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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Harvey, LA

04.01.2017

NOAPA – New Orleans Addiction Professional Association is open for member ship.

There is an open door for Instructors, Tenured Faculty and All Students with a vested interest in Addiction Counseling and Prevention Education.

It is the mission of New Orleans Addiction Professional Association, Inc. to offer educational needs to all addiction professionals through networking and public awareness, discussion groups, continuing education and through collaboration with community based organizations to meet the addiction treatment needs of the community.

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Social Work and Addiction Behaviors Departments

Any Individual, organization, Behavioral Health Agencies, Medical Clinic and Private Practitioners are welcome to share information, present clinical data and research and network.

NOAPA is an Approved Educational Provider (AEP) through the Addictive Disorders Regulatory Authority (ADRA).

NOAPA provides educational workshops year round on various topics related to Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse Counseling, Compulsive Gambling Counseling, Professional Ethics, and Clinical Supervision.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Harvey, LA

01.28.2017

Bill Knect, LCSW presented A Compulsive Sexual Behavior Workshop in an interactive format that gave the participant an understanding of the Diagnosis, the types of screening tools used, the prevalence of the addiction with case examples to apply the tools in the field of practice.

The session referenced the disease concept along with the treatment approaches to focus on the successful outcomes working with this special population.

Employing a sexual behaviors continuum, the presenter outlined a criteria delineating the expressions of sexual compulsion with the PATHOS assessment tool Preoccupation, Ashamed, Treatment, Hurt others, Out of Control and Sad. The workshop ended with Carnes' Predictors of success.

02.18.2017

Paul Schoen, LAC, CCGC presented "Boundaries as Addiction Counselors" for the clinician and practitioner.

The workshop was interactive as real practice scenarios were placed to the audience and Counselors had to perceive the situation in real time managing of the event. The goal was to see where a therapist is in his ethical practice in the field.

The challenge for counselors interactive session demonstrated that a reliance on the code of ethics is paramount.

The code of ethics reflects ideals of an organization and its membership. It is designed as a statement of the values of the profession and as a guide for making clinical decisions.

The Counselor support networks, the fact of value, and the belief that if you persist you can improve, one can acquire this skill without guesswork.

03.25.2017

Victoria Lewis, Ph.d presented on "Self Care.– the overlooked competency."

The workshop focused on the counseling setting as "the clinician needs to take care of him/her self to accomplish the evidenced based practices with the clients they serve."

"Clinicians are overworked and seldom take time out for Themselves" Dr. Lewis reported. Current practices of self care were reviewed, ways to improve these current practices and various self care examples were explored. A practical Self Care plan with a goal to feel vital and balanced, free from depression and anxiety was demonstrated.

Finally it was emphasized after a review of the information, improvement would be in sight for the clinician.



"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."*

Physician presence will gain boost with addiction medicine's recognition as subspecialty

March 21, 2016
by Gary A. Enos

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An action announced last week by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is expected to propel physicians more aggressively into the mainstream of addiction treatment, helping to overcome historical barriers to their greater involvement.

In a development that observers say surfaced earlier than expected, the ABMS announced on March 14 its recognition of addiction medicine as a subspecialty. In addition, addiction medicine will become one of only two medical subspecialties for which any ABMS-certified physician will be able to apply (clinical informatics is the other). This acknowledges the potentially important role any practicing physician can play in the prevention and treatment of

addiction.

"It has long been our view that American medicine is the greatest in the world for treating disease, and yet we have missed the boat on dealing with the etiology for much of that disease, which is addiction," says Kevin Kunz, MD, executive vice president of the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) and The Addiction Medicine Foundation (formerly The ABAM Foundation). ABAM has been instrumental in advocating the subspecialty recognition, and also will continue its existing certification for physicians in addiction medicine.

The ABMS recognition will elevate addiction medicine's visibility among both medical students pursuing training and the general public seeking treatment options. Up to now, says Kunz, an individual or family member could not even locate an addiction medicine specialist in a phone directory because the lack of recognition for the subspecialty has meant that a physician could not be listed under that designation.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) had historically sought to gain recognition of addic-

tion medicine as a subspecialty under which physicians could become trained and accredited. But Kunz says it was determined that an independent board could best advance the idea, and thus ABAM came into existence in 1997. It has certified nearly 4,000 physicians in its own [credentialing process](#), many from family medicine, internal medicine and psychiatry.

