

MACPOST

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

From the President

January 2008

HAPPY 2008 TO ALL

Ask yourself.... What are the goals in Community Corrections for 2008? I am sure we have all put some thought into Evidence Based Practices and where it fits in our departments, jobs, and daily practices. As I talk to people I am aware that the term Evidence Based Practice is not new and has been used by most of us for years, but we have just called it something else.

Evidence Based Practices is a sound correctional practice. In the current financial climate, there are no Directors, County Board members or Commissioners that do not ask the following questions. "Does this make sense for community safety and offender management?" "Do these practices make sense for our corrections department and for the offender?" Without a doubt we all want the offender to be successful; to be held to the court's order, to keep the community safe, AND to not have the person return to the system. So as you prepare to set your goals in 2008, answer the question "Are you using evidence based practices"? Motivational interviewing, quality risk/need assessment tools that identify criminogenic needs and programs developed to meet the needs of the offender will collectively enhance the success of your agency in working with offenders in the community.



Margaret Munson
MACPO President

MACPO, as an organization, is also thinking along the same lines and in 2008 has implemented the Training Academy to assist probation officers in obtaining the training, refresher courses, and opportunity to look at what makes us the best Community Corrections system. In 2008, keep your eyes open for training opportunities from the academy.

The MACPO / MCA Joint Winter Conference is January 31st and February 1st, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington. Please plan to attend. The committee has done an outstanding job planning and has lined up great speakers. Join your peers at this worthwhile conference. You are able to register on the website.

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MACPO AND MCA

FIFTH ANNUAL JOINT WINTER CONFERENCE
** THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008 **

Training topics include: Values and Attitudes In the Media: Are We Creating A Culture of Disrespect? Legislative update session, Sex offender management in the community and Fall in a mud puddle, get up and check your pockets for fish. Hospitality to be provided by McCrossan's Boys Ranch.

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Ask for MACPO/MCA Conference Room Rates. (Discounted rates good until January 9, 2008.) \$86 standard room or \$111 for a suite

Conference Brochure - [PDF format](#)



Join Together is a program of the [Boston University School of Public Health](#). Since 1991 it has been the nation's leading provider of information, strategic planning assistance, and leadership development for community-based efforts to advance effective alcohol and drug policy, prevention, and treatment. We believe problems associated with alcohol and drugs can be best addressed at the community level.

Our mission is expressed in our name. Join Together helps community leaders understand and use the most current scientifically valid prevention and treatment approaches. Our surveys have shown that communities with written strategies that are broadly supported by key leaders and institutions are the most likely to be successful in reducing and preventing alcohol and drug problems.

Join Together's principal constituents include community leaders, public officials, teachers, prevention and treatment professionals, parents and families. We encourage individuals to become actively involved in promoting policies and programs that are supported by sound research. [Learn more about what you can do.](#)

New Alcohol Test Promises Longer Detection Window -- But Not Precision

August 15, 2006 Join Together

Typical breath tests can only detect very recent alcohol use, but a new urine test called EtG promises to detect a biomarker for drinking up to 80 hours after the subject's last drink, the [Wall Street Journal](#) reported Aug. 12.

The EtG test has been adopted by the state of Pennsylvania, which uses it to verify that health professionals who are recovering from alcoholism have lived up to agreements not to drink. A lawyer for the state recently called the test, which screens for the alcohol metabolite ethyl glucuronide, the "gold standard" of alcohol testing.

About 10 percent of the 20,000 people being regularly screened with the EtG test because they are not supposed to drink at all are testing positive, industry experts say. The tests cost about \$25 each.

However, EtG has one major flaw: it can detect ethyl glucuronide even in people who did not drink. The metabolite can show up when alcohol is inhaled, absorbed, or ingested through food, medicine, or even hand sanitizers. H. Westley Clark, director of the federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), said the test "can't distinguish between beer and Purell."

"When you're looking at loss of job, loss of child, loss of privileges, you want to make sure," Clark said. CSAT is studying the EtG test and plans to issue a report.

Drug-testing firms say it is up to clients how they use the results. Kevin Knipe, manager of a Pennsylvania monitoring program for health professionals in recovery, contends that even accidentally absorbed or inhaled alcohol poses a threat of relapse. "They must abstain from alcohol in any form," he said.

Gregory Skipper, a recovering addict and physician who first promoted use of the EtG test in the U.S., said the "use of this screen has gotten ahead of the science." Even the testing industry has backed away from earlier claims that the test only produces positive results when subjects have been drinking. Still, in places like Pennsylvania, health professionals have lost their licenses as a result of EtG testing, even though the state isn't even trying to prove that testing subjects actually drank.

