

**Massachusetts Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MAADAC)  
State Meeting (Virtual)**

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Present: Joe Kelleher (President), Linda Mullis (Treasurer), John Finneran (Secretary), Heather Borelli, Debbie Ford, Devin Stevinson, Linda Mazak, Tom Peltz, Mark Rebello, Christine Kelly, Martha Deering

Agenda & Minutes

1. The meeting was promptly called to order, a motion was made to accept last month's minutes and voted upon unanimously.
2. Motion made to elect Devin Stevenson and Christine Kelly as full voting members of the Executive Board, voted unanimously.
3. Regional Meetings: Meetings held for most MAADAC Regions, and a slate of officers submitted to the Executive Board.
4. Membership Survey: James Plaza reported that Mail Chimp has a free service for conducting a survey for the membership. Received 9 questions for membership and reviewed in the group. Will move forward with survey.
5. President's Report: Joe attended the NAADAC Annual Meeting, noted some changes in NAADAC leadership, Cynthia Maroney-Touey has left position. Don Johnson received the NAADAC Lora Roe Counselor of the Year Award.
6. Treasurer's Report: Linda reported a positive balance in the MAADAC account; indicated that the web site fee is \$125 per month; there is also an annual \$300 domain charge. MAADAC Business cards are being developed.
7. LADC-1 Scope of Practice: Recent posts to the NAADAC Massachusetts Community Discussion Board raised the question of ability of LADC-1's to diagnose and treat mental illness. According to BSAS and the 105 CMR Regulations that govern the licensing of alcohol and drug counselors, LADC-1's are not permitted to either diagnose or treat persons with co-occurring disorders (mental illness and substance use disorders) unless they are dually licensed as an

LMHC, LICSW, LMFT, or other designated health occupations. LADC-1's may be able to provide such clinical services if they are working under the license of an approved provider or agency. Otherwise, the LADC-1 may be liable! We will draft a letter of concern that recommends changes to the Regulations, review at next Borad meeting, and then forward to the Director of BSAS

8. Annual Meeting:

- a. The meeting is scheduled for either Friday, 1/19 or 1/26/2024.
- b. Will have Speaker and firm date for next meeting.

Next meeting to be held virtually for Thursday, 11/30/2023 @ 10:30AM.

Prepared 11/09/2023 J. Finneran, Secretary

**Officers for the MAADAC Regions**

Region I: President – Nancy Reis

Alternate –

Secretary – James Plaza

Region II: President – Mark Rebello

Alternate – Martha Deering

Secretary – John Finneran

Region III: President – William Drinkwater

Alternate – Thomas Pletz

Secretary- Felice DeRuggiero

\*Region IV: President – Joe Kelleher

Alternate – Linda Mazak

Secretary

\*Region V: President – Ronda Tobey

Alternate –

Secretary-

\*Region VI: President – Joe Kelleher

Alternate – Linda Mazak

Secretary-

- Regions IV, V, VI are pending.

MAADAC Annual Awards:

- a. Outstanding Service Award - Independence Hall, Shrewsbury MA?
- b. Counselor of the Year Award – Ronda Jones Tobey
- c. Robert Logue Memorial President’s Award – Hugh McCray
- d. Educator of the Year Award
- e. Special Recognition Award – Joan Lovely Senate