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News Summary

Harvey, LA, 10.25.2014

NOAPA Supports the Addiction Professionals Community.

The District 1 Educational Institute hosted the 5th Annual professional development workshop for Addiction and Prevention Professionals titled

“Sex and Love Addiction”.

Addiction professionals and students were able to engage in and leave the workshop with a basic overview of the following:

A systematic overview of and an understanding of what sex/

love addiction really is and interventions for sex/love addictions.

The psychological creation of addiction and distress and The addiction process and the necessary ingredients for defining an addiction diagnosis were demonstrated.

Charlette Edwards, MSPH is a Behavioral Health Consultant having earned Master's Level Public Health degree with more than 14 years of experience in the design development and implementation of public health programs specific to the prevention and treatment of chemical and process addictions.

As a nationally recognized consultant she has authored and implemented programs in the United States and abroad in Louisiana, Nevada, Mississippi, and Georgia and Nigeria, West Africa.

Charlette is a 2000 graduate of Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

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Workshop! Visit
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Harvey, LA

12.13.2014

Mr. Terry Clay tailored his Addicted to the Lifestyle Presentation to an interactive educational experience describing three spheres – Spiritual, Mental and Physical based on the disease model. All Disease must have: A Common cause= use of substance, Independent Symptoms= tolerance& withdrawal and a Predictable Course= eventual death. Addiction is a progressive disease. Without treatment, addiction gets worse with use.

Mr. Terry Clay is a Training and Coaching professional working with the at risk populations in New Orleans.

08.30.2014

Jason Dove presented on “What is" Living in Balance?” In order to define living in balance, one must have an understanding of the neurobiological processes (Brain Chemistry) that underlie Drug Abuse and Addiction as well as concerns with Chemical Balance and Imbalance. The basic concept is that neurotransmitter imbalances within the brain are the main causes of psychiatric conditions and that these conditions can be improved with medication which corrects these imbalances. Drug receptors can be broadly defined as any compound within the body that the drug binds to and causes an effect. Most often drug receptors are the receptors that bind endogenous hormones, neurotransmitters or cytokines. Foods are excluded. Stated another way, it takes a higher dose of

the drug to achieve the same level of response achieved initially.

Jason Dove is a New Orleans native, a 1982 grad of St. Augustine H.S. 1993 and graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana with a B.S. in Pharmacy, later becoming a Doctor in Pharmacy. He has served as case manager for Nehemiah Restoration, TSAP, ATR 2 and CDC Liaison advocating for treatment as opposed to incarceration. He is also a Certified DOC Tutor.



Combining benzodiazepines with other substances raises risks

Thursday, December 18, 2014



"That's our new mission statement."

**"Objectives,
proposals,
and
Procedures
for direction
are
welcome.."**

*"It is the mission of the **New Orleans Addiction Professional Association** to provide quality services to meet the educational need of all **Addiction Professionals** through: networking, public awareness, motivational speakers, discussion groups, continuing education, and leadership in education without limitations."*

Benzodiazepines, such as alprazolam, diazepam, clonazepam and lorazepam, are a class of drugs used to relieve symptoms of anxiety, panic attacks and seizures. They are usually safe when taken as prescribed and directed under a health professional's supervision. However, benzodiazepines can sometimes cause adverse effects – especially if used improperly or in combination with substances like opioid pain relievers or alcohol. A new report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shows that 32 percent of hospital emergency department visits involving benzodiazepines resulted in serious medical outcomes such as hospitalization (or in rare cases death).

In emergency department visits involving the use of benzodiazepines in combination with opioid pain relievers the risk of a serious outcome rose to 44 percent. Similarly, 44 percent of emergency department visits associated with the combined use of benzodiazepines and alcohol resulted in serious medical outcomes. Serious health results occurred in 50 percent of hospital emergency visits involving the combined use of benzodiazepines, opioid pain relievers and alcohol. This report only analyzed emergency department visits involving benzodiazepines alcohol and opioids. SAMHSA's report also indicates that older patients may be at significantly higher risk for serious health outcomes. Seventy percent of emergency department visits involving people aged 65 or older who had combined benzodiazepines with alcohol and opioid pain relievers resulted in serious outcomes, compared to 39 percent of visits involving people aged 12 to 34 using the same combination of substances.

