



MACPOST

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS



Todd Eustice
Kanabec County
Court Services
MACPO President

With Spring right around the corner, it also means that the 56th Annual MACPO Spring Conference will be here in no time. **This year's conference will again be at Breezy Point, so mark your calendar for May 22nd and 23rd, 2013.** The Training and Education Committee is currently finalizing all the details for another excellent conference to provide some great training and networking.

Also, with the conference coming up fast, we are looking for nominations for the Al Reker Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Performance Award and Excellence in Corrections Award. We will also be introducing our first annual "Rookie of the Year" award. Look for a description of this award on the MACPO website. Please take some time to consider nominating someone you believe is deserving of the awards.

Further, I would like to remind everyone that the positions of President - Elect and Treasurer are up for election this year. Please consider being a candidate for one of these positions to possibly serve on the Executive Board. I have enjoyed my experience working with the Executive Board as I have found that they are both very personable and professional.

This past year, an ad hoc committee was formed to review the bylaws. The bylaws are now complete and will be posted on the MACPO website, and it will also be attached to the spring conference registration. The revised bylaws will be voted on by the MACPO membership for approval at the awards banquet.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that served on the Bylaws Committee for their contributions to this project. I would especially like to recognize Steve Peterson, Waseca County Court Services Director, who chaired the committee and provided the leadership, expertise, and thoroughness to complete the bylaws.

See everyone at Breezy Point!

Todd W. Eustice
MACPO President

Mission

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers is dedicated to promoting quality correctional practices through professional growth, leadership, education, communication and support.

Vision

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

The March 6, 2013, APPA sponsored training *Crime in Virtual Worlds* and *Online Gaming Worlds* unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the weather. At this point we have been in contact with the presenters and are looking at the possibility of rescheduling the training for sometime after the Spring Conference. Watch for e-mail updates or check the MACPO website.

The next regional training is scheduled for April 5th from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. at DOC Central Office. This will be a CD related training. Registration information has already been sent out. Check your emails or the MACPO website for additional information.

Our committee is in the final stages of preparing for this year's 56th annual spring conference. The conference will be held at Breezy Point on May 22nd – 23rd. Registration will be starting in March. There will once again be a vendor hospitality night on Tuesday evening for those that are able to attend. You should receive an email and can always check the MACPO website for additional information.

MACPO is looking forward to rolling out a new training initiative. Our goal is to provide an organized yearly training calendar that can be accessed and found on the MACPO website. This will allow members to plan out all of their trainings and boosters throughout the year. These trainings will be in addition to the quarterly regional trainings we have had in the past. Some of the training topics may include LS/CMI, YLS/CMI 2.0, MI, safety, case planning, etc. Our committee hopes to be able to present this information to the members at our Spring Conference.



Jason Vande Kamp

Isanti County Probation



Debbie Lawrence

Isanti County Probation

Membership Committee

Spring is just around the corner—we hope you're making plans to attend the Spring Conference on May 22-23, because we can't wait to see you all there!

The Membership Committee is working hard with the Training and Education Committee to make this a fantastic conference. There will be a couple of changes to the registration process this year—just minor changes—that we're hoping make it easier for everyone. We appreciate all the agencies that helped us push the early membership drive this year. It's all part of a grand plan to make everything better and more convenient for our members. If you haven't re-upped your membership yet, please do so at www.macpo.net.

Information will be coming soon about how to nominate those in/around your agencies for the excellent work they've done in probation throughout the year. Start thinking about who deserves recognition so we make sure those people are getting complimented for all they do.

We have started receiving applications for our annual \$500 Academic Scholarship. The deadline is April 1st. Information is under the education tab on www.macpo.net. Encourage students you know or interns you may have to apply.



Rachel Miller

Isanti County Probation



Christopher Maas

Sherburne County Probation



Tammy Thompson

**Meeker County
Court Services**

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee has been pretty low-key. We are hoping members find the training and information on the Website helpful. If you have any ideas or postings, please contact Chris at Christopher.Maas@co.sherburne.mn.us. Vendors are encouraged to get their businesses on the site as well!

