



SCAADAC News

South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

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From the President's Desk

By Ed Johnson, CAC II, MAC, LPC

If you are reading this it means that you have made the choice to become a member of SCAADAC or have made the decision to continue being a member of SCAADAC. I personally want to thank you for making that choice. In these times of tight finances, that is no small matter. For whatever reason, you feel that being a member of SCAADAC is an important part of your professional life. Recently I sent a letter to the folks in the state who are credentialed by SCAADAC but have made a choice to not be a member. In the letter I shared several points, one of which was a cost benefit analysis. I would encourage you to share with your peers what it is that you find valuable about being a SCAADAC member.

Since the last newsletter, two long time members of SCAADAC passed away. Bill Gibson served in numerous capacities in SCAADAC and on the Board of Directors. Bill Linde also

served in numerous capacities over the years and was given the "Counselor of the Year" award in 2008. Both of these folks were committed to our field and committed to SCAADAC. Their presence is definitely missed.

Our next newsletter will include the nomination form for Counselor of the Year and Addiction Professional of the Year. I encourage you to start thinking about your peers and acquaintances that are deserving of consideration for these awards. The next newsletter will also include the nomination form for the Board of Directors. Those positions are: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the four Regional Representative. There are quite a few members of SCAADAC who would bring a wealth of expertise to the Board. If you know one of these folks, do SCAADAC a favor and plant a bug in their ear! Between now and the next newsletter, there will be several Regional Trainings taking place. I hope to see some of you there.

Sincerely,

Certification Commission

Richard R. McBride, M.Ed., LPC, CAC II
Chair, SCAADAC Certification Commission

First, let me say that the February oral interviews had 28 candidates, 21 recommended for certification and 7 were denied certification. This yielded a 75% pass rate. Congratulations to those who passed and a word of encouragement to those who did not.

Second, let me share a personal experience with you. A few years ago I was privileged to attend a training by the well known David Powell on Clinical Supervision. This was held at the South Carolina School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies at Furman University. I learned a great deal in that training, but I left very angry. I was angry because I had never had the benefit of clinical supervision, outside of the peripheral supervision that I received for my professional counseling license and my chemical dependency license and certification. I was angry because it left me wondering how improved my counseling skills might be if all of my career counseling positions had provided me with clinical supervision. I was angry because I felt like my supervisors had denied me of their clinical skills, experience, and expertise.

I share this story because I believe that a 75% pass rate is not good enough. We have had candidates appear for their orals without the benefit of having a mock oral with their supervisors.

We have received case presentations with client-identifying information present to include: social security numbers, addresses, Medicaid numbers, telephone numbers, and names that have not been completely blackened out. All case presentations should be thoroughly reviewed by the candidate's supervisor before being submitted to SCAADAC. All candidates should have the opportunity to sit for a mock oral in order to help prepare them for what they will be facing when they sit in front of the Certification Commission.

I am not leaving the candidates without responsibility in this matter. I have suggested before that candidates record their presentation and review it with their supervisors. Many will not take the initiative, but I believe that the supervisors can mandate this practice.

The Certification Commission is committed to ensuring that everyone who is recommended for certification meets the minimum standards and understands the counseling process from screening to termination. We are asking that all supervisors commit that extra time with the candidates in process to provide them with every opportunity possible to pass their oral exam the first time. I have provided the state directors with areas to focus on, which will be discussed in the orals. If you would like further information concerning these areas please feel free to contact me.

Region II Representative Report

Jon Davidson, CAC I

As the newly elected SCAADAC representative for Region Two I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jon Davidson and I am a Recovery Specialist/Counselor at the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program in Columbia. RPP monitors licensed health care professionals from across the state with additions needs. We currently monitor fourteen licensed disciplines including Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Dentists and ten other professions including Licensed Professional Counselors and Social Workers. I have been with RPP for almost three years. Prior to RPP I have served in a variety of areas including LRADAC, Community Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Away from the office you can often find me with a camera in my hand. I enjoy taking nature and landscape photography from the world around me.

I would also like to announce that SCAADAC Region Two will be hosting a **FREE to all SCAADAC members** six-hour training on May 5, 2010. The topic of this training is **“Professional Ethics, Therapeutic Relationships and Boundaries”** and will feature Alicia Anderson, MS, CAC II, as our presenter. Alicia has the ability to present the topic of ethics in a relevant and enjoyable manner. This training will also be an opportunity for everybody to see the brand new LRADAC Richland County Offices. More details to come soon.

