

MAPPA Board Meeting Outline February 3, 2010

Attendance: Linda Smith, Marvena Simmonds, John Winslow, Lauresa Wigfall, Cindy Shifler, Karen Bishop and Vernon Spriggs

BUSINESS REPORTS

- **Minutes**
January minutes were re-viewed with corrections submitted. Vernon made those corrections and stated that a corrected copy of January's minutes would be re-posted.
- **Secretary's Report**
J. Sue was not present, nor left a report to be read.
- **Treasurer's Report**
Cindy Shifler reported that she is in the midst of conducting a reconciliation and would have that ready to report at March's meeting.
- **Vice President's Report**
Lauresa Wigfall, presented her report under the Committee Reports

President's Report

- **Re-visit the need to offer payment by credit card**
Vernon brought to attention the need for MAPPA to be able to allow payment via credit card. Marvena suggested that we check out the possibility of using the services of a Credit Union. Karen Bishop said she would contact Vernon concerning the possibility of partnering with the Foundation for Community Partnership, in her county as an outlet to accomplish this, as well as being to serve the need of MAPPA operating as a non-profit, until we have completed the necessary paperwork and have been approved through IRS.
- **Adjusted Certification Fees**
Members re-viewed and approved the new fee structure. Marvena discovered a correction to be made on the website. It was suggested that there be a link from the certification fee page to the membership page and information pointing out the value of becoming a member of MAPPA.
- **Updated Website**
Members were encouraged to review the website and submit any changes to be, to Vernon via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Advocacy / Cindy Shifler**
A lengthy discussion was held concerning the importance of the Maryland Adolescent Survey. Cindy, Karen and Linda, expressed many important points and suggestions of how MAPPA can and should take a lead in public support of the continuation of the MAS.

SUBMITTED BY KAREN BISHOP: MSDE chose not to offer the MAS mostly due to funding, but also because they want to move to the YRBS because it is national. However it does not provide local data and the samples previously surveyed were small. Not using the MAS would be a great loss of trend data over a significant period of time, thus would mean starting all over with baseline. The YRBS has to be retooled to meet the needs already covered by the MAS. There is suppose to be a meeting convened ASAP at the (??level??) to present this as an issue that needs to be resolved sooner, rather than later. DFC grantees were encouraged to inform Project Directors about the issue with the MAS.

SUBMITTED BY CINDY SHIFLER: I contacted Erin Artigiani of Cesar and Eugenia Conolly of ADAA in relation to the MAS. They recommended that I contact all of the Prevention Coordinators to find out how they feel about not having the MAS. I heard back from most of them and they are very concerned about not having the data available from the MAS. If we start over with another tool like the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, it means we will be starting at baseline with no local data, which is a major concern to everyone. Most agreed that prescription drug abuse questions need to be added to the MAS and that we need to stick with the MAS at this time. Some people are concerned about the cost of implementing this survey when they may not have any funds to do so. Yet all felt it is critical to the work we all do and for the applying of grants.

- **Conference / Lauresa Wigfall**
Lauresa noted a conflict in our original dates to hold our conference at UMES and wanted to poll members on another date that would be convenient for most members to plan around. Members decided on the week of June 14 – 18. Lauresa agreed to look at that week and report back to us concerning the best 2 days of that week, according to UMES, to host MAPPA.
- **Education / Sandy Wilson**
Sandy was not available and did not have a report.
- **Credentialing & Workforce Development / John Winslow**
John highlighted the progress of the Computer Based Testing offering and the additional MD. sites, not mentioned in the January minutes. The MADC Conference is scheduled for May 12 – 14, 2010.

REGIONAL UPDATES

- **Central / Teresa Northrup** / Not present & no updates to report.
- **Upper Eastern Shore / Karen Bishop** / No updates to report.
- **Lower Eastern Shore / Ervina Johnson** / No updates to report.
- **Southern / Linda Smith** / No updates to report.
- **Western / April Rouzer** / Not present & no updates to report.

OLD BUSINESS / No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Marvena suggested MAPPa to strongly consider participating in the Recovery Month activities, sponsored by SAMSHA. She will provide us with information to make this happen.

The next MAPPa board meeting will be on Wednesday March 5, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Thanks for reading & please accept my apologies for any omissions and typos!

Vernon Spriggs