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NPN President Elected and Executes First Executive Order

t the annual meeting of the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), held June 8-10, 2011 in Indianapolis Indiana, Janice W. Petersen, Ph.D. was elected by the membership of the National Prevention Network (NPN) to become its President and leader of substance abuse prevention across the nation. Dr. Petersen began her two-year term by executing her first Executive Order #1 to appoint a "task group" of past presidents to address the epidemic of underage drinking. This task group will work closely with the NASADAD leadership to engage SAMHSA in the

development of the National Underage Drinking Strategy for the nation. The executive committee unanimously approved the development of the "task group" and called for immediate action. Dr. Petersen also called for the inclusion of NPN representation in NASADAD's task group on diversity.

In other NPN business meetings, an ad-hoc committee on Medical Engagement was formed to address prevention in primary care settings. Dr. Petersen remarked that "during these times of economic uncertainty, it is crucial for substance abuse prevention professionals Janice Petersen, Ph.D to "take action" and lead the development of preventive services for



our families and communities in all settings. The NPN component of NASADAD remains ready to keep the ball rolling".

Dr. Petersen currently serves in the capacity as Director of the Office of Prevention for the state of North Carolina and Prevention and Early Intervention Team Leader. In her role as team leader, she is charged with leading her team in developing best practice protocols for prevention issues in mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse prevention. Her research interest's includes retention and recruitment of the prevention workforce, cultural responsiveness for prevention programming, and evidence-based/ informed program implementation across the life span.

A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dr. Petersen received her Ph.D. degree in Clinical/ Community psychology from Pennsylvania State University, an M.S. degree in psychology with specialization in minority mental health from Washington University in St. Louis, and a B.A. degree in Psychology/Social Welfare from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

> **NPN Executive Committee Conference Call:** Monday, January 9, 2012 Monday, February 1, 2012 Monday, March 5, 2012 2:00-3:30 PM EST

NPN Research & Evaluation Committee Conference Call: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Tuesday March 27, 2012 3:00-4:00 PM EST

NPN Workforce Development Conference Call: Thursday, January 19, 2012 Thursday, February 16, 2012 Thursday, March 15, 2012 3:00-4:00 PM EST

For information on conference calls contact Kate Buchanan at kbuchanan@nasadad.org.

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NASADAD Board of Directors Elects Theodora Binion as Association's First Vice President

By Rob Morrison

uring the most recent Board of Directors meeting held December 1st and 2nd in Washington, D.C., the NASADAD leadership elected Theodora Binion, State substance abuse director in Illinois, to serve as the Association's First Vice President. She will maintain her role as Region V Director as well – a position she was elected to by her peers during the most recent NASADAD June 2011 Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The First Vice President is a member of the Executive Committee; Public Policy Committee; and works with the President to provide overall leadership and support to the Board. This current term represents Theodora's second time serving on the NASADAD Board of Directors, demonstrating her long time commitment to NASA-DAD and fellow members. Theodora has long been an active participant in NASADAD public policy discussions - serving on the Public Policy Committee for a number of years. She has been particularly engaged in the dialogue on offender reentry and the work of the Second Chance Act which includes a number of federal programs providing reentry services. In addition, Theodora has been extremely generous with her time and helpful to new members of NASADAD by answering questions or offering insights on a range of issues. The election for First Vice President was held to fill the vacancy of David Dickinson, formerly State director in Washington State and now a Regional Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Many thanks to Theodora for her service to NASADAD and commitment to leadership.

NPN Committee Updates

NPN Executive Committee:

There have been several recent departures of NPNs serving on the Executive Committee: Skip Forsyth (Florida) former Southeast Region Representative took a new position with the Florida Department of Education's Office for Homeless Education this fall. Stephanie McCladdie (Alabama), who served as the Southeast Region alternate and Multicultural Committee co-chair, has also accepted a position. Stephanie will serve as SAMHSA Regional Administrator for Region IV. Replacing them are Angie McKinney-Jones (Tennessee) the new Southeast Representative and Travis Fretwell (Georgia) serving as alternate. Another addition to the NPN Executive Committee is Louis Oppor (Wisconsin), the new Central Region alternate.

The Executive Committee continues to work with our collaborative partners. Recently, the committee received an update from our partner, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). CADCA reported on two current projects relevant to the NPN: the VetCorps program and the Community Transformation Grants. VetCorps is a partnership with the National Guard, in which CADCA places an AmeriCorps or VISTA member in community coalitions to provide support to Veterans and Military Families. The Community Transformation Grants are five-year grants, administered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), that focus on the best practices for tobacco prevention.

In other news, the Executive Committee is pleased to announce two new Associate Members, Rick Cady (former NPN for Oregon) and Dianne Harnad (former NPN for Connecticut).