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Alcohol Test Unreliable, SAMHSA Says

October 11, 2006

An alcohol urine test called EtG is too sensitive and prone to delivering false-positive tests, and should not be used, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) says. For a pdf of the warning [click here](#).

[UPI](#) reported Oct. 5 that SAMHSA said that the EtG test should not be used to test people legally barred from drinking because it can deliver positive results even when test-takers only used an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or eat foods or medicines that include small amounts of alcohol.

“Legal or disciplinary action based solely on a positive EtG ... is inappropriate and scientifically unsupportable at this time,” SAMHSA said, recommending follow-up testing if the EtG comes back positive.

SAMHSA issued the warning after investigating claims of false-positive test results.

High Court Eases Crack Sentence Guidelines

Supreme Court Allows Judicial Discretion In Sentencing For Crack Cocaine Crimes

To read more click:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/12/10/supremecourt/main3597693.shtml>



Great Website. Look up statutes, track legislation, general information about Minnesota Legislation
<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/statutes.asp>



Researchers Work on Cocaine Vaccine

Two Houston Researchers Working on Vaccine to Treat People Hooked on Cocaine

HOUSTON Jan 2, 2008 (AP)

Two Baylor College of Medicine researchers in Houston are working on a cocaine vaccine they hope will become the first-ever medication to treat people hooked on the drug. "For people who have a desire to stop using, the vaccine should be very useful," said Dr. Tom Kosten, a psychiatry professor who is being assisted in the research by his wife, Therese, a psychologist and neuroscientist. "At some point, most users will give in to temptation and relapse, but those for whom the vaccine is effective won't get high and will lose interest."

The vaccine, currently in clinical trials, stimulates the immune system to attack the real thing when it's taken.

The immune system unable to recognize cocaine and other drug molecules because they are so small can't make antibodies to attack them.

To help the immune system distinguish the drug, Kosten

attached inactivated cocaine to the outside of inactivated cholera proteins.

In response, the immune system not only makes antibodies to the combination, which is harmless, but also recognizes the potent naked drug when it's ingested. The antibodies bind to the cocaine and prevent it from reaching the brain, where it normally would generate the highs that are so addictive.

"It's a very clever idea," says David Eagleman, a Baylor neuroscientist. "Scientists have spent the last few decades figuring out reward pathways in the brain and how drugs like cocaine hijack the system. It turns out those pathways are difficult to rewire once they've seen the drug. But the vaccine just circumvents all that."

Kosten asked the Food and Drug Administration in

December to green-light a multi-institutional trial to begin in the spring and is awaiting a response.

Approval would mark a breakthrough in the treatment of cocaine addiction, which now mostly involves psychiatric counseling and 12-step programs. It presumably would be the final clinical hurdle before the vaccine more than a decade in the making might be approved for treatment. But one expert warns against expecting too much.

Addiction vaccines are a promising advance, but it's unlikely any treatment in this field will work for everyone," said Dr. David Gorelick, a senior investigator at the National Institute on Drug Abuse. "Still, if they prove successful, they will give those working in drug addiction an important option."





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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES \$17 MILLION IN AWARDS TO ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

WASHINGTON - The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced block awards of more than \$17 million to 50 states and the District of Columbia to enforce state and local underage drinking laws. The awards are made through the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program, which supports activities in law enforcement, public education programs, and innovative methods for reaching youth.

"The dangers of underage drinking affect every segment of our society," said Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. "These awards support law enforcement agencies' efforts to more aggressively implement underage drinking laws and help create partnerships with parents, youth, schools and communities to monitor adolescent activities."

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws is the only federal initiative directed exclusively toward preventing underage drinking. The program is a \$25 million initiative consisting of block grants to each state and the District of Columbia, and discretionary awards to selected states to fund the best and most promising activities and research at the local level. Each state and the District of Columbia received at least \$350,000 in the form of block grants.

The awards support a wide range of activities including a strong emphasis on compliance checks of retail alcohol outlets to reduce sales to minors, crackdowns on false identification, programs to reduce older youth or adults from providing alcohol to minors, "party patrols" to prevent access to alcohol at large youth gatherings, and "cops in shops" to deter minors' attempts to purchase alcohol.

OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), through the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center, is hosting its ninth annual national leadership conference in Orlando, Fla.,



Police consider 'meth gun' to find drugs



By Pete Smith, The (Springfield, Mo.) News-Leader



Three undercover officers with the Greene County Sheriff's Department suit up to remove hazardous materials from a meth lab that was discovered in a house in Springfield, Mo. The Missouri Highway Patrol has been quietly testing a device to scan for methamphetamine.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Police are hopeful a handheld device an Arizona company says can detect methamphetamine with the click of a button will provide them with a new investigative tool, but some lawyers already are raising concerns.

