## **MAAP Quarterly**

April 2018

Spring has sprung and excitement is in the air as we prepare for our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual MAAP Conference!

Please visit our website for all of our Conference Information!

Our theme this year is "Strengthening Our Roots". The web site will provide you with the Conference Schedule, Registration form, Nomination forms, Exhibitor Info and Hotel Information. (www.msaap.net)

We want to encourage you to elicit your staff to attend, exhibit and or be a sponsor at our MAAP Conference!

#### Nominations are needed for:

The Katherine Turcotte Professional of the Year Award.

District's 2, 4 and 6 Board of Director.

(See the District Map to locate counties)

Three 1 year term candidates for the Certification Board.

Please consider who you would like to nominate for these positions!

You can even nominate yourself.

### **MAAP Districts**

- O District 1
- O District 2
- O District 3
- O District 4
- O District 5
- O District 6
- O District 7



# MAAP Member Highlight



#### Bettye Tyler, Therapist / Clinical Supervisor, MS, ICCJP, ICCS

Bettye has worked with diverse populations providing clinical counseling, prevention and educational strategies for the past 26 years of her 27 years in recovery. She has conducted numerous staff development trainings and workshops, also presented at conferences throughout the State of Mississippi and nationally. She began her career in the field of helping as secretary at New Hope Foundation where she completed secondary treatment. She went into outreach and provided assistance to the Female Day Treatment Program which later became primary Counselor and managed the Program through Metro Counseling Center (formerly New Hope Foundation) at the Central MS Correctional Facility and the Palmyra Street locations. She's currently employed as therapist and clinical supervisor, at Alcohol Services Center, Inc. One of her most noted accomplishment was partnering with the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the Mississippi Department of Health Office of Health Disparity to conduct a statewide assessment survey with female exoffenders and develop a resource directory that identified available services for those females.

Her educational background includes a Bachelor Degree in Political Science concentration Public Administration and Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from Jackson State University. Professional credentials she holds are Certified Criminal Justice Professional and Certified Clinical Supervisor, by MS Association of Addiction Professionals, meeting IC&RC International Standards, Master Addiction Counselor, by National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals, and Certified Mental Health Therapist by MS Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services.

Service in the MAPP Organization over the years include membership for many years, past Certification Board member for six consecutive years, current Board of Director District 3 Representative, served on the Annual Conference Planning Committee, served as Nomination Committee Chair and repeated member of the committee. She was recipient of Katherine Turcotte Addiction Professional of the year award 2014. As she reflects in time her affiliation with the MAAP organization, a profound experience comes to mind. A Board/Committee Retreat held at Jolimar Recovery Center in 2007, "designed to assist us to explore our inherent spiritual dimension in relation to our self-actualized professional volition and practice," (Varnard Jones, Past MAPP President), reaffirmed for me the imperative role the MAAP organization plays in preparation and shaping professionalism in the field of helping. The organization has been instrumental in the lives of many alcohol and drug counselors, administrators and MAPP members. The organization can be credited for surviving many changes and challenges over the years to be able to continue providing the innovative, quality of services and education that is required for such an ever-changing and demanding field.

#### MAAP is honored to have Bettye as a longstanding supporter of MAAP!

Thank you, BETTYE TYLER!!!!!

# MACT Program Graduates Please take time to congratulate our newest MACT Graduates!

Erica Barron Levilla Hartfield Erica Jenkins Nikki Olsson Juanita Pearson Viscia Pointer Morton Shenker Ada Spencer Laken Thomas Stephen Walker Howard Woodward

