

## Minutes-MAADAC Board of Directors 9-9-11

Meeting **called to order** at 3:40 by President Sue O'Connor at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, Massachusetts, Attending were Board members Gary Blanchard, Tom Crowley, Peter Crumb, Maryanne Frangules, Joe Kelleher, Linda Mazak, Linda Mullis and Shorey Raymond. Guests were Betty Doherty, Peter McCarthy, Alice McGowan, Anne and Tom Peltz.

**Minutes** were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Mullis reported an income of \$3,000.00 from the golf tournament with a total Association asset of \$8,000.00. Next year's event will be on the Friday, a week before Memorial day.

**Government Relations:** In Tim Stanton's absence, Maryanne Frangules gave an update on the LADAC reimbursement bill. There are many backers including the State and Federal Comfortable Care Consortium, Campaign for Better Care, the Recovery Home Association, the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee, Recovery Coach programs in Suffolk and Hampden Counties and the Association for Mental Health. A hearing on the bill is scheduled for August 22 at 1:00 pm before Health Care Finance Committee. Maryanne distributed fact sheets and letters for forwarding to legislators. If the bill passes, counselors will still need to be empanelled by insurance companies and many may have to upgrade education levels. Sue reminded us that the Federal Health Care Reform Act says that in 2014, counselors below the Masters level will only be able to work in half-way houses and faith-based programs. Sue also endorsed Gary Blanchard's position paper which suggests considering the inclusion of other fields such as prevention specialists – to build mutual territory instead of fight over it. Sue will carry this message to the NAADAC annual meeting in San Diego. Tom Peltz suggested inviting insurance company representatives to Board meetings.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Maryanne distributed materials regarding the proposed "Good Samaritan" and narcan law.

Guests were invited to the next Board meeting which will be the last Thursday in October at AdCare Hospital in Worcester at 9:00 am. We were also informed that Regional and Board elections will be held and/or reported at that time. The annual Holiday Breakfast Meeting will be held beginning at 8:30 on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Westborough Doubletree Conference Center and Hotel.

All congratulated Tom Peltz, last year's MAADAC Counselor of the Year, who was also selected as the NAADAC Laura Roe Counselor of the Year and will receive that award at the Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Shorey informed us that MAADAC now has a **Facebook** page and asked all to “befriend” and encourage others to do so. This will increase the number of young people who consider entering the profession. Peter McCarthy said he would link his student association to the page. Alice McGowan will also link in. Tom Peltz suggested “Link-in.com”.

Pete announced Gary Blanchard’s workshop on counseling clients who are receiving medically assisted recovery and Gary’s signing session of his new book on that subject.

**Meeting adjourned** at 4:40.

Board members – please E-mail any additions and/or corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter B. Crumb, Secretary