

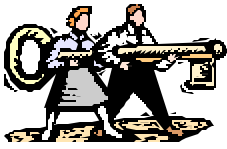
KAAP Newsbrief

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KAAP On The Move!

Message from KAAP President Bev Metcalf

Just as I mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter, we have made a great deal of progress and we're continuing to move forward at KAAP. The financial health of our organization continues to get better and better. Here's a listing of some of the accomplishments to date in 2005:

- The KAAP office moved to a new location, dropping our rent by two-thirds to \$1,000 monthly.
- Several thousand dollars in credit card debt has now been paid off.
- Nearly all sections have consolidated funds into one bank account to allow for better accountability and more accurate record keeping.
- Deliverables as outlined in the FY 2005 AAPS contracts have either been completed or are scheduled for completion.
- We changed the structure of the KAAP Employee Assistance Program, which is anticipated will save over \$10,000 annually.
- All KAAP bills are current and up to date.
- KAAP is now an employer with three staff members.

- Other strategic cost-saving measures have been taken for an anticipated savings in excess of approximately \$20,000 annually.

I am extremely happy with the progress that has been made for our association and look forward to continued changes as KAAP moves forward.

One important topic that I want to remind everyone about is the change of providers for our Counselor Assistance Program. Ron Eisenbarth had been providing this service to counselors throughout the state for years, and we are deeply indebted to Ron for those years of service. Effective February 1 of this year, the Counselor Assistance Program has been provided by Heart of America Professional Network (HAPN). The phone number for HAPN is (913) 236-7575. Please feel free to cut out the business card box at the end of this article and keep it in a handy place.

As we look to the future, KAAP is working on a number of initiatives that will involve you, the members. The upcoming year will be one of continued focus and of the honing in on the benefits members want most. To that end, enclosed in this newsletter is a membership survey to determine membership benefits most important to you.

Please feel free to call me or the KAAP staff with any questions or suggestions you might have. Your input is always welcome!



Counselor Assistance Program
Provided by HAPN
(913) 236-7575

Meet the Staff:



Mike Larkin joined the KAAP staff in March as the Director of Operations. Mike comes to KAAP as an employee of Free Bird Business

Solutions, where he serves as the Chief Operating Officer.

Mike has a solid professional background that can assist KAAP as it moves forward. Prior to joining Free Bird and KAAP, Mike served as the Compensation and Classification Director as well as the Prescription Benefits Manager for the State of Kansas. He is accustomed to working with state contracts as well as fulfilling contract deliverables. Prior to his work with the state, Mike served as the Executive Director for the Kansas Employer Coalition on Health, a statewide health-related organization, where he acquired substantial experience in association management, education and CEU management, and legislative advocacy. Additionally, Mike is a retired Lt. Colonel with the Kansas Army National Guard.

Every day, Mike's focus at KAAP is on business operations and the timely deliverables of the AAPS contracts. He also works with staff on issues involving establishing "best practices" for making our KAAP organization more efficient. He works with our accountant to ensure timely completion of accounts payables and receivables, and also attends many KAAP section meetings.

You can reach Mike every day at the office through his email (mike@ksaap.org) or by phone at 785-235-2400, ext. 356.

Other KAAP Staff, at your service:

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2005 Legislative Wrap Up

2005 Legislative Session Overview by Dan Hermes

The 2005 Legislature is scheduled to adjourn sine die on May 20. Sine die is Latin for without a day and marks the ceremonial end of the Legislative Session for this year. Public school finance dominated much of the time and energy this year culminating in passage of a plan to provide over \$125 million in new state support for schools.

There were several measures that impact the addiction professional field that were considered. SB 27, a bill to require ephedrine and pseudo ephedrine in pill form to be dispensed only by a pharmacy, is now law.

It is hoped this bill will reduce methamphetamine production in our state. Other measures that KAAP supported that did not advance include SB 30, a bill that have allowed individuals with a prior drug felony to qualify for public assistance and HB 2231, a bill that would have allowed currently incarcerated individuals with drug possession felonies to qualify for the 2003 SB 123 alternative drug sentencing program. Both of these measures passed at least one house and will continue to be pursued next session.

On the state budget front, all substance abuse service programs at the Department of SRS and Department of Corrections were approved as recommended by the Governor. This represents status quo funding. Importantly, funding for the 2003 SB 123 alternative drug sentencing program in FY 2006 was increased by \$1.6 million, for a total of \$6.1 million. This is the amount estimated to finance all eligible treatment for the year.

Overall, the Legislature was able to balance the FY 2006 state budget, even with the significant increase for public schools, without increasing state taxes. However, based on current revenue projections and existing obligations, the budget cannot be sustained for FY 2007 without program reductions or tax increases.

Once again, many measures to expand gaming in our state were advanced and discussed. None of these measures passed either house of the Legislature. Funds for expanding the problem gambling funding at the Department of SRS were included in all the proposals. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or need information about activities at the statehouse. I can be reached at 785-221-7419 or contact me via e-mail at hermes4@mindspring.com.

Van Wagner Group Helps NAADAC Members Search for Health Insurance

Alexandria, VA - NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals, in partnership with the Van Wagner Group pleased to offer a new tool to find health insurance options. Health insurance programs can be found on-line through Van Wagner's association with the e-health insurance plan.

"Many of NAADAC's members haven't had access to affordable and quality health insurance. In partnership with the Van Wagner Group, we're helping NAADAC's members find health insurance options," said NAADAC President Mary Woods, RNC, LADC, MSHS.

