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INASAP joins SAAS

Indiana Association of Substance Abuse Providers, Inc., became the 44th State Provider Association to join the National State Association of Addiction Services (SAAS). SAAS maintains a high profile at the Federal level in various advocacy initiatives related to the Addiction service industry and the various bills and budgeting processes that flow through the congressional process. In addition, SAAS offers members training opportunities such as the June Conference in coordination with NIATx in Orlando.

Members of INASAP have the opportunity to take advantage of a variety of

discount programs for goods and services regularly used in the industry.

The biggest advantage to SAAS membership is that INASAP is now connected with a large number of experienced addiction advocates and agencies throughout the US that it can (and has) used to provide input and experience with issues that affect Indiana and gain insight regarding how other States have dealt with similar issues.

SAAS offers a rich pool of Addiction professionals that Indiana, through INASAP can now connect with for business and

advocacy purposes.

To learn more about the benefits of SAAS and INASAP membership, contact Tiffany Peek, Mental Health America of Indiana, at 317-638-3501, ext. 228.



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INASAP weighs in on Methadone bill

HB 157 entered the legislative process in January with some recommended rules that, at the very least, established barriers to continued narcotic replacement therapy for many Hoosiers and citizens in neighboring states. With the assistance of our

SAAS affiliate in Illinois and others, INASAP provided a significant amount of evidence based information to legislative contacts regarding the negative impact of this legislation. Even though INASAP has just one member that oper-

ates a Narcotic Replacement Program, we were compelled to take action as the proposed legislation was so contrary to sound evidence based practice. The proposed legislation did not prevail; the rules will be developed by DMHA.

DMHA taps INASAP for Licensure issue.

Cathy Boggs, Director of the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) has asked INASAP to lead a consensus building effort for legislative recommendations on the issue of Addiction Counselor Licensure. Cathy cited the INASAP Public Policy Positions shared with our parent agency MHAI, and sister agency IAIC. Ms. Boggs feels the Policy statements of this coalition recognize the concerns of DMHA in regard to Licensure for Addiction Counselors in the State of Indiana.

The licensure issue has been a divi-

sive one for the addiction treatment industry in Indiana. This has stalled or impaired other public policy initiatives with regard to addiction treatment and licensure for the last several years. INASAP will be convening a group of interested parties soon to work toward a consensus package. Historically, the primary issue of contention has been grandfathering and eligibility.

INASAP is pleased to accept this challenge along with our MHAI and IAIC colleagues in order to develop an acceptable compromise on licensure.

If no compromise can be reached INASAP hopes to at least obtain a moratorium on independent efforts that are assured to further stall progress and continue division.

INASAP to co-sponsor GLATTC Leadership Institute

Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC), has asked INASAP to help co-sponsor their Leadership Training Institute in October 2008. The GLATTC leadership Institute pairs persons newer to the field (protégées) with professionals (mentors) that have been in practice for some time. The Institute includes a one week immersion training for the protégées where they learn and practice leadership

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styles. On the last two days of the immersion training the protégées are introduced to their mentors, develop a working contract and

goals for a project that the protégées will carry out over the next 6 months. Mentors and protégées stay in touch and work toward developing the project and the final presentation that occurs 6 month later with an official graduation ceremony. Indiana will have 6 slots for protégées; the immersion training is planned for an Indiana location.

Stay tuned for more information

Federal Parity bill still needs help.

The Federal House of Representatives overwhelmingly (384-23) passed legislation that would extend the 1996 law that established the principle of mental health parity. The bill, H.R. 4848, now moves to the Senate. While its passage would extend for another year the limited ban on health plans' setting stricter lifetime or annual dollar limits on mental health care than on care for

other illnesses, House leaders have signaled their plan to bring a comprehensive parity bill, H.R. 1424 (sponsored by Rep. Patrick Kennedy), to the floor in the coming weeks. That step would reinvigorate the momentum behind parity and bring us a step closer to enactment of a strong parity bill this year.



SAAS News

SAAS Appoints Acting Executive Director

After the resignation of Howard Shapiro, the SAAS Board of Trustees appointed Becky Vaughn as Acting Executive Director during the search process. Richard Nance stepped up and took the duties of President.

2008-2009 Board:

President: Richard Nance, Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network

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stance Abuse Organizations

Charles Bush, Mississippi Association of Addiction Services

Debra Gilmour, Oregon Prevention, Recovery, and Educational Assoc.

SAAS and NIATx annual conferences together!

June 23–25, 2008

at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel

Orlando, Florida

June 22, 2008

Pre-Conference Workshops

SAAS and NIATx are bringing their annual conferences together

to create an exciting, high-value event for the addiction and behavioral health treatment field. Think of it as

“two great conferences for the price of one!”



SAAS focuses on education of State Legislatures.

SAAS Partners with the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL)

Together with NCSL, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), and Faces & Voices of Recovery (FAVOR) SAAS is embarking on a joint project that will educate state

legislators and legislative staff about recovery-oriented systems of care (ROSC) for people with addiction. The overarching goals are:

- to significantly raise the level of awareness and knowledge among legislators and legislative staff regarding recovery-oriented systems of care; and

- to provide the necessary information for state legislators to examine the policy op-

tions that will be required and to begin to take the policy actions necessary to use a recovery-oriented systems of care approach.

Thanks to Mike Reagan (MI) and Debra Gilmour (OR) for agreeing to serve on the Advisory Committee representing SAAS. For more information the new website is

www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum/roses.htm .

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because we can't wait any longer!

(Discounts for founding membership dues end Sept. 3, 2008)

1. Dues for individuals in private practice are \$100 each per year. **Founding Members qualify for a 2 year membership for \$175.00.**

2. Agencies that have less than a \$1,000,000 annual budget are eligible for membership at \$500/year. **Founding Members qualify for a 2 year membership for \$875.**

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National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

In. ASAP has made arrangements for the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws to compile an audit and present model options for Indiana drug and alcohol laws. Deb Beck from the Alliance has talked with INASAP and is in the process of obtaining information on the current situation in Indiana. Deb plans to look at a wide variety of issues including: sentencing, correctional rehab, diversion and reentry, drug courts, court alcohol programming, Medicaid, insurance parity, treatment capacity/availability and funding in general. Once Deb has had the opportunity to assess the current situation she will discuss possible recommendations or model programs that may enhance the situation in Indiana. INASAP is

pleased to get this resource to assist in public policy development and legislative awareness. It is our hope that Deb can look at the current interplay of the various systems that affect drug and alcohol policy from an external view and assist the entire field in developing positive and consistent policies across systems.

The goal of this project is to have the findings and recommendations ready prior to the next legislative session. We also are anticipating that at least a few of the recommended actions will come to the legislature in the next session.

To our knowledge this is the first time a National Alliance has reviewed the overall picture in Indiana and we are hopeful the out-

come provides direction and model program development throughout the system.

By joining Indiana ASAP you can be on the front line of this process, have input to the project direction, and get the early look at the overall current situation and final report and recommendations.

Join now.

