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Spanish Translation

: **PROMOCIÓN** *feminine*, **APOYO** *masculine*

(www.merriamwebster.com)

Advocacy is important. It is the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal; the act of pleading for or recommending something.

Advocacy can change society's misconceptions and individual attitudes. It can also aid people to access resources and information.

Advocacy can lead the public to the rightful and lawfully solutions to their needs and wants. Once individuals are working together, there are usually great solutions developed afterward.

Advocacy along with lobbying is a vital activity to bring about changes in the attitudes and mentality of people. Advocacy campaigns have a set of actions targeted to create support for a specific policy or proposal.

Once individuals are united and working for one goal then laws can be changed, it also builds public trust.



Board of Directors, Patrice Porter (President), John Savides, Paul Harmon (former), Ron Pritchard and David Semanco at the 2013 Advocacy Leadership Conference.

The 2013 Advocacy Leadership Summit, in historic Alexandria, was designed to educate addiction professionals about current public policy issues in Washington, D.C., and to bring their day-to-day experiences and stories to decision-makers at all levels of government.

The Summit provided the opportunity to learn the latest information about the Affordable Care Act and other public policies impacting the addiction profession. It was also an opportunity to meet face-to-face with the nation's lawmakers and help re-shape how they view addiction. Interacting with legislators was a key part of this event.

VAAP Member Wins NAADAC Award



Ebony receiving acupuncture at the 2013 Annual Members meeting.

Ebony Jamillah Stockton, M.Ed., LCAS, CCDP, CSAC was honored for outstanding service at the 2013 NAADAC Annual conference on October 13, 2013 by receiving the **Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year** award. Ms. Stockton currently serves as the only Dual Diagnosis Counselor at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, and counsels active duty members and their dependents who suffer from co-occurring disorders with mental health and addiction issues.

The Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year award was created in November 1979 and is named after the first President of NAADAC. The award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the addiction counseling profession.

Health Care Reform

Throughout the healthcare reform legislative process, NAADAC was committed to ensuring that substance use disorder services and the professionals who provide them were fully included in all drafts of the legislation. Now, as we move into the implementation phase of the law, NAADAC will continue to work to ensure that the regulations for health care reform and insurance parity for substance use disorders are fairly and effectively implemented.

NAADAC is pleased to provide several new resources for addiction professionals concerning the Affordable Care Act (ACA):

1. [What Does the Affordable Care Act Mean for Addiction Treatment](#)
2. [Health Care Reform: Potential Impact PowerPoint Presentation to NAADAC by John O'Brien SAMHSA](#)



The Virginia General Assembly Is Coming!

The **Virginia General Assembly** is the legislative body of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and known as the oldest continuous law-making body in the New World; consisting of the Virginia House of Delegates, with 100 members, and the Senate of Virginia, with 40 members. Combined together, the General Assembly consists of 140 elected representatives from an equal number of constituent districts across the commonwealth.

Its existence dates from the establishment of the Virginia the Governor's Council and the House of Burgesses at Jamestown on July 30, 1619. The General Assembly met in Jamestown from 1619 until 1699, when it moved to Williamsburg, Virginia and met in the colonial Capitol building. It became the General Assembly in 1776 with the ratification of the Virginia Constitution. The government was moved to Richmond in 1780 during the administration of Governor Thomas Jefferson.

Each year public hearings are held by the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees of the Virginia General Assembly to give Virginia residents an opportunity to advocate on what we think should be included in the State Budget.

Don't give up just because immediate change has not occurred

from your previous efforts. Just as the General Assembly meets every year we have to continue to make our voice heard on issues concerning our profession – until change does occur.

With the implementation Healthcare Reform and Dual-Eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare, reimbursement for health care services will most likely be different, especially for behavioral health care. How different? I am sure that more will be revealed in the near future. In the meantime, we need to stay informed and make our voices heard to ensure that addiction professionals are in the forefront of what's happening in the healthcare economy. Just as Charles Dickens wrote in his opening line of *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

We want it to be the best of times! January 3rd 2014, is a time when you can have an impact upon our General Assembly's Finance and House Appropriations Committee. Each year they hold public hearings, usually in five locations throughout Virginia on the same day; previous locations have been in Richmond, Tidewater, Northern VA., Southwest and the Central Region.