Workforce Development:

The Workforce Development Committee approved its new co-chair, Lisa Shumaker (Arizona). The committee's current activities include updating committee goals and activities. Furthermore, the committee continues its involvement in the Prevention Leadership Academy (PLA) planning. This fall, members invited Andrea Harris (CSAP) onto a call this fall to discuss planning the 2012 PLA.

Research and Evaluation:

The committee continues to move forward on planning the 2012 NPN Research Conference. Two topics that have emerged as major themes are the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the role of the recovery movement and persons in recovery in substance use disorder prevention.

National Treatment Network Update

he NTN Executive Committee met on December 8th and approved the NTN work plan and the Statements of Purpose of its four committees: the Adolescent Treatment Committee: the joint NTN/OTN Medication Assisted Treatment Committee, the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Committee, and the Evidence Based Practice Implementation Committee. The committees have been participating in conference calls and are gearing their activities to be completed in time for the June NASADAD annual meeting. NTNs are continuing with their monthly topic calls (October 20-Health Care Reform; November 17-Program Management) and sharing of inquiries.

Opioid Treatment Network Update

he OTNs held their quarterly CSAT/SOTA call with CSAT's Division of Pharmacologic Therapies (DPT) on October 5th. The OTNs will be participating in all-day meeting with DPT and other Federal agencies at the upcoming AATOD Conference held in Las Vegas, NV in April 2012. The OTN Business meeting will be held during an evening of the conference. The OTN Executive Committee met on 11/9/11 and regional reporting is improving as regional representatives become more acquainted with process. NTN/OTN MAT Committee has met a number of times, and the OTN Orientation Committee, which is planning for a mentoring program along with orientation documents, has had one meeting. The OTN quarterly topic call on December 7th focused on take-home exception requests, and OTNs are continuing to share inquiries.

Women's Service Network and Sub-Committees Update

he WSN Subcommittees (Criminal Justice, Pregnant & Parenting, Outcomes Data, and ROSC for Women) had their second set of quarterly calls in November. The WSN as a body agreed to pursue the following goals for the upcoming year at the June 2011 NASADAD/NPN/NTN Annual Meeting:

- Explore how States ensure that women receive genderresponsive services in outpatient settings
- Examine gender-responsive utilization management guidelines and system reform

For 2011-2012, Criminal Justice Committee wishes to explore how substance abuse treatment agencies collaborate with drug courts to promote substance abuse treatment for justice-involved women. The second subcommittee call was on collaboration with drug courts in the States.

Pregnant & Parenting Committee's goal is to explore how Women's Services Coordinators partner with other entities to provide exceptional care to pregnant women, parenting women, and their children. The second call focused on Primary Care Substance Use Screening for Pregnant Women. Dr. Grace Chang was the Guest Speaker on the call along with representatives from Kentucky, South Carolina, and Virginia who spoke about their State initiatives. The Pregnant & Parenting Subcommittee has come up with four quarterly topic call ideas for the next year. The Outcomes Data Committee Goal is to find out how Women's Services Coordinators (WSCs) use data. The last outcomes data call featured South Dakota and New York along with a review of the outcomes data inquiry. The inquiry explores how WSCs use data.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) For Women's goal is to educate the network on the intersection of genderspecific care with ROSC principles. The second call featured Bev Haberle as the Guest Speaker along with the WSNS from Kansas and Missouri.



Congress Sets Fiscal Year 2012 Funding for Substance Abuse Prevention Programs By Michelle Dirst and Matt Scalf, NASADAD Public Policy

ongress finished its work on fiscal year (FY) 2012 appropriations with the House approving a \$915 billion omnibus bill, H.R. 2055; H. Rept 112-331 on Friday, December 16th, in a 296-121 vote. The Senate cleared the bill the next day in a 67-32 vote. The legislation funds the nine remaining appropriations bills not addressed in earlier legislation. Because of the current fiscal environment, most but not all substance abuse prevention programs received level funding or cuts. This article details funding levels for prevention programs, which are housed within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

HHS/SAMHSA Prevention Program Funding

The omnibus bill included appropriations for Labor-Department of Health and Human Services-Education. The legislation funded SAMHSA at \$3,476.4 million, a \$34.6 million cut from FY 2011. Within SAMHSA, NASADAD is happy to report the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant is funded at \$1,800.2 million, a \$17.5 million increase to the FY 2011 level. The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) was essentially level funded compared to FY 2011 at \$186 million, which was much higher than a House proposal to cut CSAP by 39 percent. The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) received \$5.2 million below its FY 2011 level to be funded at \$400.4 million.

The Prevention and Public Health Fund, created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), received \$1 billion after being funded at \$750 million in FY 2011. These funding levels are commensurate with those mandated by the ACA, but there are ongoing attempts to reduce funding for the program and use the funds to offset costs from unrelated programs.

