



Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FALL 2011

GREETINGS!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your MACPO President! Another busy year is underway! I am always amazed at the amount of effort and enthusiasm MACPO members put forward to improve corrections in our state. Members serve on a variety of statewide collaboratives in addition to our already challenging and all inclusive job descriptions. It shows we take great pride in our communities and can be **"A Force for Positive Change"**.

MACPO members are encouraged to join one of our dedicated committees and share your ideas! The 54th Spring Conference saw an increase in attendees, excellent trainings, a variety of vendors and sharing opportunities. Please start thinking of nominees for MACPO's awards coming next spring! Many deserving people should be recognized for their hard work and dedication! The always busy Training and Education Committee is not only preparing for next year's spring conference at Breezy Point, but also pulling off the 10th Annual Support Staff Conference in November!

MACPO will continue to recognize fiscal concerns of our membership and their agencies. We also realize relationships are vital to our organization therefore continue to explore collaborative efforts with our fellow delivery systems. We are fortunate to have Commissioner Tom Roy who understands our challenges and assist us in providing a voice in St. Paul.



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MACPO VISION STATEMENT

"Providing a voice for the probation profession and leading the promotion of sound correctional policy toward the principles of Evidence Based Practices, restorative justice, community involvement, public protection, victim restoration, offender accountability, and competency development."

TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who attended MACPO's 54th Annual Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort. Attendance at this year's conference was up over last year. The Tuesday evening's vendor hospitality was very well attended. Based on the success of Tuesday's hospitality, the vendors are looking forward to hosting it again in 2012. We will have more details on the MACPO website when they are available. Based on the feedback the Training and Education Committee received, the conference was a huge success. We are already beginning to plan for the 2012- 55th Annual Spring Conference. The conference will be held on May 23rd- 24th at Breezy Point Resort. If you have any speaker or training ideas, please notify Jason, Debbie, or anyone on the Training and Education Committee. The 10th Annual Support Staff Conference will be held on November 10th- 2011, at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. An e-mail with speaker and registration information should be coming soon. This year we are opening up the conference to support staff from other departments, please feel free to pass the information on to other support staff in your county. Please continue to check the MACPO website for more information.

Finally, the Training and Education Committee would like to thank Steve Peterson for his leadership and direction over this past year and welcome Evonn Westcott as MACPO President.



Jason Vande Kamp



Debbie Lawrence



Rachel Miller



Randy Baker

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Greetings Fellow MACPO Members

After being re-energized by MACPO's 54th Annual Spring Conference the membership committee is gearing up to ensure another successful year! This year's conference was nothing less than amazing and credit goes out to all of MACPO's committee members, especially the Training and Education Committee for their flawless work in putting on a wonderful conference. In addition, the Membership Committee would like to thank all of our dedicated MACPO members and vendors - without you MACPO wouldn't survive or thrive! We greatly appreciate your continued support!

The Membership Committee continues to focus on increasing our membership numbers across all delivery systems. In addition to membership drives, we look forward to representing MACPO at college/job fairs, coordinating registration at the upcoming Support Staff Conference and at MACPO's 55th Annual Spring conference, as well as coordinating the Memorial scholarship, and coming up with promotional gift and clothing ideas. Please check out www.macpo.net if interested in purchasing MACPO apparel. The Membership Committee would also like to again congratulate Stacy Jacobson as the 2011 Memorial Scholarship Award Winner.

Lastly, if you haven't renewed your membership or would like to be a member of MACPO please visit www.macpo.net and renew today! In addition, we are always eager to recruit new members for our committee. If you are interested, we meet monthly in the St. Cloud area. Please contact any of our committee members listed on the MACPO website for more information on our responsibilities and our meeting schedule.

TREASURER



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CHECKING ACCT

Total Receipts	\$22,933.01
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,047.97</u>
Checking Balance	\$13,885.04

SPECIAL FUNDS

1050	1. Waddell and Reed Money Market Acct	\$18,776.42
1030	2. Afinity Plus Certificate Of Deposit	\$15,206.86
1025	3. Waddell and Reed Bond Fund	\$12,157.56
4036	Memorial Scholarship Interest	
6336	Memorial Scholarship Award	

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS

07/01/06 reconciled -	\$140	\$60,025.88
7/1/11 reconciled -	\$461.23	

COMMUNICATIONS



Christopher Maas

The 54th Annual MACPO spring conference was a success. I would like to personally thank the Training and Education committee for their hard work as well as all of the other committees for their dedication to the conference and to MACPO. The MACPO website has highlights from the conference including pictures and information regarding the winners. Please let me know if you have any corrections or would like something added to the website. **Christopher.Maas@co.sherburne.mn.us** or **763-765-4564**.



