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In Memoriam



## Vernon Shorty

December 17, 1943 - February 26, 2013

### News Summary

Harvey, LA, 04.01.2013

Mr. Vernon Shorty was instrumental in the field of Addiction Service Delivery involving opioids. What works? What does not work? AA? NA? At the time NA since its founding in 1953 was well on its way to becoming the second largest self-help group.

Still an anti-addictive medical remedy was necessary to reduce opioid dependency.

Addictive behavior is the process of an individuals continuing to use opiates because of fear of sickness, not the high.

In other words, the addict tries the substance, not to get high, but to use. The addict tries to stop for whatever reason, does not continue, so withdrawal symptoms appear.

Three questions "What specific service delivery is acceptable? Unacceptable? What are the social stigmas?"

Mr. Shorty found opioids an undesirable situation. He went on to found the Desire Narcotics Treatment facility.

Many areas - implications of individual development on

ethical decision making, cultural, emotional, spiritual and moral, relationships between theories of Drug taking behavior and why are youth susceptible were parts of the continuum of care within the scope of treatment.

Mr. Vernon Shorty, a New Orleans Addiction Professional one that had an impact on drug addiction and demonstrated a history of Addiction Service Delivery to the Louisiana community.

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