We extend our thanks to Deanna Ruffing (MACPO President-Elect) from Nicollet County for the great tribute to Lyle Pearson in this issue of the MACPOST. There are numerous agents (myself included) who interned under him over the years.... Also, thanks to Stephanie Ryan of Project Turnabout for the article on signs and symptoms of gambling problems. In the field we see the devastation that problematic gambling can cause for clients and families. If you have a story or training that comes across your desk or computer that you would like to share with your fellow MACPO members, please forward them to me or contact me at tammy.thompson@co.meeker.mn.us.

Legislative Committee



Bruce Hagstrom
**Chisago County
Court Services**

Spring is on it's way!

And with spring comes another session of the Legislature. They convened on January 8th and they have so far managed to avoid the main order of business, "The Budget". To be fair, the budget forecast didn't come out until 2.28.13.

The budget report was pretty good. The deficit for the balance of Fiscal Year 2013 is only \$295 million, and the projected deficit for the next biennium is only \$627 million. That's a lot better than the \$1.1 billion from the last report.

Our new lobbyist is Lisa Frenette, and she hit the ground running before the ink was dry on our agreement. We on the committee are very pleased to have her helping us out, and I believe she will be a great asset to MACPO.

Lisa has gotten our bill to extend juvenile Stays of Adjudication to 180 days authored and submitted in the House & Senate. The House the bill is (HF 633) authored by Representative Sheldon Johnson, and we are waiting to get a first committee hearing. Senator Bobby Jo Champion has authored the bill in the Senate (SF 760), and a hearing request has been submitted. We inserted the phrase "with the approval of the prosecutor" to appease the County Attorney's Association, or they would have opposed our bill again this year.

There is a group working with the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC), that is moving a parallel bill that doesn't have the language for the approval of the prosecutor. That language is part of a larger "Youth Opportunity Act" that also looks to close most delinquency hearings for 16 & 17 year olds except in serious cases, and to revise the predatory offender registration statutes for juveniles. We are watching that bill closely. The bills to close the hearings for 16 & 17 year olds are SF 286 & HF 392, and I am testifying in favor of the Bill. SF 286 was passed out of committee to the Senate floor on 2.28.13. The House bill has to clear at least one more committee in the House before it can go to the House floor.



Margaret Munson
**Wright County
Court Services**

Lisa is talking to/working with MACCAC on a funding increase for CPO reimbursement and CCA subsidy. There is interest from several legislators in finding some money to help us out. However, we are still looking at a budget deficit so we can't be too optimistic.

Corrections Capitol Day went very well and was well attended by MACPO people and others. Cal Saari with MCA coordinated the event this year and was gracious enough to invite us to co-sponsor the event.

As usual, if anyone has questions, ideas about legislation, or is interested in becoming a member of the Committee just let me know.



WELCOME

Please welcome Lisa Frenette as our new Lobbyist. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and energy. Lisa will be a great asset to MACPO.

With close to 20 years of experience working with lawmakers, lawyers, and policy advocates I understand the political landscape in Minnesota. I have worked in both the Senate and the House Republican Caucuses where I was a legislative assistant and a committee administrator for the House Government Operations and Veterans Affairs Committee. Over the years I developed strong bipartisan relationships among members of the Minnesota House of Representatives, the Minnesota State Senate and the Executive branch. I have been lobbying for the past 10 years. Before starting Frenette Legislative Advisors, I worked with the Messerli and Kramer, P. A., the Minnesota Grocers Association, and the Builders Association of Minnesota.

Important information for all MACPO Members!

Proposed change in Bylaws..

Your Executive Board of the MN Association of County Probation Officers developed an ad-hoc committee over the last year to review and update our organization's by laws. They hadn't been revisited in several years, so it was time to make some revisions. The new by laws can be seen at www.macpo.net from a link on the home page. In order to accept these as our organization's new by laws, they must be passed at an annual business meeting. This will occur at the Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort in May.

There will not be a ballot-vote, it will be a verbal vote, so there will not be an option for absentee ballots. If you wish to verbalize your vote on the by laws, your attendance is required at this annual business meeting. PLEASE review the by laws on the website prior to attending the meeting so that you have time for questions/concerns to be addressed.

MACPO AWARDS

Nominations for President Elect and Treasurer are open and will be voted on at Spring Conference - To nominate someone, contact an E-board member.

AL REKER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is given 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. The recipient is to be selected by the Executive Board of MACPO and the announcement is made at the Spring Conference. This award remains secret with the exception of those necessary for the traditional roast. This award shall be given out last at the Spring Conference.

