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The Tech Savvy Counselor

Embarrassment Caused by Misusing Reply Feature

Some people say that there are two groups of people in the world: those who have misused the e-mail reply feature and those who will. I suspect that the majority of us fall into the former category.

Do you know what happens if you use the Reply feature (the single left arrow) when you have been sent a copy of VAADAC Views? You might feel embarrassed when you find out that your letter is sent to the sender, which is not the editor, and not even a VAADAC member.

Your correspondence will go to NAADAC, who uses their most up to date membership lists to send our newsletter to all of our members. So, if you wonder why it takes a while for the editor to respond to your e-mail, this is why. NAADAC, who receives communications from all the state affiliates, will then make the best guesses that they can and send your letter out to various people to inquire if your letter is intended for them.

If you wish to contact the editor, go to the left side of the first page of the newsletter. There you will see a listing of the Board of Directors along with contact information for the editor of the VAADAC VIEWS.

So, the next time you choose to use the reply feature, check who sent it first, and save yourself some embarrassment.

Save the Location! Save the Date too!

Don't forget that the location of the 2012 Annual Member's Meeting has been changed, in response to the information in a member survey. The next VAADAC Annual Member's Meeting will be located in Richmond, Virginia at the Holiday Inn Kroger Conference Center at 1021 Koger Center Boulevard. It will take place on Friday, March 23, 2012.

Deadline: November 1, 2011

November 1, 2011 is the deadline for nominations for the 2012 VAADAC awards. Please submit address your nominations to: Chair, VAADAC Nominations Committee at paul.harmon@dbhds.virginia.gov

Awards qualifications are:

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.” --Excerpt from VAADAC By-Laws

Around the State

Northern Region

The Recovery Center in Leesburg celebrated Recovery Month during a First Night Event which was open to the public. Refreshments and music were provided.

Southeastern Region

Newport News Drug Court along with The Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) and The Virginia Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors (VAADAC) observed National Recovery Month on September 26, 2011 with a Recovery Play presented by the Newport News Drug Court participants.

The play, about a dysfunctional family that consisted of an alcoholic, a cocaine addict and drug dealer, gave some of the family members an opportunity to change their lives by participating and completing the Newport News Drug Court Program. The play was a success with over 250 people in attendance.

The Newport News Drug Court had their Eleventh Annual Newport News Adult Drug Treatment Court Program Graduation Ceremony September 16, 2011. Delegate Mamyé Bacote was the keynote speaker. Judge Timothy Fisher presided over the Drug Court ceremony that included seven graduates.

The graduates of 2011 spent the day on a cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk.

Central Region

The region celebrated national recovery month by showing the film, “When Love is not enough: The Lois Wilson Story”. There was a panel after the film consisting of a CSAC, a spouse of an addicted person, and two addicted persons. The panel answered questions from the audience. 47 people attended the event.

The event was free, open to the public, and sponsored by a number of groups including VCSB, Augusta Health, Visulite Cinema, Mental Health America of Augusta, Shenandoah Valley Teen Challenge, NNAADAC, VAADAC, and SAMSHA.

4.5 hr. Ethics training is planned for December 2, 2011 in Staunton on Ethical Considerations of Substance Abuse Clinicians in School Settings. The training will be given by Jennifer Smith, LPC. The training will be free to VAADAC members and available to others for a fee.

Southwestern Region

A community meeting with the Commonwealth’s Attorney and Department of Social Services took place to discuss dire circumstances related to drugs in the Southwestern region.

The region is looking into the possibility of planning an upcoming training.

Reminders

Submitting Articles

Articles submitted may be edited for length and content. The maximum length of submitted articles is three-quarters of a page, single spaced. The editor reserves the right to publish only articles which relate to the VAADAC’s mission.

Articles will not be printed with a recovering person’s name, identifying data, or photograph without the person’s written permission submitted to the editor with the related article. The name of treatment facilities or providers will not be printed.

If you wish a by-line, submit your name and credentials as you wish it to be published. If desired, your e-mail address can also be listed.

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 the editor, Patrice Porter at:

VAADACViewsEditor@embargmail.com

Changes to the Newsletter

Any changes or articles submitted after the deadline will be noted in the next edition of the newsletter.

Update Your Colleagues

Have you received a professional award? Do you know a VAADAC member who has received a professional award? Please send VAADAC Views this information so that the accomplishments of our members do not go unrecognized

Change in Your E-Mail Address

E-blasts to VAADAC members about VAADAC trainings and other events are performed by NAADAC, who maintains the VAADAC membership list. If you need to change your e-mail address, please write Donna Croy, Director of Membership Services, at: dcroy@naadac.org

VAADAC Upcoming Events

October 27, 2011

**Prince William Chapter
VAADAC Brown Bags**

Training:

Neurofeedback in Substance Abuse Treatment
By Donna Creasy LPC

Hours of Education:

1

Schedule:

No Preregistration Necessary
Registration on Site

Event:

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Cost:

VAADAC Members: \$1.00
 Non VAADAC Members: \$5.00
 No charge to attendees if Contact Hours
 not needed

Location:

Center for Psychiatric & Addiction Treatment
 IOP Group Room 2
 8680 Hospital Way (Behind PR. Wm.
 Hospital)
 Manassas, Virginia 20110

Parking:

Large parking lot in front of the Center for
 Psychiatric and Addiction Treatment

Contact:

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December 1, 2011

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Winter Edition,
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December 2, 2011

Central Region Training**Training:**

Ethical Considerations of Substance Abuse
 Clinicians in School Settings
 By Jennifer R. Smith, LPC.

Hours of Education:

4.5

Schedule:

Preregistration Necessary
 Registration on Site

Event:

Registration Flyer to be e-blasted

Cost:

VAADAC Members: Free
 Non VAADAC Members: \$50

Location:

Commonwealth Center for Children &
 Adolescents
 Staunton, Virginia

Directions:

www.ccca.dbhds.virginia.gov

Parking:

Free on Site.

Contact:

Paul Harmon at 540 332-2109

March 23, 2012

Annual Member's Meeting**Theme:**

Rookies and Veterans Surviving Change

Hours of Education:

To Be Determined

Event:

AM - PM

Cost:

Free as a benefit to individual members

Location:

Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center
 1021 Koger Center Boulevard
 Richmond VA 23235

Tel: 804-379-3800

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Contact:

See preregistration flyer.

July 16-18, 2011

Conference:

Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction
 Studies (VSIAS)

Theme:

VSIAS 2012: Professional Treatment-
 Saving Lives, Saving Dollars

Hours of Education:

20 Contact hrs. for attending all sessions
 and 2 lunchbox sessions

Event:

Register at www.vsiass.org

Reduced fee for early bird registration.

Registration also available on site.

Location:

Williamsburg, Virginia
 At the Hospitality House
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Parking:

On site

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