtherance of the field of substance use disorder and addictions treatment. Ron's contributions to the field have been numerous, profound, and consistent over a very long period of time.

Ron serves as the head of Addiction Medicine at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. He has been a relentless advocate on veteran's issues, particularly pertaining to traumatic brain injured, post traumatic stress disorder, and addictions. Ron currently serves as President of the Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (VAADAC) and Virginia Recovers, Inc. (VRI)

Since 2003, Ron has played an instrumental role in the organizational development of the Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction studies (VSIAS), which has become recognized as one of the Country's outstanding training institutes for workforce development in the addictions field. Ron has been the leader in organizing VRI, which has advanced the former Consortium of Substance Addiction Organization (CSAO) to a formidable legal entity that will take the lead on public policy, advocacy, workforce development, and other pertinent issues that affect the field. I feel that Ron Pritchard is an outstanding candidate for the Ginger Acey Award.”-- *Nomination speech read at the Awards Banquet at VSIAS 2009.*

Around the State

September is National Recovery Month. “Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal” is the theme. See Upcoming Events for all of the VAADAC sponsored recovery events around our state.

Central Region

The Central Region is planning an educational activity this fall. An event flier/registration will be e-mailed to all VAADAC members and details will be posted on the VAADAC web site.

Inform VAADAC About Our Members

Please submit information about yourself or our other members, such as change in jobs, promotions, degree completion, earning of certification or licensure, publications, and awards to the editor for inclusion in our newsletter.

Recovery Month: Stories of Recovery

Please submit recovery stories to the editor for inclusion in the fall edition of the VAADAC Views.

In The Lens



VAADAC Exhibit at the 2009 Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies

Reminders

Submitting Articles

If you would like to submit a newspaper article or an article that you have written yourself such as articles on current topics of interest, trends in counseling, or book reviews to VAADAC VIEWS for publication, contact VAADACcentral@embarqmail.com

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If you wish a by-line, please submit the article title along with your name.

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Substance Abuse & Addiction Recovery Alliance of Va. (SAARA)
Celebrate Recovery (Mount Vernon Baptist Church)
VAADAC

Location:

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
11220 Nuckols Rd.
Glenn Allen, Va. 23059

Cost:

Event: free
Barbecue Tastings: \$10 in Advance; \$20 at the door
Call SAARA for health fair Information: 804.762.4445

September 14, 2009

Panel of Individuals in Recovery

A Recovery Month Activity

National Sponsors:

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services,
The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)
The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy,
National Association of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Counselors

State and Local Sponsors:

Virginia Association of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Counselors

What:

A forum of individuals from the community in recovery, individuals that have completed the Drug Treatment Court Program, and a professional in recovery brought together to discuss specific recovery issues.

Open to the public

Location:

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center
2410 Wickham Avenue
Newport News, Va

Cost:

Free

Time:

6:00 PM

Contact:

John Haywood at 757.247.2370

Upcoming Events

September 12, 2009

The McShin Foundation Annual Recovery Fest

A SAARA sponsored health fair

A Recovery Month Activity

What:

Barbecue Cook-off of area restaurants

(Already signed up are:

Old City Bar, Carter's Pig Pen Bar-Que, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, Virginia Barbeque, Buz & Ned's Real BBQ, Extra Billy's Barbecue, Alamo BBQ, TD's Smokehouse Barbecue, Benny's BBQ, Double T's Real Smoked Barbecue, Smokehouse BBQ & Ribs)

Winners receive the "Sherriff's Cup"

Collaborating Sheriffs:

Sheriff Dennis Proffitt (Chesterfield County)

Sheriff Michael Wade (Henrico County,

and Sheriff C.T. Woody (City of Richmond)

September 19, 2009

Recovery Walk

A Recovery Month Activity

National Sponsors:

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)
The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

State and Local Sponsors:

Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
Valley Community Services Board
Augusta Health
Mental Health of America of Augusta, a United Way Partner
Shenandoah Valley Teen Challenge, Inc.

Location:

Fishersville, Virginia
Augusta Health (Formerly Called Augusta Medical Center)
On the walking trail behind the Health and Fitness Center

Open to the public

Cost:

Free

Time:

Registration: 9:00 AM
Walk: 9:30 AM

October 1, 2009

Deadline: Submission to VAADAC VIEWS (Fall Edition)

December 1, 2009

Deadline: Submission to VAADAC VIEWS (Winter Edition)

March 26, 2010

Annual Member's Meeting

Training:

To be determined

Hours of Education:

To Be Determined

Schedule:

Registration on site:
8:30-9:00 AM

Event:

(Presentation, Lunch, Awards)
9:00 AM – About 3- 4 PM
End Time to Be Determined

Cost:

Free to individual members

Location:

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