EXCELLENCE IN CORRECTIONS AWARD

This award is to be decided upon by the Board and will be presented to a correction's program, which has demonstrated outstanding leadership and development in the field of probation. This may be a non-profit organization, a privately run program, or a program within a court services agency. The award winner will be notified prior to the Spring Conference. Board members are not eligible if they work in that particular program, but are allowed to make nominations. The Board may also choose to acknowledge all or some nominees. Nominations must come from a MACPO member.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

This award is to be given to a probation or parole officer in good standing with the association. It is to be presented to an individual who has demonstrated professionalism and leadership within their county or in the field of probation. This person must have been in the field for at least one year.

This individual 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. This individual will be informed prior to the Spring Conference and will be voted on by the Board of Directors in March or April, prior to the conference. Board members are not eligible for this award, but are encouraged to nominate. Nominations must come from a MACPO member.

ROOKIE AGENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented to a newer agent (1-3 years in the field of probation) who has demonstrated abundant potential and professionalism in his/her early career. This award recipient presents a strong desire to learn on the job, participates in a variety of training opportunities, demonstrates enthusiasm and a positive attitude, and works collaboratively with other more experienced team members. This agent has strong leadership potential, has brought new energy into their agency/department, and is working toward a very promising future in the field of probation!

The Excellence in Corrections, Outstanding Performance and Rookie Agent of the Year Awards will be decided upon by the Awards Committee comprised of the Past President, Current President and President-Elect. Once decided, the recommended winners will be brought to the Board for approval.

Forward Nominations (by US Mail, e-mail or fax) to: Todd Eustice, Kanabec County Court Services - Courthouse Suite 233
Mora, MN 55051 (320) 679-6450 fax (320) 679-6455 todd.eustice@co.kanabec.mn.us

Nomination forms are available and must be received by May 1, 2013 .

“CORRECTIONS DAY ON THE HILL”

Capital Day 2013: February 14, 2013

This year's Day on the Hill was a well-attended event. There were over 70 representatives from the 5 sponsoring organizations: MCA (MN Corrections Association), MACCAC (MN Association of Community Corrections Act Counties), MACPO (MN Association of County Probation Officers), MCCA (MN Community Corrections Association) and VOA (Volunteers of America).

Opening address was presented by MN Department of Corrections Commissioner Tom Roy, who reminded us that “Life”, “Liberty”, and the “Pursuit of Happiness” are still the foundation of this state and this country.... He indicated that the Pursuit of Happiness is more than the common “temporary happiness” that our clients find in alcohol and drugs, but something deeper and that our focus needs to be to encourage and renew hope in those who have given up. He reminded us that MN has the 2nd lowest incarceration rate in the nation, due to the good job we do in the community and in the institutions and thanked the attendees for their hard work and dedication. He summarized some of the legislative initiatives that will be looked at this session. Deputy Commissioner Ron Solheid was also in attendance to show his support.

Representative Deb Hilstrom, Chair of the House Judiciary and Policy Committee and Anoka County Prosecutor shared the topics she foresees this session including sex offender commitments, Data Practices Policies surrounding citizen's records held by the state data bases, and juvenile justice initiatives.

Senator Warren Limmer, member of the State Judiciary Committee addressed the group. He has served in the House and Senate for 25 years and had worked as a Correctional Officer previously. He focused on the need to build relationships- with legislators as well as with offenders... He also serves on a Federal Task Force considering the problems of civil commitments of sex offenders. He anticipates much focus this session on such, as well as the gun issue and restoring voting rights of offenders, collateral consequences. He also addressed the need for the state to stand up their commitment to reimbursement to counties for probation services as described by statute.

Representative Joe Mullery, House Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy Committee, shared his interest in Foreclosure issues, Reentry issues, Environmental toxins effecting children in his district, the high (disproportionate) concentration of Level 3 sex offenders who in his district, juvenile stay of adjudication policy changes (he advocates for stays up to 3 years), tax credits for hiring felons, specialty courts and collateral consequences. He is working closely with NAMI on several of these issues.

Senator Ron Latz, who is a practicing lawyer and been in the House/Senate for 10 years spoke on several initiatives in the MCA legislative platform, but indicated that he does not believe there will be as much accomplished policy-wise this session as this is a funding year. He has been involved in listening to the DOC budget presentations with great interest.

