

## *A Letter from Our President*

*I am honored and humbled to serve as your new MAAP board president for 2017-2018. I follow a strong legacy of leaders who have worked together with board members, community leaders, educator's and businesses to make MAAP a great organization. I would like to welcome all returning and new MAAP board members and I look forward to incorporating your enthusiasm and new ideas to make 2017-2018 a successful year.*

*MAAP has greatly progressed in the last several years as we have continued to seek and implement the best practices for educating and certifying addiction professionals. Over the years, we have faced challenges, but, I want us to be able to look back and say we are better because of the challenges we overcame together to make MAAP what it is today.*

*As president, I would like to continue to support, expand, and promote our MACT classes, annual conference and highlight successes of new and seasoned MAAP members. With that being said, this is going to be a busy year for all of us. I look forward to an exciting year and working alongside each of you!*

*We are committed to keep you informed through our quarterly newsletter and our updated, state of the art web site. I ask that each of you send us any important trainings, agency events or career successes you would like to share and THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR MAAP PRESIDENT!*

***Shuana Fletcher, MSW, ICAADC, MAC, CMHT***

### ***Our MAAP President BIO***

*Mrs. Fletcher is employed with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health as the interagency Alcohol and Drug Liaison. She has degree in Sociology with emphasis on Criminal Justice and a second master's degree in Social Work from Jackson State University. Mrs. Fletcher's 25-year work experience includes: inpatient detox, outpatient substance use counseling, family education programs/aftercare, correctional settings and quality management reviews for state certified addiction programs. Mrs. Fletcher, holds an (ICAADC ) International Addiction Certification through the Mississippi Association of Addiction Professionals (MAAP). She also holds a Masters Addiction Counselor(MAC) certification and SAP through the National Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) and is certified as a mental health therapist (CMHT) under Mississippi Department of Mental Health. She is very active in the community and is a present board member for the McCoy House Sober Living Home for Women in Jackson, Mississippi. She was also member of Mississippi 1<sup>st</sup> Human Trafficking Task Force formed early 2015.*

## 2017 Annual Conference

Our 2017 MAAP Conference **Committee Volunteers** hit a “**GRAND SLAM**” this year at our “**Hitting Addiction Out of The Park**” themed conference.

The speakers/presenters did an outstanding job and they covered a wide range of topics to help inform and educate our Addiction Professionals audience.

Albert Stallworth Sr. M.Ed., ICAADC provided a special presentation that covered the History of MAAP.

As customary at our Annual Conference, elections were held to vote on our new MAAP officers and Awards. Our new President Elect is Bernard Matherne, ICADC I – Operations Manager of The Ranch/COPAC MS.

### MAAP Board of Directors 2017-2018

Shuana Fletcher, ICAADC, MAAP President - MS. Department of Mental Health, Jackson, MS.

Bernard Matherne, ICADC I, President Elect - CEO The Ranch/COPAC MS.

Lisa Edwards, ICADC, Certification Board Chair - Retired, Brandon MS.

District Representatives: (See MAAP Districts on website for the list of counties in each district)

District 1: Santee Johnson, ICPS – The MS University for Women, Columbus, MS.

District 2: Dorothy Robertson CPM – Life Help CMHC, Greenwood, MS.

District 3: Bettye J. Tyler, ICCJP – Alcohol Services Center, Jackson, MS.

District 4: Debra Jackson, ICADC I, ICCS – Alliance Health Center Meridian, MS.

District 5: Kassie (Jade) Patrick, ICADC – Dying to Live Ministries, Laurel, MS.

District 6: Joe Jackson, ICADC I - Blended, Pascagoula, MS>

District 7: Donna Hopkins, ICADC – MS Association of Supervisors, Jackson, MS.

Member Emeritus: Robert F. Tavlin, ICAADC – Retired, Madison, MS.

