

## **Minutes of the MAADAC Board of Directors meeting - January 17, 2014.**

The meeting was held in conjunction with the **Annual Membership Meeting**

Attendance – Susan O’Connor, Linda Mullis, Russ Viveiros, Tom Crowley, Gary Blanchard, Peter Kosciusko, William Drinkwater, Peter Crumb, Carol Bolstad.

**Minutes:** Due to the fact that the meeting was held in conjunction with the annual membership altered the agenda.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Linda reported the current state of the organizations financial situation for the period between 1/18/13 and 1/6/14. The report stated Total Assets = \$20,899.69; Total Income = \$21,744.39; Total Expenses = \$18 336.97; Income less Expense = \$3, 407.42.

**New Business:** Introduction of the New Board was made. Followed by speakers;

**Mary Sugden:** engaged the audience with a discussion of the “National Mentorship” initiative and the current state of affair for LADC1 reimbursement.

**Will Lucier:** spoke after the treasurer’s report was given about the Interagency Counsel on Substance Abuse. He addressed issues around the state of affairs for a Senate Bill involving Civil Commitment, and section 35 services, as well as BSAS residential services.

**Cheryl Bartlett:** DPH /BSAS discussed drug court enhancements and changes that have taken place within the court system to address issues of substance abuse and mental health.

There was a discussion of research such as the Boston Comorbidity study assessing a Somerville population

A discussion of the state of affairs with the new Marijuana laws and the opening of dispensaries; the application process has been reduced to 35 across the state.

There was also a discussion of SASI – Substance Abuse Services Initiative in National Guard

**Mary Ann Frangules:** Discussed and recruited people for advocacy and speaking up about recovery concerns. She also discussed legislative and licensure issues and the current circumstances around state house decisions.

**Julia Ojeda:** from BSAS/ DPH discussed Recovery Support Centers. How to open a support center in the community, and where to locate resources.

There also was a discussion about LAP of Massachusetts, various union issues and EAP services. How to gather information about cost analysis. There was a comment about DATA never being gathered about the investment in Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. There also was an acknowledgement of difficulty getting insurance coverage for LADC1 with treatment. A reference to house bill #995 has moved to the Health Care Financing Committee.

**Golf Tournament:** The golf tournament is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and will be celebrating a twenty fifth anniversary.

**Representative O'Day:** Discussed politics and who and how to approach certain individuals with a proposal to advocate for Bill relevant to NAADAC and the larger substance use treatment environment.

There were the usual benefit drawing held selecting winning tickets and a number of award presentations were given. One for Outstanding Service was given to Shaun Kelly. The Robert Logue Memorial President's Award was given to Benjamin Cuff. Finally the award for Counselor of the Year was given to Gary Blanchard.

The meeting was concluded after a presentation the Willy Drinkwater gave about Stress Busting for Addiction Counselors.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2014

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph A. Bebo, Secretary