

# MAPPA: IC&RC REPORT

## SAN DIEGO, CA APRIL 6-10, 2010

Many Boards are moving to Computer Based Testing (CBT). Boards that are using CBT report high levels of satisfaction in terms of ease of use, applicant satisfaction, release from liability, etc. Preliminary reports indicate that those using CBT are experiencing a slightly higher pass rate. MAPPA has discontinued using the written examination, and has moved to using CBT 100%. Our website reflects these changes, including the posting of new testing/application fees.

The Maryland Board of Addictions Professionals Consortium (MBAPC) is also interested in CBT. They have invited Terry Wray (from the IC&RC) to come to Maryland to speak with their Board about the advantages of CBT and to provide training and technical assistance about the process of CBT. Terry and I have been friends for many years, and I've been invited to sit in on that presentation as it occurs.

**NOTE:** *The Maryland Addictions Professional Certification Board (MPACB) has offered to share its vendor table with MAPPA at the Tuerk Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center @ the Inner Harbor next Tuesday at no charge! This is the biggest substance abuse conference in the East Coast!*

IC&RC is actively moving forward with its Marketing Plan, to include branding efforts. To this end, IC&RC will be electronically sending MAPPA its logo for us to post on our website, reflecting that MAPPA is part of a much larger international organization.

I actively participate on three committees: *Ethics, International & Cultural Concerns, and Prevention:*

### **Ethics:**

Little activity is occurring on the Ethics Committee at present. We reviewed (as with every bi-annual meeting) all April meeting registrants to insure there were no conflict of interest concerns that needed to be addressed. We also reviewed our handling of a significant potential conflict of interest concern re: IC&RC Officer elections in the fall of 2009 and identified how to better handle such matters should they occur in the future. We have developed a Code of Conduct for member Board representatives. We are also developing the means for member Boards to submit information about members who have experienced sanctions due to ethical violation to a central database monitored and maintained by the IC&RC. This database will alert member Boards of anyone with sanctions that is seeking reciprocity with a member Board. *For instance, if a Preventionist from Kentucky was sanctioned with a two-year certification suspension in Kentucky for falsifying her recertification application, MAPPA could learn of this sanction if she wanted to move to Maryland and was applying for reciprocity with us.*

## **International & Cultural Concerns:**

This committee has been having some communication/organizational difficulties. Efforts are currently underway to register for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the United Nations. The registration needs to be made by June 1, 2010 in order for us to be eligible for NGO status in 2011. There are lots of opportunities to expand internationally, but also many challenges due to language, laws, cultural and governmental differences. The IC&RC currently has over 70 member Boards worldwide. **Note:** *I had a conversation with the delegate from Mexico at our conference. Sergio told me he narrowly missed being killed at a rehab where he was recruiting addiction counselors for certification training. 17 were murdered, including some of those he was recruiting. The papers mistakenly reported he was also killed. He further said a drug cartel attempted to kidnap him last month. He's writing a book about the government's mishandling of addressing this huge problem.*

## **Prevention:**

There was significant discussion on health reform and its impact of the substance abuse field. The head of CSAP has stated that "prevention is tied intrinsically to health reform". Senior IC&RC Officers and staff met with Tom McLellan: Deputy Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. He wants to see the IC&RC take a lead role in workforce development. He seemed to hold a narrow view on prevention, and IC&RC wants to enlighten him so as to expand his understanding of the scope of prevention.

A survey of all Prevention Boards will be conducted in order to develop a matrix of how various Boards are handling fees for approving CEU's (how much does the Board charge Education Providers per CEU/Training/Course/ etc.). For instance, some Boards may charge \$45 per 1 hour of CEU training (the Provider would be charged \$90 for approving a two-hour training). Another Board may charge a flat fee of \$450 per year to a Provider, who can then offer an unlimited amount of trainings per year. Analysis of the completed matrix should help guide us in setting appropriate fees for training providers, so be on the lookout, Education Committee members!

IC&RC will begin seeking nominations for annual Prevention awards. The recipient of these awards will be honored at the winner's state/jurisdiction conference. Details will be forthcoming in the IC&RC's newsletter, which will be forwarded to all members via our website and listserv.

We are approximately 18 months away from offering the CERTIFIED PREVENTION SUPERVISOR credential. Will keep everyone posted as to the criteria for this credential as it becomes available.

Prevention is a very active force within IC&RC. Thirty-eight members participated in the Prevention Committee meeting. An active marketing plan is in effect. This includes promoting the annual Prevention awards, a Prevention segment in IC&RC newsletters, press releases (with

the assistance of IC&RC's Marketing Director, and our lobbyist is working in Washington, D.C. to promote Prevention's interests.

Finally, the Prevention Committee is exploring the possible expansion of the Certified Prevention Specialist credential and examination to embrace more global health care concerns (suicide, violence, HIV, prescription abuse, accidents, etc.) as part of what a Preventionist does. This exploration is similar to what MAPPA has tackled, resulting in the expansion of our mission statement to include a broader group outside of the core AOD prevention efforts. This push is driven in part by the overall health care reform movement.

Concerning this push, as well as any other interests or concerns, please let you MAPPA leaders know your thoughts and ideas to help guide us as we participate in shaping the future of the IC&RC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Winslow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Winslow

PS: Only one tiny earthquake while there!