Addiction Medicine will be open to any physician certified by any of the 24 Member Boards of the ABMS. The first certifying examination is not anticipated until the new examination is constructed."

Kunz suggests that the subspecialty credential will appeal to a variety of physician specialists, from family physicians and psychiatrists to pediatricians, obstetrician/gynecologists, preventive medicine specialists and others. He adds in reference to the ABMS announcement, "This has signaled the acceptance of addiction as a legitimate disease where prevention and treatment can be in the hands of physicians and the medical community."

For more information about the NOAPA organization, to join, to volunteer or to help those in the community from the afflictions of addiction

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Community News

Faces and Voices of Recovery
www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org

Sober 24
Www.sober24.com

Alcohol Screening
www.alcohol screening.org

Drugscreening.org
www.drug screening.org

RethinkingDrinking.niaaa.nih.gov

Nida-Need resources for medical
and health professionals

Smart Recovery
www.smartrecovery.org
Alcoholics Anonymous
www.aa.org

Narcotics Anonymous
www.na.org

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

National Association for Children
of Alcoholics
www.nacoa.org

Oxford House, Inc.
www.oxfordhouse.org

www.naranon.com

Teen Challenge International
www.teenchallenge.com
Al-Anon/Alateen
www.al-anon.alateen.org

Association of Recovery
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**

A Word.....

March 3, 2017
by M. A. Aubry, Editor

For many individuals struggling with addiction, financial and family concerns often are parallel to daily life.

A stay in treatment can be a steppingstone to greater independence—to reengagement in the workplace, in community, and in family life.

For the participants with histories of drug and/or alcohol abuse, the ability with proficiency to remain abstinent from alcohol and other drugs is an absolute prerequisite to a stable, productive and useful independent life.

Toward this end, participants are given the opportunity to learn an array of recovery skills in relapse prevention,

interpersonal effectiveness, and emotion regulation to balance day to day activity.

From traditional 12-step work to holistic treatments, participants in substance abuse programs are given tools they can use to create lives which are rich, full, meaningful, and free of the crippling effects of addiction.

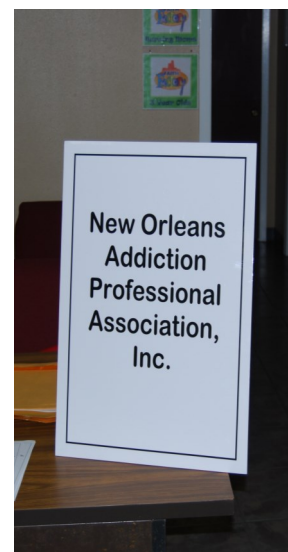
The New Orleans Addiction Professional Association, Inc. is an organizational member of the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers (LASACT) to advocate, encourage and promote the profession of these professionals to substantially increase the visibility and recognition as well as the accountability and credibility of Addiction Professionals at the city and state levels.

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Upcoming Events

New Orleans Addiction Professional Association, Inc.

Spring 2017 Educational Institute WORKSHOP April 22, 2017

“The Role of Ethics in 12 Core Functions”

and

“Integrating Motivational and Creative Arts”

Approved for 4 CEU hours

Cost:	Students & Seniors	\$35 pre-registered
	Professionals	\$45

\$50 at the door

Pre-registration recommended

Disclaimer: A one week cancellation notice must be given as fees are
non-refundable.

9:00 a.m. Evelyn B. Harrell, Ph.D, LAC, LCSW

11:00 a.m. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, M.Ed., M.A, LPCS-S, NCC

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3600 Manhattan Blvd
Harvey, LA 70058

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-President, Vice-President, Secretary, treasurer, Educational provider, CEB representative and District representative will be tabled-

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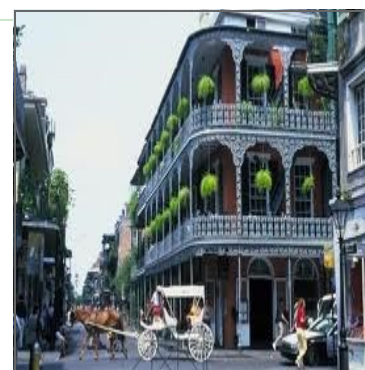


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