Tammy Thompson

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Greetings to my fellow MACPO members. I will be the one putting together the MACPOST publication this year along with the creativity of my support staff Erikka Weires. So please be patient with us, Ann Riley is a tough one to follow! The Executive Board has been busy trying to reduce the MACPO annual budget any way they can, so we are trying to produce the MACPOST at little or no cost to the organization. It may look a little different, but hopefully will continue to bring you updates, valuable articles and training opportunities. I think by the second edition, we will have a better idea of how this all works. Anyone with items of interest that they would like to share, please forward them to me at tammy.thompson@co.meeker.mn.us or erikka.weires@co.meeker.mn.us. Enjoy!



2011 Award Winners

2011 MACPO AWARD WINNER

AL REKER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER

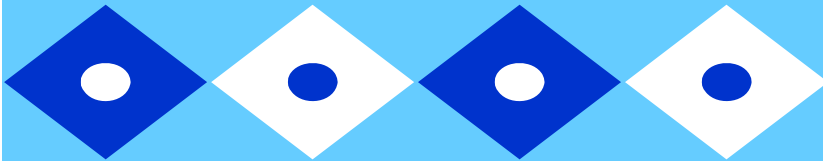
JOANNE POHL, DIRECTOR OF GOODHUE COUNTY COURT SERVICES

The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) was proud to present its prestigious Al Reker Distinguished Service Award to Joanne Pohl, the long-time Director of Court Services in Goodhue County at the banquet of its annual conference on May 25, 2011. The Al Reker award is bestowed to a member annually to recognize contributions made by an individual over a sustained period of time in the field of probation. Further, this award is to acknowledge exemplary contributions and dedication to the profession of probation/parole.

Members of the Goodhue County Court Services staff described Pohl, in their nomination, as one who brings positive attributes to work daily. They indicated she provides them with leadership, support, and encouragement. Joanne is described as being the type of manager that allows her probation officers independence and autonomy in caseload management and her door is always open to provide input and feedback. The Court Services staff said Pohl has countless attributes and has developed an office atmosphere that is welcoming and open. Joanne is characterized as a fighter in attempting to maintain funding in tough times and has gracefully dealt with difficult budget cuts.

Pohl was an Assistant County Attorney prior to being appointed the Director of Court Services in Goodhue County. Her staff describes how she has always supported the office with evidenced-based practices and facilitated the transition to the use of technology. Additionally, Pohl has maintained her legal licensure and as a consequence provided Court Services with a keen legal perspective. Joanne has served on numerous local committees and boards and has been an instructor in the criminal-justice program at a local technical college. She has contributed greatly to MACPO through her service on ad-hoc committees and other special projects at the request of the Executive Board.

Joanne is described as humble and does not seek recognition for her work. She is a strong advocate for her employees and has been a respected voice within the Goodhue County system. The probation staff concluded that Pohl is very deserving of the Al Reker award and expressed their pride in having Joanne represent and lead Goodhue County Court Services.



2011 MACPO AWARD WINNER

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNER

***ERIC D. JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR, CARVER COUNTY
COURT SERVICES***



The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) presented the Outstanding Performance Award to Eric D. Johnson, the Supervisor of Carver County Court Services at the banquet at their annual conference on May 25, 2011. This award is given to recognize an individual who has demonstrated professionalism and leadership within their county or in the field of probation. The award winner may have implemented a new corrections program, worked in the community to bring new corrections related services to clients or simply is an incredibly hard-working individual who merits recognition.

According to those who nominated Johnson he has exceeded the qualifications for this award in his 20 years of service in corrections. Eric holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology/Corrections and a Master's Degree in Leadership. He has job experience at all levels of probation, including stints as interim Director of Court Services. Despite the administrative demands of his current position Johnson stays relevant to the field by maintaining a small caseload of adult offenders.