The meeting ended with short updates from each of the sponsoring organizations regarding their platforms/initiatives. Attendees were encouraged to visit their legislative representatives individually as well to advocate for Corrections and answer any questions they may have.



Representative Deb Hilstrom



Representative Joe Mullery



MACPO Legislative Chair
Bruce Hagstrom



Commissioner Tom Roy



56th Annual MACPO Spring Conference



May 22nd & May 23rd, 2013

Breezy Point Resort

Visit www.macpo.net for registration information **COMING SOON!**

Members of the Juvenile Standards group



The Juvenile Standards group met at AMC on February 14th. This group meets every other month at rotating locations.



DID YOU KNOW?

Many MACPO members don't realize that we have representatives on numerous statewide committees, task forces and advisory boards to speak on behalf of CPO counties...

A few of these include:

CSAC (Community Service Advisory), CSTS Executive Board and Users Group, EBP policy group, Data Definition, CPO Director's Committee, JJAC (Juvenile Justice), Juvenile Standards group, Interstate Transfer Committee, Intrastate Transfer Committee....

These meet monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or as needed while working on a particular project... So your voice is heard- MACPO membership matters!!!



President Obama following lead of John Kennedy 50 years ago on improving access to care.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius speaks during the opening plenary of the National Health Policy Conference organized by The AcademyHealth February 4, 2013 in Washington, DC. (Photo: Alex Wong, Getty Images)

Fifty years ago, President John Kennedy shattered the national silence when he delivered a [message to Congress](#) in which he called for a bold new community-based approach to mental illness that emphasized prevention, treatment, education and recovery.

In the half century since, we've made tremendous progress as a country when it comes to attitudes about mental health. But recent events have reminded us that we still have a long way to go to bring mental health fully out of the shadows. The vast majority of Americans with a mental health condition are not violent. In fact, just 3% to 5% of violent crimes are committed by individuals who suffer from a serious mental illness.

But we know that some instances of mental illness can develop into crisis situations if left untreated, and those crises can lead to violence. More often than not, those with mental health conditions direct these violent acts at themselves. Tragically, there are more than [38,000 suicides](#) in America each year, more than twice the number of homicides. This is just one of many ways untreated mental illness takes a toll on our society. Bipolar disorder and major depression are responsible for more than 300 million days per year in lost productivity. As many as three in 10 homeless Americans have a serious mental illness. In total, mental health conditions place a greater burden on our economy than cancer or heart disease; and yet more than 60% of people with mental illness do not receive help.

The Obama administration has already made great strides in improving access to mental health care. Because of the Affordable Care Act and previous legislation making care on a par with other illnesses, 30 million Americans will gain access to health coverage, including up to 10 million who have mental health issues. Mental health care must also be covered in the new Health Insurance Marketplaces, which will open in every state this fall to help citizens find coverage that fits their needs and budget.

The president has proposed additional actions that will make it easier for young people to get mental health care. This is critical since three quarters of adult mental health conditions appear by the age of 24. His plan would train more than 5,000 mental health professionals to serve young people and advance new strategies to make sure young people and their families continue to receive support after they leave home.

But we know that lack of coverage and access to services are not the only reasons people go without the care and treatment they need. The truth is that while America has come a long way, we are still a country that frequently confines conversations about mental health to the far edges of our discourse.

We often fail to recognize the signs of mental illness, especially in young people. And when we do see those signs, our first reaction is often not to reach out, but to turn away. This is a culture we all contribute to. And it's one that all of us -- community leaders, teachers, pastors, health providers, parents, neighbors and friends -- need to help change if we want to reduce the tragic burden of untreated mental health conditions.

That's why President Obama has called for a national dialogue on mental health that will be kicked off in the coming weeks. This dialogue will seek to address the culture of silence and negative perceptions of mental illness that keep so many of our nation's young people from seeking care. It will challenge each of us to do our part to create communities where young people and their families understand how important mental health is to positive development and feel comfortable asking for help when they need it.

The good news is that when people do seek help, we have much more effective treatments and supportive services than we did 50 years ago. The proof is the tens of millions of Americans with mental health conditions who are living healthy lives and contributing to their communities. But people will only take advantage of this progress if they are not afraid to seek help. Now is the time to work together to banish those fears and bring mental health out of the shadows once and for all.