NAADAC members interested in finding out more about health insurance can get more information at www.vanwagnergroup.com click on the

"health insurance" option.

2005 NAADAC and TAAP Conference

Plan to attend NAADAC's Biggest Event of the year!

**July 7-9, 2005 Omni Marina Hotel and
Conference Center Corpus Christi, TX**

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals and TAAP, (Texas Association of Addiction Professionals) are co-hosting the TAAP 31st Annual State Conference and NAADAC's Annual Conference. The conference will be in Corpus Christi from July 7-9th, 2005.

You can anticipate innovative workshop sessions offering over 25 CEU credits. You'll be earning those credits at the four star Omni Marina Hotel overlooking the bay for an amazing room rate of only \$89.00 per night. The Omni Marina Hotel can be contacted at 707 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, Phone: (361) 887-1600. Mention "TAAP" when making your reservation and book your room by June 15th, 2005.

Friday's events include a visit to the Texas State Aquarium after our Presidents' dinner, also located on Nueces Bay. You'll enjoy live aquatic exhibits and a buffet dinner with an amazing view of the Gulf of Mexico. The Aquarium's exhibits include Dolphin Bay and Conservation Cove where you'll meet sharks, rays, otters, pelicans, and raptors. The dinner event will also include award presentations given to deserving recipients in the field of addiction counseling.

Don't miss this exciting educational opportunity. Come earn your CEU credits at the TAAP/NAADAC conference, and bring the family for some fun in the sun in Corpus Christi.

Full registration details are available at www.taap.org or at www.naadac.org.

Upcoming Events

July 6 to 7, 2005

NAADAC Executive Committee Meeting

Omni Marina Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas.

More details at

www.naadac.org or call 1-800-548-0497.

July 6-8, 2005

NAADAC National Certification Commission Meeting

Omni Marina Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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July 8, 2005

NAADAC Board of Directors Meeting

Omni Marina Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas.

More details at

www.naadac.org or call 1-800-548-0497.

July 30, 2005

NCAC I / NCAC II / MAC Exam Date

More details at www.ptcny.com

September 29 to October 2, 2005

18th Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders,

"Hot Topics & Controversial Approaches: Challenging a New Generation"

Sponsored by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

Sheraton Hyannis, Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Over 50 challenging workshops! Earn up to 30 contact hours/PDHs.

To request a copy of the brochure, please call 800-314-1921 x 10 or mail to AMEDCO, PO Box 17980, St. Paul, MN 55117.

Check www.ccsad.com for more information.

September 2005

Recovery Month. Join NAADAC, the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration and hundreds of other national and community organizations in organizing and attending local and national events throughout September.

Call 240-276-2750 or visit www.recoverymonth.gov for more details.

September 20, 2005

National Counselor's Day.

September is Counselor's Month.

Join NAADAC in organizing an event on the 20th or organize your own local event. Recognize the hard work all counselors do!

Call 800-548-0497 or visit www.naadac.org for more details.

September 30, 2005

NCAC I / NCAC II / MAC

Application Deadline

More details at www.ptcny.com

November 19, 2005

NCAC I / NCAC II / MAC Exam

Date

More details at www.ptcny.com

You can obtain free copies of all SAMHSA publications by calling SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 800-729-6686. This is a great way to stay on top of the latest federally funded research.

For more news, visit these websites:

National Institute on Drug Abuse
<http://www.nida.nih.gov/>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
<http://www.samhsa.gov>

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
<http://www.csat.samhsa.gov>

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KAAP Summer and Fall Conference Taking Shape

*John Bradshaw coming this fall!
Mark your calendar to attend today!*

Your KAAP staff has been hard at work planning details for the upcoming summer and fall conferences.

This year's summer conference will be held in Great Bend June 22-24, 2005 at the Highland Hotel. This year's summer event will offer 18 CEUs, and cover important topics such as HIV/AIDS, Outcomes Measurement and Reporting, Ethics, Confidentiality, and Treatment Issues Involving Native Americans. Several of the topics offered this summer are part of the training required by SRS/AAPS for maintaining the AAPS State credential.

The fall conference, scheduled for September 14 and 15 in Wichita is two full days and one evening this year and promises to offer timely education and powerful insights for today's addiction and prevention specialists. As our featured speakers, Dawn Billings, author of numerous books to include Entitled to Fail, Endowed to Succeed and her most recent, A Perfect Heart, will address the importance of faith-based organizations being involved in the recovery process and John Bradshaw will address the importance of a counselor's self examination process and managing burnout in this high-stress field. Our evening program will feature Former Lt. Governor Gary Sherrer (back by popular demand), addressing Leadership.

You won't want to miss these important training events! Reserve time on your calendar today, and look for details on these conferences coming to you soon! ☐

Remember National Addictions Counselor Day September 20, 2005

The 4th annual National Addictions Counselor Day will be on September 20, 2005. This day coincides with National Recovery month. Now is the time to plan to ensure counselors get the recognition they deserve as to how important they are to the field of recovery and treatment. Without counselors there is no addiction profession.

Please take the time to get as many people in your community involved as possible. Contact your mayor and ask that he or she declare September 20, 2005, as "Addiction Counselors Day." Contact your state legislators and ask them to pass a proclamation that recognizes the work that the alcohol and other drug abuse counselors do.

If you'd like to share ideas for possible events on Counselors' Day, please contact Pamela Frazier at n_the_spirit1@juno.com or Donovan Kuehn at

dkuehn@naadac.org. Please put "Counselors Day" in the subject line of the e-mail.