Member Emeritus: Albert Stallworth, Sr., ICAADC, Certification Board Chair – Memorial Behavioral Health, Gulfport, MS.

Parliamentarian: Donna Hopkins, ICADC – MS Association of Supervisors, Jackson, MS.

Treasurer: Johnny Johnson, ICADC, ICCS – Jolimar Recovery Center, Summit, MS.

Secretary: Rebecca Peters, ICADC, ICCS – MAAP, Jackson, MS.

### MAAP Certification Board 2017 – 2018

Lisa Edwards, ICADC, Certification Board Chair - Retired, Brandon MS.

Bernard Matherne, ICADC I - The Ranch/COPAC MS,

Gregory Buchanan, ICADC – Harbor House, Jackson, MS

*Jackie Chatmon, ICADC II, ICPM – MS Department of Mental Health, Jackson, MS.*

*Lisa Edwards, ICADC – 4 HOPE Enterprises, LLC*

*Bennie Ervin, Jr. ICADC II, ICCS – Harbor House, Jackson, MS.*

*Liddia George ICADC I – Community Counseling Services (The Pines and Cady Hill) Columbus, MS.*

### ***Addiction Professional of the Year***

*Awarded to Lisa Cummings, Ph.D., LPC, LPC-S, LMFT, NCC, ICAADC, ICCS. Lisa is a Professor at William Carey University, and an instructor for the MACT program on the Gulf Coast.*

### **CONGRATULATIONS LISA!!!**

*We are looking forward to relying on one another's expertise as we work together to assure that MAAP maintains the highest quality members.*

*A note from Lisa:*

*I would like to thank everyone involved in MAAP. You make this such an easy organization to become involved with. The people are wonderful, sensitive and caring, not only about their clients but about their co-workers and the others around them. I feel honored and humbled by this award. I knew Katherine Turcotte and she was a very great lady who gave so much of herself to MAAP. Thank you so much, Lisa*

### **MACT Training Update**

*We are excited to announce that our MACT Training locations have expanded. In December 2016, we began training in Biloxi Ms. at William Carey College. In September of this year, we began training in Oxford Ms., at The Oxford Center - IOP.*

*The opening of these two locations will provide easier access for individuals in the other regions of our State to develop their education portfolio.*

*The Oxford Treatment Center is hosting our newest training center for our MACT students. We owe a debt of gratitude to Billy Young for taking on this adventure. Below is Barry Doughty MAAP's newest instructor and a photo of the first class given at the Oxford Treatment Center.*



***Here are the current 2017 Graduates: Jackson Ms.***

*E. Louise Coleman*

*Allen Johnson*

*Brenda Woods*

*Barbara Ann Williams*

*Carey E. McCarter*

*Jessica Dunavant*

*Michael Rieger*

*Rona Correll*

*LeLa Jones*

*Kellie May*

***Graduates: Gulf Coast***

*Lisa Charlton*

*Richard Aycock*

*Ronald Arant*

*As you all have heard, taking the exam for certification has changed. The exam is now computer based. MAAP's first person to take the computer based exam was Erica Donalson. Congratulations to her successful passing grade and MAAP's newest certified member.*



***Just Launched!!!***

***New state of the art Website***

*For the past several months, Justin Garcia with MS College has been working on our website. Members and potential members are able to access all information regarding membership, certification, MACT Training and our Annual Conference Info. Individuals are able to now join our organization online, pay annual dues, and obtain documents to become certified and or recertified. The website is very user friendly and will save MAAP time and money.*

***LASTLY***

*I want to encourage each of you to thank our volunteers!!!*

*MAAP would not be what it is today without each and every person that has and will make a commitment to volunteer their time, heart and expertise to our organization!*

*This is your organization, so, if you have never been a volunteer in some capacity, then you are missing out.*

***Lastly, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST***

*We thank you, BECKY PETERS,*

*MAAP Administrative Director*

*Your dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed.*

*so, THANK YOU!*