

Cape Cod MAADAC Board of Directors meeting - 9/7/12

Meeting **called to order** at 4:00 PM by Vice-President Gary Blanchard. Also attending were Joseph Bebo, Judith Chaskes, Tom Crowley, Pete Crumb, Joe Kelleher, Linda Mazak and Russ Viveiros.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report showed a loss of \$801.22 since 12/2/11 – the difference between income and expenses. MAADAC remains solid with assets of \$16,963.12. Report was accepted.

Vice-President's Report. Gary Blanchard reported on the NAADAC Board of Directors meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference itself had lower attendance and fewer exhibitors than the Cape Cod Symposium. NAADAC finances are improving, resulting in promises to be more prompt with membership payments. Board discussed increasing membership by reducing rates for first-time members and those who have not been members for more than a year. Concern was expressed from affiliates that this would decrease the state's membership income. Issue was not voted and may be tried. Gary came away with the sense things were looking up for the future. NAADAC has a full-time legislative consultant who "has a seat" at the tables of the federal bureaucracy.

Old business. Russ Viveiros raised the issue of workforce development and declining membership.

New Business. Linda Mazak distributed a Recovery Week flyer from MOAR and the Gosnold Center.

Discussion followed regarding requiring that people treating addiction be certified/licensed for addiction treatment as a specialty Joe Bebo said that at the NAADAC conference he, Don Osborne and Dr. Wesley Clark of SAMHSA and others will be developing a proposal to this end. Question – Does the NAADAC initiative mean that national standards will be imposed? The history of this plan goes back twelve years in developing a curriculum for this program. It was noted that the MAADAC program for vendorship legislation is in its fourth year and that it took several years to pass the licensure bill. Discussion followed on selling vendorship to the legislature using finance and efficacy statistics. Judith Chaskes said there should be more and wider dissemination of information on these issues. Linda Mazak said that one such source was the MOAR Newsletter. Next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, October 25th at Adcare in Worcester.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Crumb, Secretary