During his career Johnson has worked with both adult and juvenile offenders and as a program coordinator and cognitive-behavioral group facilitator. Over the past 15 years he has assisted in numerous projects and training efforts related to the implementation of evidenced-based practices (EBP) in corrections. Eric was instrumental in helping his department during the implementation of EBP, including offender assessment, case planning, cognitive programming and evaluation. He has also completed many outcome studies, helping Court Services to analyze the effectiveness of supervision and programming efforts, and he has assisted in writing numerous successful grant proposals.

Eric has spent many hours and days assisting with a great number of presentations to local community agencies and colleges, broadcasting the importance of the field of corrections to prospective volunteers and future correctional practitioners. Johnson authored a description of the benefits of offender case planning in probation work which was incorporated into a comprehensive report distributed statewide by the Department of Corrections. Eric is perhaps best known by many for his collaboration in helping numerous agencies with training initiatives and EBP booster sessions. He continues to be an active member of statewide EBP networks and serves as a certified trainer in the YLS/CMI, the LSI-R, and with case-planning booster sessions for probation officers. Johnson was a key associate member of the EBP Practices Policy Team in 2010, and played an integral role in developing a statewide EBP Survey, which was completed by every probation agency in the state. This survey information was an essential component in the 2011 report to the State Legislature.

In addition to Johnson's agency duties, he has taught multiple courses at the college level as an Adjunct Professor, specializing in offender risk assessment and case planning. In addition to his professional accomplishments the people who nominated him extolled his dedication to his family and community. Overall, Johnson is described as being well-respected by his peers and by the many stakeholders in the criminal- and juvenile-justice field.



2011 MACPO AWARD WINNER

EXCELLENCE IN CORRECTIONS AWARD

JENNY TONJUM AND THE STEELE COUNTY SCRAM PROGRAM



The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) presented the Excellence in Corrections Award to Probation Officer Jenny Tonjum and the Steele County SCRAM Program at its banquet at their 54th annual conference on May 25, 2011. This award is given to recognize a corrections program which has demonstrated outstanding leadership and development in the field of probation.

In 2009 Steele County Probation Services conducted research to determine whether the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) technology would serve their electronic monitoring needs. They found that SCRAM is a scientifically-proven, court-validated tool – based on transdermal technology – that continuously monitors alcohol offenders to ensure abstinence from alcohol in compliance with court orders. Clients on SCRAM wear an ankle bracelet that takes 48 readings a day, seven days a week to determine if that client has been drinking. According to the person who nominated Tonjum for this award she “took this program under her wing and ran with it.”

In less than two full years the Steele County SCRAM Program has served 123 clients for 9,298 days and during that time span there have only been 23 confirmed alerts! Some of the offenders served by the SCRAM Program have been sentenced offenders and others have been pretrial clients. All have either an alcohol problem or were at least using alcohol at the time of the offense. Many of the offenders were charged with DWI but the program also served offenders charged with Domestic Abuse, Assault, Violating Orders for Protection and a variety of other offenses.

Tonjum handles all aspects of the program and has done an outstanding job. She has demonstrated a very high level of professionalism and leadership in making the program a resounding success. The staff of Steele County Probation Services expressed their appreciation for Tonjum’s many hours of time and her efforts in implementing the program. The staff said they were honored to work with Jenny and stated she is most deserving of this award. MACPO joins with the staff of Steele County Probation Services in recognizing Jenny Tonjum and the Steele County SCRAM Program by presenting her with this award.

Congratulations to Everyone!



Outgoing President Recognition Award

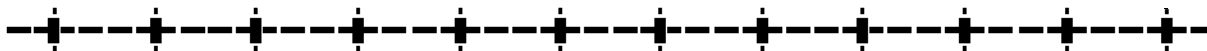
*Steve Peterson, Director, Waseca County
Court Services*

Steve received a plaque as outgoing president of MACPO for the 2010-2011 year. Steve worked very hard this past year and did an outstanding job for all of MACPO's members!

Outgoing Treasurer Recognition

*Sarah Weikle, Probation Officer,
Pine County Probation*

Sarah was given a plaque in recognition as outgoing treasurer of MACPO. Sarah did an excellent job and worked very diligently for MACPO!



Anne Riley
7/12/1954 - 5/18/2011

In May 2011 Anne lost her battle with cancer. We've lost a truly dedicated MACPO member.

