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VAADAC Receives Caron Community Service Award



On October 26, 2012, VAADAC received an "Unsung Hero" Community Service Award, for Educational Excellence, at "Caron's" 8th Annual Washington Metropolitan Community Service Awards Breakfast. The Award was graciously accepted on behalf of VAADAC by Board Member Lou Argow. "Caron" is a leading non-profit provider of drug and alcohol treatment. Recipients of the Educational Excellence Award were recognized for demonstrating exceptional leadership and their profound impact upon students, and educators, by helping them to understand the real consequences of addiction to drugs and alcohol. Recipients must also have given unselfishly to enhance drug and alcohol treatment, awareness, prevention or education within the community by proactively supporting and embracing programs that educate students, families and communities to understand alcoholism and chemical dependency. VAADAC received the Educational Excellence Award from the Caron organization for contributing significantly to the advancement of quality addiction treatment, low-cost educational opportunities for addiction professionals and advocacy work. Kudos to VAADAC!

VAADAC Board Member Receives City Council Recognition



John Haywood, VAADAC Board Member, received special honor by the City Council of Newport News, VA for over 20 years of exemplary service to the community. On 10/23/12 Mr. Haywood was presented a "Resolution of Appreciation" for service in various capacities throughout his career which culminated with his being the Administrator of the Newport News Drug Treatment Program (NPNDTC). During his career in the field of Addictions John's "service" included being a Social Detox Technician, SA Counselor and a Psych Tech, among several other positions, including Program Manager of the Day Treatment Dual Diagnosis Program and Methadone Clinic. In 2006, he was appointed Administrator of the Newport News Drug Treatment Court. Before John's September 2012 retirement from the NPNDTC he saw over 40 participants graduate and become law-abiding and tax paying citizens under his administration. The Newport News City Council, expressed deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for Mr. Haywood's dedicated service to the Hampton-Newport News Services Board and the citizens of Newport News, and extends best wishes for all of his future endeavors.

New Members Corner



Is there anyone who does not belong to this organization and is not sure on how to join an organization that offers great benefits as well as being able to share your input on different matters of the world?

Well I would like to introduce you to an organization by the name of NAADAC; I had the opportunity to join this organization last year of 2011 as a professional in the human service field as well as being a student in college. NAADAC is the “parent” of VAADAC and their vision and mission involves unification as well as leading and empowering those professionals that are in the field of mental health and substance abuse who provide services for those in need. This organization is all about achievement through excellence in education, advocacy, and knowledge, standards of practice, ethics, professional development and research.

As a student practicing in the field to become that best professional in human services that I can be, I was greatly impressed with the support that I received at last year’s annual VAADAC meeting. This organization afforded me the opportunity to become a member while being an active student by waiving my membership fee; I had the opportunity to meet people and to build a professional network with a variety of others so that I can continue to gain as much knowledge to move towards success. I also had a great opportunity to meet with my substance abuse counselor from 20 years ago that gave me the support in gaining

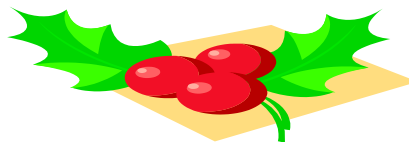
hope, joy, and freedom back into my life as well as becoming a productive member of society. I also had the opportunity at the annual meeting to share my input about working in the human service field as an Addiction Peer Recovery Coach by giving other professionals clarity on how important the Addiction Peer Recovery Coach is and how it makes a tremendous difference to the clients in working along with case managers, clinicians, and supervisors. It was a great feeling for me to be a part of an organization that offers a great deal of education, and a large network of professionals that could possibly lead to employment opportunities.

As a VAADAC member I have the opportunity to get free continuing education (CE) by subject as well as national certifications at no cost to very low cost. I am excited because I am looking forward as a member to enhance my skills, knowledge, professionalism, and to gain as many CEs as I can towards furthering my professional development. Most important of all this organization (NAADAC) has a code of ethics surrounding the field of substance abuse to empower us to assist our clients with changing their lives and becoming productive citizens of society.

Submitted by Jacqueline Bruce, CSAC-A

VAADAC Annual Members Meeting – March 15, 2013

Remember to save the date - *March 15, 2013* for the Annual VAADAC Member’s Meeting at the *Hilton Garden Inn, Fredericksburg, Va.* This event is free as a benefit to individual members. Receive five contacts hours for attending. *Look for more information via E-blast!* The pre-registration deadline is March 4, 2013. You can pre-register online at www.planetReg.com/VAADAC2013.



Peer Recovery Corner

The Purpose

Promote ongoing participation in professional treatment and mutual support – 12 step groups, etc.

Fill in the gaps with critical social services that help people to create a satisfying life without alcohol and drugs.

Provide mutually supportive environment and connection to long term supports from the beginning-during and/or immediately after treatment

Treatment is designed to treat acute episodes of illness...peer providers have “been there” and can relate to the struggle associated with recovery on a personal level.

The peer providers’ role is to guide the new person into the recovery community – the group of people who have recovered from this once hopeless condition.

The identification that occurs between the new person and the recovery “coach” gives credibility to the notion that recovery is possible.

Recovery occurs along a continuum of change and peers can help people move along the continuum by offering hope, motivation and living proof that treatment works and recovery is possible – through community based services and social supports.

Award Nominations

Let’s give credit where credit is due! We all work very hard in the field of the Addiction Disorders. Many of us run across Addiction Professionals, organizations, or citizens that deserve our recognition. As VAADAC members, consider it your task to let our organization know of nominees that need to be recognized. Please send nominees.

February 1st, 2013 is the deadline for nominations for the 2012 VAADAC awards. Please submit 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 is 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

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, **Denise Cooper at:**
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Article Submission Deadlines

February 15, 2013

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Spring Edition, VAADAC VIEWS

May 15, 2013

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Summer Edition, VAADAC VIEWS

September 13, 2013

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Fall Edition, VAADAC VIEWS

November 1, 2013

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Winter Edition, VAADAC VIEWS

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. We want your peers to know your success!

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 Autumn Kramer, Director of Membership Services, at:
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Free CE's

VAADAC members can get free and low cost continuing education for your professional development, certification and licensure renewals from NAADAC. The NAADAC Institute continuing education is designed to match your needs and your schedule. Earn CEs from your home, online or in face-to-face seminars. More information is available at: naadac.org

VAADAC Upcoming Events

March 15, 2013

VAADAC Annual Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn
1060 Hospitality Lane
Fredericksburg, VA.

Pre-register at:

www.planetReg.com/VAADAC2013.

July 15 -17, 2012

Virginia Summer Institute for Addictions Studies

"Concepts of Addiction Treatment: Untangling the Knot" Three full days of knowledge and contact hours! For more information visit www.vsi.org

In The Spotlight!



Lou Argow holding the Caron Award she accepted on behalf of VAADAC.

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