I look forward to serving SCAADAC and if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to call me at 803-896-5706 or e-mail me at jdavidson@LRADAC.org

LRADAC Constructs New Richland County Campus

This spring, LRADAC is realizing a dream with the opening of their new 60,000 square foot Richland County treatment center and administrative offices. This new facility provides a state of the art campus for LRADAC. Services available at this new campus include: designated adolescent treatment areas, adult treatment area, a 16 bed medically monitored detoxification unit, improved training / conference rooms and administrative facilities all at one campus.

In addition to providing an esthetically conducive environment for clients and staff this new facility was designed to meet the criteria for LEED certification as an environmentally sustainable construction. LRADAC would like to extend an invitation to everybody to visit their new Richland County home. Call 803-733-1390 for more information.

Congratulations to SCAADAC's Newly Certified Counselors!

Certified Addictions Counselor I

Michael J. Addressi, II
Desiree R. Aitch
Michael D. Baker
Claudette P. Bryant
Bruce F. Fisk
Laura L. Franklin
Natalie M. Fryar
Shirlonda L. Hambrick-Taylor
Alexandra M. Karydi
Terry L. Kelley
Natasha A. Kokoszka
Michelle A. Lanier
Aishia D. Leverett
Bruce A. Lynch
Agnes M. McDaniel
Stephanie Prince Mitchell
Lotty M. Moody
Cindy F. Moody
Keith D. Oglesby
Virginia D. Page
Bonatia N. Self

Stephanie D. Staley-Molefi
Ruth N. Taylor
Janelle D. Washington
Paula F. Wilson
Jessica M. Zwahlen

Certified Addictions Counselor II

Mary Gauden Edmonson
Sandi C. Gratic
Amber M. Hollingsworth
Judy Evonne Hurt
Grady B. Jefferys, Jr.
Porcher N. Washington

Training Opportunity And Free Concert In Columbia On May 1st

Make plans now to attend FAVOR SC's fourth annual **Recovery Advocacy in Action** conference sponsored by DAODAS and SEATTC. Come hear Mark Sanders present the latest information on recovery-oriented systems of care; Dr. John Roberts discuss managing co-occurring disorders in recovery; and Larry Wiseburn give an overview of recovery coaching.

All this for \$35, which includes 6.5 CEUs, plus a great lunch with entertainment and a first look at LRADAC's new facility at 2711 Colonial Drive. As an added bonus, plan to end the day with a relaxing free concert sponsored by FAVOR Midlands at Riverwalk Amphitheater beginning at 6:00 pm and featuring Rob Crosby of "Catfish Days" fame. Contact janelessly@charter.net for the registration form.



South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (SCAADAC)

Professional Ethics, Therapeutic Relationships and Boundaries

When: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
9:00 am–4:00 pm

Where: LRADAC Richland County Offices (*New Facility*)
2711 Colonial Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Cost: FREE FOR MEMBERS OF SCAADAC, Non-Members: \$120 and become a Member of SCAADAC which will entitle you to attend future Trainings at a discount or at no cost.

Credit: 6 Approved CEU Hours for Addiction Counselors, 6 CEU Hours Applied for Professional Counselors

Presenter: Alicia Anderson, MS, CAC II

Who Should Attend: AOD Counselors, Social Workers and other Health Care Professionals

Deadline for Registration: April 28, 2010

Registration Form Ethics for Addictions Counselors, May 5, 2010

Name: _____ SCAADAC Membership #: _____

Agency: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed (if applicable): \$ _____

Contact Jon Davidson,
SCAADAC Region II Representative,
803-896-5706, j davidson@lradac.org

Make check payable to
SCAADAC
Please state Training and Date
**24-hour cancellation notice is required for
registration refund.

Return to
SCAADAC
1215 Anthony Ave
Columbia, SC 29201-1701
Fax: (803) 254-3773

Registration Begins at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided.



Save the Date...

2010 SCAADAC Fall Conference

Science of Addiction

November 7-9, 2010
Embassy Suites Convention Center
North Charleston, South Carolina

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What SCAADAC Region Am I In?

The following is a listing by County of the four SCAADAC Regions and the Regional Representative. The e-mail addresses of the Regional Representatives are listed with those of the other members of the Board of Directors.

Region I –

Regional Representative: Larry Kosloski
Anderson-Oconee, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union, Pickens, Greenwood-Edgefield-Abbeville-McCormick, Saluda, Newberry, Laurens

Region II –

Regional Representative: Jon Davidson
Lexington-Richland, Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield, York, Kershaw – Lee - Chesterfield

Region III –

Regional Representative: Brian Maxwell
Florence, Marion – Dillon – Marlboro, Clarendon, Darlington, Sumter, Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg

Region IV –

Regional Representative: Charles Stinson
Aiken, Barnwell, Charleston, Orangeburg-Bamberg-Calhoun, Beaufort, Allendale – Hampton – Jasper, Colleton, Dorchester, Berkeley