Anne spent several years of committing time and talent to the MACPO Communications Committee, and creating the MACPOST, as well as her many years of service to Chisago County and is sadly missed by all.

Anne will be remembered for her dedication and commitment to her job and our association.

78th Annual MCA Fall Training Institute



October 24–25, 2011
Crowne Plaza Minneapolis
Register online or by mail

Registration is now open for the 78th Annual MCA Fall Training Institute. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota on October 24–25, 2011. The Fall Institute Program Committee has been busy putting together the agenda for this year's conference. Five training tracks will include:

- Juvenile Issues
- Special Programming
- Evidence Based Practices
- Behavioral Health
- Alternative Topics

It begins with opening remarks from our MCA President Terry Fawcett and Commissioner of Corrections Tom Roy. Our keynote speaker this year is Gaye Hanson, who promises to deliver a motivational and inspiring message that will be laced with humor. Overnight hotel accommodations at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North are \$72 per night — double or king rooms. You can make your room reservations online. You can also call them directly at 1-800-481-3556 for reservations. Use group code **MCA** when making reservations.

<http://www.mnmcca.com/trainings>

Minnesota Community Corrections Association

The Minnesota Community Corrections Association is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of professionalism and collaboration among individuals and agencies working within community corrections.

TOPIC: How to complete an EJJ worksheet

DATE: October 13, 2011

TIME: 11:30am to 12:30pm (60 minutes)

This webinar will be an overview of how to fill out the EJJ form with both the new offense and criminal history, and the calculation of the presumptive sentence. This webinar is being offered especially for juvenile agents who deal with EJJ's and Adult Certifications.

New Beginnings at Waverly, LLC
Presents
Prescription Drug Abuse

Dr. Steven Pratt, MD



6 CEU Professional Enhancement Workshop
Cost is \$25.00

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the continuum from incomplete medication adherence through misuse and abuse to dependence
2. Explain the scope of the issue of prescription drug abuse
3. Discuss the issue of prescription drug trafficking
4. Identify risk factors for prescription drug abuse
5. State consequences of prescription drug abuse
6. Identify treatment choices

Friday, November 18, 2011
9:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.

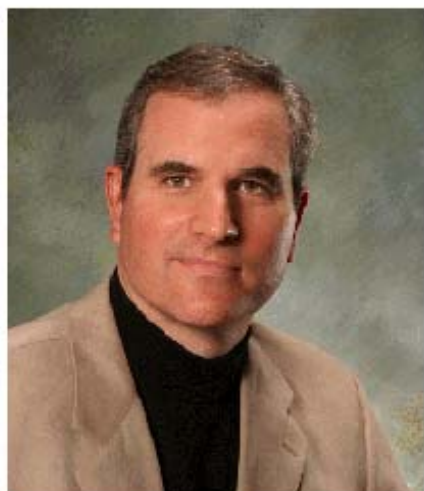
Location: 109 North Shore Drive, Waverly MN (See Attached Map)
Lunch will be served

To Register: Email *Scott K. Paul* at:
scottp@newbeginningsatwaverly.com

Payment collected at the door

When you register, please leave your name, number and how many people will be attending.
"Please contact us if you need to cancel your registration to allow room for others."

Boys Adrift; Girls on the Edge



Why are so many boys today less motivated to succeed?

For a growing proportion of boys, video games both stimulate and satisfy a primal need, the need to *seem heroic in their own eyes*. For these boys, doing well in video games is often more important than earning an 'A' instead of a 'B' in French; for some boys, the games are more important than girls. This presentation begins with a review of evidence demonstrating that in almost every demographic group today, boys care less about academic achievement than their sisters do. Working hard to get straight A's has come to seem unmasculine in the eyes of many boys, though not all; we will discuss the exceptions. We will then consider how this phenomenon – of boys' decline motivation to achieve in the real world – has consequences with regard to juvenile offending, academic achievement, and psychiatric diagnosis and intervention.

The four factors driving the new crisis for girls

This presentation begins with an overview of the four factors facing American girls today: 1) Sexualization of girlhood; 2) The Cyberbubble; 3) Obsessions; 4) Endocrine disruptors. In pulling together these four factors, we will also consider why so many girls are suffering from "anorexia of the soul". These girls can tell you a great deal about what they are *doing*, but not so much about who they *are*. Once we have defined the problems, the main focus of this presentation is to share practical strategies which others have used to help a girl re-connect with who she *is* and who she wants to *be* – which is not to be confused with what she wants to *do* or what university she wants to attend.

