**198. Request from Mellie Randall (NTN, VA)**

Virginia is interested in identifying vendors to deliver training on ASAM criteria for patient placement, training that will help in utilization review, pricing, etc. Virginia providers (and managed care organizations that contract with our state Medicaid agency) will need extensive training for clinical staff, administrative staff, and to support development of infrastructure to insure fidelity. We are estimating that we will need to train about 400 clinicians and at least 80 administrators by April 2017.

*Please let me know about vendors you have used (or know of) who could provide ASAM training* ***at this level of magnitude****?*

**State Responses**

A total of 20 States (AZ, CO, DC, DE, GA, GU, IA, ID, IL, LA, MD, MI, MT, NH, NJ, NM, UT, VA, VT, WA) responded to this inquiry.

# Positive Response

# AZ, Lesley Wimmer Kelly

We contracted with The Change Companies (and their training division Train for Change) to provide online ASAM criteria training to providers across the state. They also offer an Implementation Training (Change Agent training) that might be useful. I really liked the online training modules as a way to provide comprehensive information to a large audience in a format that is engaging, despite being online. One online training covered the ASAM Dimensions and the other discussed how to develop a service plan that is in-line with the assessment.

# CO, Marc Condojani

Erik Stone works for Colorado's largest Managed Service Organization and regularly provides ASAM training to their network. He can be reached at:

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# DE, Frann Anderson

Delaware worked with Dr. David Mee-Lee.

# GU, Athena Marie Duenas

# The Change Company!

# IA, DeAnn Decker

Iowa just requested ASAM training from David Mee Lee at ASAM.

# ID, Dan Greenleaf

In Idaho, all of our Addiction Studies programs through the universities and community colleges have two semester courses on assessments that provide a solid foundation of ASAM training. There may be a university or several universities/colleges that could assist in meeting the need.

# IL, Gajef McNeill

I contacted Relias Learning regarding your request. They have contracted with some of our providers on various projects. Nevertheless, I spoke with Andrew Louden regarding your interest. His contact info is below. If you have no objections, I will give him yours as well. Thanks

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# MD, Deirdre Davis

Mellie, the only person I would suggest is Dr. David Mee-Lee.  He is THE BEST,  he makes it clear, very easy to understand, and does it all with humor.  One of the best trainings I have ever attended in my 20 plus years of working i the field.  He is a little expensive but it is well worth it.

Check

<https://www.changecompanies.net/training/>    Live Training with Dr. David Mee-Lee

Enhance your skills and knowledge with training by Dr. David Mee-Lee, Chief Editor of The ASAM Criteria. Transform your professional practice with workshops and presentations that focus on practical application and real-life case studies, delivered by a world-renowned expert in the field. Workshops and presentations span a variety of topics and can be tailored to meet your organization's unique needs.

# MI, Jeff Wieferich

Michigan has used David Mee Lee for our trainings. He is expensive and difficult to get and he is worth it. We did a train-the-trainer model about 5 years ago with him. I do not have any specifics on it now but I know that if you tell him what you need he will work with you.

# MT, Isaac Coy

Montana coordinates with the ATTC to bring in ASAM training to our state. We currently use the Denver Center for Solution-Focused Brief Therapy, but Teri Pichot’s schedule is pretty tight and she likes small groups (less than 20 people). My contact at ATTC also suggested the Change Companies.

Below is the response from my ATTC contact:

*Hi Isaac,*

*In addition to Teri we do have a few more contacts….Alyssa Forcehimes and Dr.  David Mee-Lee with the Train for Change and the Change Companies.  Their contact information would be great to forward to your person in Virginia.*

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[*https://www.trainforchange.net/*](https://www.trainforchange.net/)

[*https://www.changecompanies.net/bios/david\_mee\_lee.php*](https://www.changecompanies.net/bios/david_mee_lee.php)

# NJ, John White

I can get in touch with 2 of the ASAM creators, Dr. David Mee-Lee through the Change Companies and Dr. Norman Hoffman. Between the two of them you will get the best ASAM training possible.

# NM, Mika Tari

The last ASAM training I took was given by Shulman Assoc., Training & Consulting in Behavioral Health, Shulmansolution.com. It has been several years but I imagine they are still training.

# UT, Shanel Long

Dr. Mee Lee or associates with the Change Companies.

# VA, Mellie Randall

Virginia DBHDS contacted The Change Companies and was referred to Train for Change, a separate organization that The Change Companies established to conduct training on the ASAM Criteria.  The contact person is Alyssa Forcehimes, Ph.D. at [aforcehimes@comcast.net](mailto:aforcehimes@comcast.net).  We are now working with them and it is going very well.  Please let me know if you need additional information.

# VT, Cindy Thomas

Vermont has used David Mee Lee at the Change Company.

# WA, Michael Langer

We used Train for Change, Scott Boyles. [sboyles@trainforchange.net](mailto:sboyles@trainforchange.net)

# Negative Response

**DC, Gwendolyn Wills**

DC- unfortunately, doesn’t know of any vendors

**GA, Yomi Makanjuola**

Georgia is planning to do the same as VA early next year. My understanding is that the ASAM training is very expensive. We have not get to the point of identify trainers, but I think if you go the ASAM website you may find some there.  Please keep me posted if and when you find a trainer.

# LA, Kenneth Saucier

Hello Ms. Randall, Louisiana does not have a vendor to recommend. You all may have thought of this idea but SAMHSA provides training usually through contractors. They may have a list of vendors that can meet your needs.

# NH, Jaime Powers

I am not aware of any such vendors, but would be interested in hearing about any that you learn of.