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Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Annual Member's Meeting on March 26, 2010 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Soon you will receive your preregistration flyer. This year, the Annual Member's Meeting will feature four different continuing educational presentations totaling five hours.

Dr. Lisa Pleszkoch has returned from a conference in Santa Fe where she had a poster session and presented a symposium with five others on Evidenced Based Practice. In February, she will present at the Twelfth International Conference on Treatment of Addictive Behaviors, to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

VAADAC is thrilled and honored to have an international conference presenter at the Annual Member's Meeting! Dr. Pleszkoch will speak to us about evidence based practice in her talk, An Overview of Service Delivery Innovations.

Yvonne Ortega, Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioner and Clinically Certified Domestic Violence Counselor will present two topics, Counselor Self-Care and Issues in

Treating Female Clients. She has many years of clinical experience as a substance abuse counselor and has served on the Board of Counseling. She is a nationally known author who has won awards for her writings.

Dr. Steve K. Nielsen, who has more than 20 years of clinical experience including work as an addictions counselor, will present a talk, Professionalism and Substance Abuse Counseling, which will focus on professional identity as it pertains to addiction professionals. Dr. Nielsen is a professor at Lynchburg College.

Update Your Colleagues

Have you presented at a conference? Have you had any counseling related materials published? Do you know a VAADAC member who has presented at a conference or will do so?

Please send VAADAC Views this information so that our membership knows the professional work that our colleagues are doing.

VAADAC Board of Directors at Work for You

The VAADAC Board of Directors consists of Addictions Professionals from around the state. Members volunteer their time to work for you.

Each member attends Board meetings about six times a year, including an extended multiday planning meeting which identifies goals and strategies for the upcoming year.

All board members assist in activities to bring you the Annual Member's Meeting and to advocate for you with other organizations throughout the State. Planning for the annual meeting and other activities begins in May of the preceding year and continues throughout the year until the date arrives.

Between meetings your board members actively contact each other during the year to convey information about any pertinent member issues.

Additionally, our the president, Ron Pritchard, attends NAADAC meetings two times a year and participates in Regional Telephone Conferences an average of twice monthly, representing you as our delegate to NAADAC, so that

your needs are expressed at the national level.

He also represents VAADAC as a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Summer Institute for Addictions Studies and presides as President of Virginia Recovers Incorporated.

Jennifer Johnson is our Past President. She actively works for you regarding parliamentary issues as they intersect with board and member activities.

Ron Mills is the Treasurer of VAADAC and is mindful of activities in the southwest region related to VAADAC's mission.

Dr. Lisa Pleszkoch is our VAADAC Secretary. She also represents VAADAC in her activities as member of the Board of Directors of Virginia Recovers Incorporated.

Dr. Pleszkoch also Co-Chairs the VAADAC Ethics, Education and Information Committee.

John Haywood is the Southeast Regional President of VAADAC, and represents you as member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Summer Institute for Addictions Studies, and member of the Board of Directors of Virginia Recovers Incorporated and Co-Chairs the Annual Member's Meeting.

Mr. Haywood is also Chair of the VAADAC Peer & Membership Committee which includes issues related to VAADAC's individual members as well as VAADAC's Sustaining (organizational) members.

Stan Stokes is the Northern Region President of VAADAC. His involvement has a specific focus on membership and peer support.

Patrice Porter is the Central Regional President of VAADAC, Past President on Board of Directors of the Virginia Summer Institute for Addictions Studies, Editor of the VAADAC Views newsletter, and Co-chair of the Annual Member's Meeting.

Dr. Charles Broadfield is a VAADAC Delegate at Large and Co-Chairs the VAADAC Ethics, Education and Information Committee.

Yvonne Ortega is the newest member of the VAADAC Board and has been appointed as a Delegate at Large. She works with advocacy related issues.

John Savides is a VAADAC Delegate at Large, the Central Region Treasurer, and represents VAADAC at the Substance Abuse Services Council (the Governor's Council) which meets about six times a year. He also assists with peer and membership activities.

Around the State

Southeastern Region

An Ethics Workshop for SA/MH professionals and Newport News Public School Counselors was held on October 16, 2009 at Downings Gross Center, Newport News. The workshop focus was the four basic ethics principles that guide counseling and personal conduct: beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy and justice. Attendees rated the presenter highly.

Central Region



On October 9, 2009, the Central Region of the Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors and Central Valley Counselors Association co-sponsored a presentation on Medical Management of Anxiety and Mood Disorders & Stashing 101. The event took place at Blue Ridge Community College. 5 contact hours were provided.

Planning for an educational presentation in the Central Region for 2010 is underway.

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

By-Lines

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

Change in Your E-Mail Address

Please write Donna Croy, Director of Membership Services, at dcroy@naadac.org to update your address with NAADAC as well as VAADAC.

(VAADAC will receive your current address information with the next membership update from NAADAC Membership Services.)

Upcoming Events

March 26, 2010

Annual Member's Meeting

Training:

Professionalism and Substance Abuse Counseling, by Dr. Steve Nielsen

An Overview of Service Delivery Innovations by Dr. Lisa Pleszkoch

Counselor Self-Care by Yvonne Ortega, LPC, LSATP, CCDV

Issues in Treating Female Clients by Yvonne Ortega LPC, LSATP, CCDV

Hours of Education:
5

Schedule:

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

Event:

(Presentations, Lunch, Awards)
9:00 AM – 4 PM

Cost:

Free to individual members

Location:

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