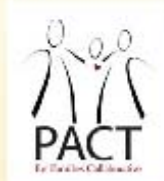
A day-long workshop opportunity with Dr. Leonard Sax, author of: *Why Gender Matters*, *Boys Adrift*, and *Girls on the Edge*

Friday, November 18, 2011

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Oaks at Eagle Creek

1000 26th Avenue NE
Willmar, MN 56201



Registration Information:

Cost:

PACT partners or parents who live or work in the 5-county service area: \$100.00 *

Non-PACT partners: \$150.00

Registration information:

Registration available online at: www.pactforfamilies.org and click on the 2011 Brain conference registration link.

*A reduction in fees is available for PACT partners who register for both the Brain Conference and this day-long workshop

Questions: Contact Shawna

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Willmar, MN 56201
(320) 231-7030 ext. 2961

Dr. Sax is also the keynote speaker at this year's 10th Annual Community Conference on the Brain, held on November 17th. His presentation will focus on "Why Gender Matters"

Access free workbooks - including for teens with depression.
[Http://www.zaprap.org/index.php?topic=4461.0](http://www.zaprap.org/index.php?topic=4461.0)
Cut and paste the link in your browser

10th Annual MACPO Support Staff Conference

Thursday, November 10th, 2011

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites

St. Cloud, MN

*Watch For Conference Brochure & Registration Form Online at www.macpo.net
This day is planned especially for you. Come enjoy the day, laugh, learn and meet your colleagues!*

Annual Fall MACPO EBP Booster Extravaganza

Autumn is here, and the most exciting thing about Autumn is the annual **MACPO EBP Booster Extravaganza!** Training will be at the Carver County Justice Center on **Wednesday, November 16th**. We are welcoming a few new trainers to the mix this year, so we hope to keep you on your toes. See the attached flyer for registration information. Register soon because seats fill up fast, and numbers will be limited.

Schedule:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – Noon, Morning Session
12:00 – 1:00, Lunch on own
1:00 – 4:00, Afternoon Session

Site:

Carver County Justice Center
Lower Level Emergency Operations Center
604 East Fourth Street
Chaska, MN 55318
952-361-1460

Questions:

Contact Evonn Westcott
507-233-6622 or
Eric Johnson
952-361-1466



Sudoku Complete the grid by placing a number in each box so that each row, column and small nine-box square contains the numbers one to nine exactly once.

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Futoshiki Each column and row must contain the numbers one to five. The values of adjacent boxes must obey the given greater-than (>) and less-than (<) signs.

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A Little Local Humor from Meeker County's Quote Board!

Client states they are : "Four cases short of a six-pack"

Agent says "Quit drinking!" Client says- "That's like telling me to quit walking!" Agent responds "I'll see you in jail then!"

Juvenile tells her agent "My dad's a retired alcoholic"

Client told agent they were hoping to find a place in the "suburbs of Cosmos" (pop. 473)

"I thought I could drink while on probation and that I just couldn't get drunk."

"...there is a predator predatorizing him...."

After Probation Violation Hearing where admitted continued marijuana use- "Now what's my employer going to think- that I use pot?"

"Why is it a burglary? Why isn't it just Breaking & Entering??"

Client who has been ordered again to attend MADD Victim Impact Panel (for his 2nd DUI) says "Well I hope this time she doesn't just talk about herself!"

In-custody client refuses to fill out paperwork for court hearing: states when he goes to court, he will go "Donkey Kong"...

Judge questions client about not paying his fine. Client says he has no money, he spends "it all on weed"...

Client told agent- "I AM SO FLUSTERED!!!"

Deputy reports asking the defendant the reason for refusing the BAC test. Defendant says... "I ate too many f-ing poptarts, that's my reason!"

(Sometimes a little humor goes a long way in surviving this job... or maybe we are just a little warped. We are looking for any submissions from members of memorable quotes or scenarios to share in the MACPOST. If your county or agency has anything you are willing to share, please forward it to me at tammy.thompson@co.meeker.mn.us . Please make sure that there is nothing that would identify the specific individual.)