Kathleen Sebelius is secretary of Health and Human Services.

Millennials are the most stressed-out generation, new survey finds



By Melissa Dahl, NBC News

I'm stressed, you're stressed, your partner is stressed, even our [pets are stressed](#). But according to [a new survey](#) from the American Psychological Association, the most stressed generation of adults in the nation is also the youngest.

So-called "Millennials," defined here as American adults ages 18 to 34, reported higher stress levels than their parents' and grandparents' generations, and more Millennials said that their stress level had increased in the last year. And 52 percent of this age group even said stress had kept them up at night.

These new figures are from the APA's annual report, [Stress in America](#), which surveyed 2,020 American adults in a questionnaire conducted online by Harris Interactive in August 2012. The APA has commissioned the survey every year since 2007.

Generation Xers' stress level was tied with Millennials, both reporting an average level of 5.4 on a 10-point scale, but slightly fewer Gen Xers, those aged 34 to 47, said their stress increased in the past year or was causing them to lose sleep.

It doesn't take much imagination to figure out what young people might be stressing over: For one, the U.S. unemployment rate continues to creep higher, last week edging up to [7.9 percent](#). Some recent figures from the non-partisan group Generation Opportunity suggest the unemployment rate is even higher among 18- to 29-year-olds, at [11.5 percent](#), and only half of this age group believe they'll be getting [Social Security](#).

"Most of these young people have come out of college or graduate school with horrendous student debt into a job market where there are not very many jobs," Katherine Nordal, executive director for professional practice of the APA, told "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams." "This has put their life plans probably on hiatus; they may be postponing marriage, postponing having a family."

The APA survey found that 76 percent of Millennials surveyed by the APA say that work is a somewhat or significant stressor, compared to 65 percent of Gen Xers and 62 percent of Boomers. That's a number that has been ticking upwards -- in the APA's 2009 survey, for example, less than half of Millennials reported work as a somewhat or significant stressor.

And, as it turns out, young adults are not great at handling all this self-reported stress they're under: Forty-four percent of both Millennials and Gen Xers say they'd experienced irritability or anger due to stress, compared to 36 percent of Boomers and 15 percent of what the APA deemed "Matures," or Americans older than 67.

"Stress is a huge factor when we look at medical problems such as obesity, hypertension, diabetes, cardiac disease," says NBC's chief medical editor, Dr. Nancy Snyderman. That's more bad news for younger Americans, who say they more likely than older generations to try to manage their stress by eating junk, drinking alcohol and smoking.

It's tempting to raise an eyebrow at the findings because the stress is self-reported: How are we sure that young people are really under as much stress as they say? To a certain extent, that doesn't really matter. If you perceive yourself to be under an incredible amount of stress, then that stress is real to you, says Gail Saltz, an New York City psychiatrist and frequent TODAY contributor.

"I think that does have something to do about the acquisition of coping skills," Saltz says. "As you manage to get past things, your ability to look back as something else comes along and say, 'Well, I got through that' -- that goes a long way."

We do seem to get better at managing stress as we age, according to the APA's self-reported figures. While 29 percent of Millennials, 35 percent of Gen Xers and 38 percent of Boomers (adults aged 48 to 66) said they are doing an excellent or very good job at managing stress, half of those older than 67 thought they were doing a bang-up job of keeping their stress manageable.

"There really is something to 'what doesn't kill you makes you stronger,'" Saltz says.

National Problem Gambling Awareness Week Was Celebrated March 3-9, 2013

Submitted By: Stephanie Ryan, Project Turnabout

March 3-9, 2013 marked the 11th Annual National Problem Gambling Awareness Week. The focus of this campaign was to educate the general public about the warning signs of problem gambling and raise awareness that help is available.

Americans spend more on gambling than all other recreation combined. For most, it's recreational but for a few, gambling can become a serious, life altering problem. It is estimated that two to three percent of the U.S. population, or six to nine million Americans, have a gambling problem. It can affect men or women of any age, race or religion, regardless of social status. Gambling can be considered problematic, and no longer recreational, when it causes a disruption in any major area of a person's life.

