

President Elect Bio Highlight



Bernard A. Matherne, Jr., BBA, ICADCI, ACRPS

Mr. Matherne has practiced in the field of addiction treatment for 27 years. He has held positions of Residential Counselor and Clinical Director for Mississippi Baptist Behavioral Health and COPAC, Inc. In addition, he spent four years in marketing and clinical outreach around the country, marketing for COPAC, Inc. Mr. Matherne has been employed with The Ranch Mississippi (formerly COPAC, Inc) since 2001 where he currently holds the position of Operations Manager. Mr. Matherne holds a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Belhaven College. He is currently enrolled at the University of Louisiana – Monroe, working towards a Graduate Degree in Clinical Mental Healthy Counseling. Mr. Matherne currently holds an Addiction Counselor Certification (ICADC1) through MAAP. He also holds and Advanced Certified Relapse Prevention Specialist (ACRPS) from the CENAPS Corporation. Mr. Matherne was been awarded the Katherine Turcotte Addiction Professional of the Year award in 2002 and 2015. Mr. Matherne has served on the MAAP Certification Board for the last 5 years. Mr. Matherne is a native of New Orleans, La. He has lived in Brandon Ms. for the last 30 years. He is married to his wife Gayle for 25 years. They have three children, Chesley, Joshua and Crysta. Mr. Matherne is working closely with our current MAAP President, Shauna Fletcher, MSW, ICAADC, MAC, CMHT.

Congratulation to our newest MACT Training Graduates!!!

Jackson Area

Danny Streeter

Gulf Coast Area

Corey Boler

Benjamin Godwin

Betty Matthews

Carolyn A. Ferguson

Gary Shirley

Jennifer Dean

Kimberly Thompson

Michele LaRotonda

Michelle Dixon and Vera Arnoni

2017 Year End Wrap Up

It is hard to believe that 2017 is drawing to an end. So much has happened in 2017 that has brought about challenges and heartache. The huge hot topic in the media has been the Opioid epidemic. Across the country, communities are being impacted by prescription medication and street drug abuse. Overdoses are being reported to be at an all time high. It seems that state and government officials are becoming involved more than ever, to find ways to intervene. Sadly enough, addiction has been prevalent for many years, even decades. Each day, “social media”, shares all kinds of information about addiction. It seems that some information is true and some is false. It is our responsibility as Addiction Professionals to deliver correct information about addiction, but, more importantly, we need to educate individuals with a “solution”.

As we prepare to begin a new year, our challenge for each of you is to reflect on your current “solution base”. Our knowledge of therapy and treatment based solutions need to reach beyond our current expertise. Collectively, we as an organization, have a wealth of knowledge.

Let’s reach beyond ourselves and lean on one another for ways to help those afflicted and impacted by addiction. Let’s be a part of the “solution”, in our homes, workplace and community. Let’s pull together in MAAP and strengthen one another as we move into 2018!

Web Site Update

Our new web page appears to be making life easier for MAAP members and our Office Administrator!

Please take advantage of utilizing our user friendly web site.

www.msaap.net



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May you and your family be Blessed during this Holiday Season!