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MEMBER NEWS

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MAADAC/NAADAC Membership Opportunities

- MAADAC 13th Annual Member Meeting & Holiday Breakfast, December 5, 2008 – see enclosed
- **MAADAC's Referral Directory:** The Directory is online at the MAADAC Website (MAADAC-MA.org) it is small but growing. I continue to get calls that I refer to the directory seeking professionals for a variety of referrals. This is a free service to our members and to be listed you must be a member of MAADAC. Please email or mail your Name, Contact information, City, (no street addresses), email, phone #, credentials, specialties/expertise. The listing will be alphabetically by geographic region. cadaclm@cox.net. OR the address above. If you have not sent in your information to Linda Mullis at the above address or email, please do so. Call w/questions.

MAADAC Headlines

MAADAC's 19th **Annual Golf Fundraiser** was a success held Sept. 15, 2008 at the Heritage Country Club. (Proceeds benefit the support of MAADAC's **Public Policy Advisor** in the pursuit and support of legislation to pass a bill for certain LADC's to receive insurance reimbursement.) **How did everyone fare?** The winning team: We had a tie both with 7 under; **Team 1--** Peter Kosciusko, Dave Johnson, and Arthur Proulx and **Team 2** Hurley House –Paul McCarthy, Shaun Fyfe, Dave Moore, Dave Savik.—Congratulations!! Longest Drive: Mark Rebello & Anne Gribauskas; Closest to the Pin: Shaun Fyfe and Arthur Proulx; A special thanks to all our sponsors including our Platinum Sponsor: **Modern Assistance Program**; Gold Sponsor: **Willow Lab & Medical Center**; Silver Sponsors: **Recovery Home Collaborative & Gosnold on the Cape**.

Congratulations!! Joe Ruggieri -- MAADAC member who was the proud recipient of the National NAADAC **Lora Roe Memorial Counselor of the Year Award**. Joe received the award from NAADAC this August in Kansas at the NAADAC National Conference. Joe was MAADAC's **2007 Counselor of the Year** at our last Holiday Breakfast.

At this years **Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Breakfast Dec. 5, 2008** we will be celebrating:

MAADAC's 2008 Counselor of the Year will be awarded to:

******Sue O'Connor, LADCI, CAC of Phoenix House of New England, Director Outpatient Services, Spfld MA**

MAADAC's Robert Logue Memorial President's Award will be awarded to:

******Dominique Simon, Allies in Recovery, Northampton MA**

MAADAC's Outstanding Service Award will be awarded to:

******Haner Hernandez, HOPE Spfld/Boston MA**

MAADAC wishes to thank all nominations received.

MAADAC Supported MOAR and Friends' Recovery Day at The State House with over 1200 people celebrating the value of recovery this past September 23rd in honor of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Celebrate The Holidays at **The MOAR, MA Organization for Addiction Recovery, Annual Meeting, Tuesday, December 9th, 6 PM, Crowne Plaza, 10 Lincoln Square, Worcester**. MOAR represents people in recovery, families, and friends educating the public about the value of recovery. MOAR is our partner in the quest for LADC reimbursement and quality services with improved criminal justice policies.

MAADAC proudly received an award with other MA Coalition for Addiction Services members, at the MHSACM. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporation of MA Annual Provider Association. Peter Crumb, MAADAC President, shared gratitude for receiving the award, which represented years of collaboration to build the budget for Substance abuse services. He acknowledged our voices are more strongly needed, as Governor Patrick cut all human services. Substance Abuse Services cuts added up to 8 million \$ plus. However, the cuts mostly touched not yet funded Projects. **The cuts could have been worse if MAADAC members had not spoken up!**

Your Support is Needed for LADC Insurance Reimbursement

Making LADC Insurance Reimbursement a Reality - You can Help!

If you are interested in pursuing LADC Insurance Reimbursement, please contact Linda Mullis at cadaclm@cox.net

Sample Letter to Governor:

I thank you for your past support of funding for Substance Abuse Services, and building a better budget with a strategic plan to increase quality services.

I ask that no emergency cuts be made to Department of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (DPH/BSAS line items 4512-0200, -0201, and -0202). These line items represent an important, recent investment for the state and its citizens. We understand that you are faced with difficult choices as you try to balance the state budget, but we also know that you support treatment on demand which we have not yet achieved in Massachusetts.

As a result of the 9C cuts and other budget reductions in FY 2001 to 2003, access to addiction treatment was markedly diminished. Fifty percent of the state's publicly-funded detoxification bed capacity, five residential recovery homes and much of the outpatient treatment capacity were lost. The destabilization of those services was especially troubling given that it all occurred in the midst of an OxyContin and heroin epidemic. We are still paying in lives lost to opiate overdoses. Two-thirds of all poisonings in Massachusetts were the result of opioid overdoses, and 637 people died from opioid poisoning in 2006, which was up from 544 the year before.

Thank you for your consideration.
(Be sure to include your name and your contact information).

How to contact the Governor's office by phone and email:

Phone: 617-725-4005

Email: constituent.services@state.ma.us or you can go to <http://mass.gov/> and follow the links to the Governor's office and contact him by email through his website.

You are important! Thank You for Your membership.

Check out our Website at:
www.maadac-ma.org

Sincerely,

Peter Crumb Your MAADAC President