CSAP Programs of Regional and National Significance (PRNS)

Within the total provided for CSAP, the FY 2012 omnibus bill includes the following funding for PRNS activities:

Strategic Prevention Framework/Partnerships for Success: \$109,807,072 compared to \$110,015,000 in FY 2011.
Mandatory Drug Testing: \$5,196,161 compared to \$4,906,000 in FY 2011.
Minority AIDS: \$41,306,782 compared to \$41,385,000 in FY 2011.
Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP Act): \$6,986,770 compared to \$7,000,000 in FY 2011.
National Adult-Oriented Media Public Service Campaign: \$998,110 compared to \$1,000,000 in FY 2011.
Community-based Coalition Enhancement Grants: \$4,990,550 compared to \$5,000,000 in FY 2011.
Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD): \$998,110 compared to \$1,000,000 in FY 2011.
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: \$9,802,438 compared to \$9,821,000 in FY 2011.
Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies: \$8,058,740 compared to \$8,074,000 in FY 2011.
Science and Service Program Coordination: \$4,779,949 compared to \$4,789,000 in FY 2011.

Minority Fellowship Program: \$70,866 compared to \$71,000 in FY 2011.

ONDCP Prevention Funding:

The omnibus measure also included the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, which funds programs run by the ONDCP. ONDCP prevention program funding under the bill is as follows:

Drug Free Communities: \$92 million compared to \$94.8 million in FY 2011. National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign: \$0 compared to \$35 million in FY 2011.

DOJ Prevention Funding:

Substance abuse related programs within the Department of Justice were not included in the omnibus bill, as Congress passed the Commerce-Justice-Science spending bill in November as a minibus package which also included the Agriculture appropriations bill and the Housing-Urban Development appropriations bill (PL 112-55). The legislation drastically reduced funding for the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) by appropriating it \$5 million compared to \$20.8 million in FY 2011. The House had proposed to eliminate the program and the Senate funded it at \$10 million.

NASADAD Welcomes New Staff

ASADAD would like to welcome new Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Research Analyst Kate Buchanan and AOD Research Associates, Kelly Zentgraf and Anne Diehl, to the field.



Kate Buchanan joined NASADAD as an AOD Research Analyst in August 2011. As an AOD Research Analyst, Kate works closely with National Prevention Network. She designs and analyzes inquiries, facilitates NPN committee conference calls, and collates inquiry results. Moreover, Kate provides assistance in the coordination and organization of the annual NPN Research Conference. She also is a lead organizer of the NPN Exemplary Awards, a national program that recognizes community based organizations that utilize exemplary and innovative practices in substance abuse prevention interventions. Before joining NASADAD, Kate worked as graduate student Research Assistant in the George Washington Department of Public Health.

Her work with the department focused on safety net care systems in the United States, in particular, federal incentives. Previously, she worked as a Research Assistant with the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center. Her work focused on tobacco use in people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Kate earned her Bachelor's of Art at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she majored in psychology and minored in women's studies. She earned Master's in Public Health focused in Health Policy from the George Washington University.

Kelly Zentgraf began working as a Research Associate at NASADAD in September 2011. She assists in work with the Prevention and Treatment Networks, including compiling and summarizing inquiries about State substance abuse agency policies and procedures as well as gathering data. While an undergraduate, Kelly was a research assistant at the National Institutes of Health, studying disordered eating in adolescent girls. Later, she served as a research assistant on a study of the co-parenting relationship between low-income, ethnic minority adolescent mothers and the fathers of their children. Additionally, she spent three years as a university writing tutor and uses those skills to help write and edit summaries and reports at NASADAD. Kelly received a B.A. in psychology from the George Washington University in May 2011.





Anne Diehl joined NASADAD as a Research Associate in November 2011. Anne assists with research projects, State inquiries, and technical assistance for our State members. Anne received her BA in Psychology from Wellesley College in May 2011. As an undergraduate, Anne conducted original research on the relation between cultural and parental perceptions of mental illness and depressive symptoms in college students, and also served as a research assistant for the Wellesley College Department of Psychology. Anne founded and was president of Active Minds at Wellesley College, her school's chapter of a national college mental health awareness organization, and she also served on a national level as the Northeast Representative on the Active

Minds Inc. Student Advisory Committee. In her time before joining NASADAD, Anne worked as a social media and youth policy intern for NAMI National, where she maintained an online social community for young adults with mental health conditions and helped design and implement a large survey on college student mental health services. Anne looks forward to eventually pursuing a Masters degree in Public Health.

Call for Proposals

Beginning January 2012, Oklahoma University is accepting workshop proposals for the 25th Annual NPN Research Conference. The conference will be held September 18-20, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Proposals must be submitted no later than **February 26, 2012**. For more information on submitting a proposal, please visit the conference web link at:

http://swpc.ou.edu/npn/proposal.htm