"Benzodiazepines are commonly prescribed medications that can benefit some patients but, like all medications they must be properly used and monitored," said SAMHSA's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz. "The adverse events being seen in emergency departments are often the result of drug-drug interactions that can occur between benzodiazepines, opioids and alcohol. Physicians and other prescribers must inform patients taking these medicines of the potential risk of drug interactions that can result in serious adverse events and even death. Healthcare providers and patients must work together to ensure that prescribed medications are taken in a way that maximizes benefits and diminishes risks."

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention has several initiatives to prevent the misuse of prescription drugs. These include school-based programs educating parents and students about the potential dangers of misusing prescription drugs. Other prevention programs provide informational materials to health professionals, including prescribers, on the risk of overprescribing.

SAMHSA grant programs like the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, and Partnerships for Success, fund a wide variety of programs designed to help prevent prescription drug misuse and abuse, such as ensuring proper training of first responders for drug overdose situations and implementing prescription drug take-back programs for unused medications.

The report entitled, *Benzodiazepines in Combination with Opioid Pain Relievers or Alcohol: Greater Risk of More Serious Emergency Department Visit Outcomes* is based on findings from the 2005 to 2011 Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) reports.

DAWN is a public health surveillance system that monitored drug-related morbidity and mortality through reports from a network of hospitals across the nation. In 2011 DAWN reported that there were approximately 5 million substance-related visits to hospital emergency departments.

The complete survey findings are available on the SAMHSA web site at:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/DAWN-SR192-BenzoCombos-2014/DAWN-SR192-BenzoCombos-2014.pdf>.

For more information, contact the SAMHSA Press Office at 240-276-2130.

Community News

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www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org

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Www.sober24.com

Alcohol Screening
www.alcohol screening.org

Drugscreening.org
www.drug screening.org

RethinkingDrinking.niaaa.nih.gov

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www.smartrecovery.org
Alcoholics Anonymous
www.aa.org

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The Addiction project (by
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www.hbo.com/addiction/

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Schools
www.recoveryschools.org

Adult Children of Alcoholics
www.adultchildren.org

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**“Humility is
not thinking
less of
yourself, It is
thinking of
yourself
less.”
AA Slogan**

Treatment Works—NAADAC Minority Fellowship

New NAADAC Minority Fellowship Program for Addiction Counselors

NAADAC is proud and honored to announce that it has been awarded the Now is the Time: Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (NITT-MFP-AC) Master's Level Grant by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) in the amount of \$800,000 per year for four years, for a total of \$3.2M.

The NAADAC Minority Fellowship Program for Addiction Counselors (NMFP-AC) will increase the number of cultur-

ally-competent Master's Level addiction counselors available to serve underserved and minority populations, and transition age youth (ages 16-25) by providing tuition stipends of up to \$20,000, training, education, and professional guidance to at least 30 students in the final year of an accredited Master's program in addiction/substance use disorder counseling per year.

The NMFP-AC application will be available online starting December 15, 2015.

All questions should be directed to Dr. Shafiq

Qureshi, NMFP-AC Program Manager by email or phone at 703-741-7686 x114.

Treatment

Treatment is defined as The use of an agent, procedure, or regimen, such as a drug, surgery, or exercise, in an attempt to cure or mitigate a disease, condition, or injury.

**“Treatment
Works”**



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New Orleans Addiction Professional Association, Inc.

January Meeting

Saturday January 31 2015 10:00 a.m.

White Dove Fellowship
3600 Manhattan Boulevard
Harvey, LA 70058

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New Orleans Addiction Professional
Association—District 1
PO Box 1116
Harvey, LA 70059

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