One of the first steps is to recognize the signs of problem gambling:

- 1. Increased frequency of gambling activity.**
- 2. Increased amount of money gambled.**
- 3. Gambling for longer periods of time than originally planned.**
- 4. Bragging about wins, but not talking about losses.**
- 5. Pressuring others for money as financial problems arise.**
- 6. Lying about how money is spent.**
- 7. Escaping to other excesses (alcohol, drugs, sleep, etc.).**
- 8. Denying there is a problem.**

How do I reach out to a friend or relative? If someone you know is gambling for more than fun, they may have a problem. Here are some ways to begin the conversation:

- 1. Find a comfortable place to talk where you won't be disturbed.**
- 2. Keep it simple and straight forward; tell the person you care about them and you're concerned about their actions.**
- 3. Tell the person how their behavior is affecting other people - be specific.**
- 4. Be clear about what you expect "I want you to talk to someone about your gambling." and what they can expect from you "I won't cover you anymore."**

After you've told the person what you've seen and how you feel, allow them to respond. Listen with a nonjudgmental attitude and let them know you are willing to help, but don't try to counsel them. **Give information, not advice. Encourage your loved one to seek help.**

People with a gambling problem can find help - regardless of how long they have been gambling or how many financial or legal problems their addiction has caused. They can recover and go on to live happy, productive lives. For more information, visit Project Turnabout's Vanguard Center for Compulsive Gambling webpage at projectturnabout.org/programs/gambling or call 1-800-862-1453. **Funding for gambling treatment may be available for Minnesota residents.**

Welcome to Project Turnabout.

Recovery starts here.

Project Turnabout was founded as a nonprofit organization in the early 1970s to help people with alcohol and drug use problems. In 1991 Project Turnabout developed the Vanguard program for compulsive gambling. Over the years we have continued to grow and evolve, never losing sight of our mission — to encourage and support healing through programs and services that are both effective and affordable. In every service our quality is driven by an experienced and caring team committed to their responsibility to help and be of service to our patients/clients.

Specialized Recovery Programs

Project Turnabout has recovery programs that focus on the comprehensive needs of the characteristics of differing addictions:

[Center for Women's Recovery](#)
[Men's Primary Program](#)
[Men's Extended Program](#)
[Vanguard Center for Compulsive Gambling](#)
[Family Wellness Program](#)

We invite you to contact our licensed Admissions Counselors at

1-800-862-1453 or 320-564-4911, or to send the Admissions Department an email at info@projectturnabout.org. Admission inquiries are confidential, free and accepted 24 hours day, 365 days a year. If you call for admission inquiries during non-business hours please ask for the Nursing Department and they would be happy to assist you.



Straight from the President's Mailbox...

Dear Todd,

Last year the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) and Concordia University – St. Paul entered into a partnership agreement whereby Concordia University – St. Paul offers a \$2,000.00 tuition discount to any MACPO member who enrolls in an education program at Concordia University – St. Paul. In exchange MACPO agrees to assist Concordia University – St. Paul in reaching individual members in the promotion of this partnership's opportunities. I am writing to ask for your assistance in communicating to your members a very important announcement.

I am pleased to announce Concordia University – St. Paul has received approval to begin a master's degree in Forensic Mental Health. You may know I have attended the annual MACPO conference for a number of years, and last year I visited with several people at the conference who expressed interest in this program. I am certain they would welcome this information.

Would you be able to forward the attached document to your members? This document announces an information session to be held at Concordia University on January 22. Please call me if you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you.

Mike Conner, MA

Criminal Justice Faculty

Concordia University – St. Paul



Concordia

University - St. Paul

Concordia University, St. Paul offers the Master of Arts in Human Services with an emphasis in Forensic Mental Health in partnership with the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS). The 36-credit hour program is offered entirely online and focuses on the direct relationship between mental health and the law. The program provides students with a comprehensive overview of the field of forensic mental health and related systems of care. The program is not a clinical/counseling program.

Concordia partnered with the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS) to offer this program. The program targets professionals who have an interest in the field of forensic mental health and related care systems. The partnership enhances curriculum and professional training by using a comprehensive educational approach that focuses on forensic disciplines and current criminal justice issues.

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MACPO Regional Training Opportunity

When: Friday, April 5th, 2013 from 8:30AM – 4:00PM

Where: DOC Central Office, Itasca Room (Lower Level)

Cost: FREE if you are a MACPO member, \$40 for a non-member includes MACPO membership. All those wishing to register, sign up online at <http://macpo.shuttlepod.org/>. If you are not a current member, please pay by check/county voucher at the time of registration or day of the training.