Although the locations have not been announced for 2014, the hearings are scheduled to occur on Friday, January 3rd. You can obtain more information by monitoring the following websites:

www.legis.state.va.us

www.leg1.state.va.us

[Twitter.com/VAHouse](https://twitter.com/VAHouse)

[Twitter.com/VASenate](https://twitter.com/VASenate)

For Legislative Information:

House: 804 698-1500

Senate: 804 698-7410

Legislative Hotline: 800-889-0229

During sessions- you can leave messages for Legislators regarding legislative proposals between 8am and 6pm.

Virginia Regulatory Town Hall:

www.townhall.state.va.us is a comprehensive source of information about regulations in VA. The Town Hall allows you to find regulations and track proposed changes, as well as to submit on-line comments about regulatory changes.

Fall Meet & Greet Advocacy Information

**Tuesday,
November 26, 2013
6:00-7:30PM**

Panel of Guest Speakers

Delegate Jennifer McClellan,
71st District

Kathy Harkey, Program Director
for NAMI CVA

Becky Bowers-Lanier,
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Advocacy information will be discussed and how to participate in the January 2014 Virginia General Assembly Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee's public hearing.

**To RSVP and for more information,
please call Yvonne Russell
(804) 727-8514.**

PAC Reorganized and Volunteers needed!

The NAADAC Political Action Committee (PAC) has been reorganized into an Advocacy Committee and is seeking volunteers. The NAADAC PAC was founded over two decades ago and is the oldest, most established committee dedicated exclusively to advancing addiction treatment, prevention and research. More information can be found at - <http://www.naadac.org/>

NAADAC Advocacy/Leadership Conference

March 1-3, in Alexandria

Will include workshops and a trip to the Capitol to visit legislators!

**Watch for more
Information!**

2014 VAADAC Awards Nominations

It's that time of year again. It is time for each of us to recognize the exceptional work in our field.

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 VAAP (formerly 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 VAAP and the profession. The recipient of this award will be a

VAAP 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 VAAP.

Please submit your nominations by December 31, 2013 to: Ron Pritchard, Chair, VAAP Nominations Committee at ronpritchard@verizon.net

--Excerpt from VAAP By-Laws



Anthony Johnson - 2013 Distinguished Service Award Winner.



Job Opening

Substance Abuse Case Manager

To provide monitoring services for the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) for participant adherence to their individualized monitoring contract. Manages all aspects of participant progress through the program; including development and implementation of monitoring contracts, ongoing monitoring adherence to contract and administrative documentation of all aspects of program participants.

Requires - Bachelor's Degree in Counseling, Social Work, Nursing, Psychology or related field and a minimum of two (2) years' work experience in chemical dependence treatment and/or mental health treatment.

Current Certification as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor **preferred.**

Previous work experience in an academic/medical setting **preferred.**

VCU Health System

Richmond, VA

Psychiatry – Contract/CONS

Full Time – Days

Salary Range: \$32,760 - \$47,000

All interested candidates please visit the VCU Health System's website at www.vcuhealth.org

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 VAAP'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 VAAP VIEWS for publication, contact the editor,

Denise Cooper at:
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December 31, 2013

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Winter Edition, VAAP VIEWS

April 1, 2014

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Spring Edition, VAAP VIEWS

June 15, 2014

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Summer Edition, VAAP VIEWS

October 1, 2014

Deadline 5 PM:

Article submission for the Fall Edition, VAAP VIEWS

Update Your Colleagues

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

Change in Your E-Mail

Address

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

VAAP Upcoming Events

Save the date!

March 21, 2014

Annual Members Meeting
In Virginia Beach!

“The Pain of Addiction”

***Watch for more
information!***



VAAP Student Board Member Bianca Waechter addressing the behavioral health needs of college students at the 2013 VSIAS, held in Williamsburg, VA.



Archived Webinars

These webinars are free to view anytime. Earn CE credit by simply passing the online CE Quiz! Get more information at

<http://www.naadac.org/>

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