Agenda:

8:30-9AM: Registration/Check-in

9AM-12PM: Lieutenant Don Marose, Minnesota State Patrol: Signs and Symptoms of Drug and Alcohol Influence

12-1PM: Lunch (on your own)

1-2PM: Joel Torkelson, Health Promotion Coordinator-Wright County Public Health: Welcome to the World of a Guy Who Doesn't Drink Energy Drinks

2-4PM: Jay Jaffee, Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Coordinator-Minnesota Department of Health: Preventing Alcohol and Marijuana Use/Abuse

Please contact Rachel Miller at rachel.miller@co.isanti.mn.us or 763-689-8326 with questions.

2013 TEENWISE MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 2-3, 2013 Earle Brown Heritage Center

www.teenwisemn.org 651-644-1447

Early registration deadline is April 19, 2013

Three ways to register!

1. Online at: www.teenwisemn.org/training/conference.html
2. By Mail to: Teenwise Minnesota Conference
Registration, 1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 111,
St. Paul, MN 55104
3. By Fax to: 651-644-1417

Questions? Please contact Teenwise Minnesota:
651-644-1447 x384 or teenwisemn@teenwisemn.org

TEENWISE MINNESOTA'S 22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Teenwise Minnesota presents a rich and engaging opportunity to develop knowledge and skill, as well as a venue in which to broaden professional horizons and experience renewal and revitalization. Along with other members of a broad community committed to improving adolescent sexual health, you will be immersed in an educational environment of keynotes, workshops, exhibits and youth performance. The Conference will offer/highlight:

- Evidence-based and scientifically informed approaches
- Innovative tools and strategies to help you meet the needs of the diverse and complex young people you serve
- Enhanced understanding of changes in law and policy and how they affect your work with youth
- A host of resources: written, human and digital

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A Tribute...



Lyle Pearson Sr.

February 5, 1921-January 11, 2013

1969 Minnesota Corrections Man of the Year

Lyle was employed by Nicollet County Court Services beginning in 1957, first as the Chief Probation Officer and then as the Director of Court Services. He was also involved with the Nicollet and LeSueur Juvenile Traffic Courts for 12 years and also served on the selection board for corrections agents. Lyle was also a member of MAC-PO, served on the legislative committee and was elected President in 1965. In 1969, he was chosen as the Minnesota Corrections Man of the Year. He retired from Nicollet County in 1983.

Not only was Lyle instrumental in the field of corrections, he was also a strong advocate for veteran issues as a result of his military experience. Lyle served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-17 bomber pilot in World War II. He flew 50 combat missions until his aircraft was shot down over Italy in 1944. He was then held as prisoner of war until 1945 when his prison camp was liberated by Soviet troops. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. In 1974, he was one of six Citizens of the United States to be a guest of the Soviet Union to participate in the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the end of World War II. In 1975-1976 he served as the National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). With passion, he lobbied for veterans and presented legislation on behalf of the DAV to improve services for veterans. Lyle had countless years of service and volunteerism to make the world a better place before he passed away at the age of 92.

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MACPO 2012-2013 ELECTED OFFICERS

Contact MACPO secretary, Jocelyn Worden at jnworde@co.chisago.mn.us for the location and time of MACPO Board meetings.

Executive Board Goals:

- Review the vision statement on an annual basis at the steering committee meeting.
- Use MACPO's APPA Affiliate Membership to send our President (or assigned representative) to the national conference to maintain/promote our presence on a national level, to be reviewed annually.
- Continue to solicit input from MACPO membership regarding nominations for awards: Al Reker, Excellence in Corrections, Outstanding Performance, and Memorial Scholarship, as well as officer-elect positions.

Election of all officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority at such meeting when a quorum of the voting members in good standing is present at the time of balloting.

Absentee ballots will be accepted or counted in any election and will be distributed by the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of election, ballots to be returned three (3) days before the annual meeting to the Nominating Committee Chair.

The Nominations/Awards Committee shall meet at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. The Nominations/Awards Committee shall contact candidates and potential candidates from among the voting membership of the association and shall prepare a list of such candidates and the offices for which they are candidates.