The meth scanner is being evaluated by law enforcement agencies in Missouri and Arizona. Tucson-based CDEX, the manufacturer, also plans tests on different types of meth in the next four weeks.

The company's CEO, Malcolm Philips, said the device emits ultraviolet light to scan clothes, skin or other surfaces for traces of meth as small as one microgram. A microgram, which is one millionth of a gram, is only visible under a microscope.

Philips said meth gives off a telltale sign that differs from other chemicals, including pseudoephedrine — a key component of meth that is present in some over-the-counter medicines.

"We tested pseudoephedrine, and it's going to give a different chemical signature than meth," Philips said.

Greg Story, an atomic physics professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla, said the technology used in the scanner is not new.

Molecules energized by ultraviolet light emit a unique color spectrum that can be measured, Story said. Even when meth is created from different chemicals, the methamphetamine molecule would emit its own unique spectral signal, he says.

"I can't speculate on (the scanner's) accuracy, but yes, in principle, it's absolutely possible," Story said.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol initially field-tested the scanner in Joplin, Springfield and Willow Springs in 2006. Troopers found it difficult to tell if they were accurately aiming the device, Philips said.

CDEX responded by adding a laser pointer to help the user direct the scanner at the right target. "Right now, we are still in the crawling-to-walking stage," said Captain Tim Basinger of the Missouri Highway Patrol. "We haven't seen the finished product."

Greenlee, Ariz., County Sheriff Steven Tucker, whose department tested the scanner, said, "In the long term, it will save departments money once the courts buy into the technology." He doubts that the scanner would be used to obtain search warrants, but said it would be a "great investigative tool."

Kevin Routh of the Springfield Police Department said that his department has not tested the scanner, but he does know about it.

"It has the potential to be a good tool for us to use," Routh said. "We are definitely keeping our eyes open to the product's development."

Accuracy tests on police-supplied samples of meth have been conducted by CDEX, but the company has not reported independent verification of the tests.

"Anytime you have testing of a device by someone who stands to make a lot of money off of it, I am always suspect of that," said Stacie Bilyeu, a Springfield defense attorney. "If the testing was done by unbiased, non-partisan groups, the results would be more reliable."

That's the first concern of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), too, said Barry Steinhardt, director of the group's Technology and Liberty Program in Washington D.C.

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“There are a lot of technologies that are pitched to law enforcement that don’t work,” Steinhardt said. The ACLU feels the technology needs to be independently tested before a court can admit results from the scanner into evidence, he said.

Philips said independent testing by outside experts likely will come the first time a prosecutor takes scanner-derived evidence to court. However, he said, CDEX won’t wait for a successful prosecution or independent testing before putting the scanner on the market.

Law enforcement use of the scanner falls into a legal gray area, said Eric Sterling, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Criminal Justice Policy Foundation. The foundation’s mission is to educate the public about drug policy and policing problems.

Sterling, a lawyer, provided two scenarios:

- Police use the scanner to detect meth on the door of a home suspected of being a meth lab. The central question, according to Sterling: Is that enough for a judge to issue a search warrant? He noted that all the scan would show is that someone who handled meth touched the door, and it could have been anybody.
- Police aim the scanner during routine vehicle searches at the hands and faces of drivers or at car surfaces. The question is, according to Sterling: Does this search require a warrant or does this meet the standard of the evidence being in plain view? The Supreme Court has ruled that police must have a search warrant before they can use a thermal-imaging device to detect the presence of marijuana growing inside a home. Still, searching a car and a home might result in different rulings, Sterling says.

Another concern would be the prevalence of trace amounts of illicit drugs that show up on everyday items, such as paper money.

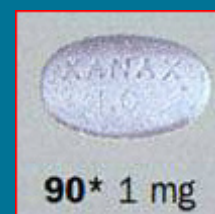
“This scanner only detects chemicals, not criminal conduct,” Bilyeu said.

CDEX expects to have the product, which will cost \$2,500-\$5,500 depending on the sensitivity level, available by February.

Contributing: Wes Johnson, Springfield (Mo.) News-Leader

XanaxT

Xanax™ (alprazolam) is from the benzodiazepine family of depressants. It is used to treat insomnia in patients with daytime anxiety or as an anticonvulsant. Alprazolam and diazepam are the two most frequently encountered benzodiazepines on the illicit market.
<http://www.justthinktwice.com/drugfacts/prescription.cfm>



Pill Identification Wizard

Worried about those capsules you found in your teenager's room? Not sure about some of those leftover pills still in the bathroom cabinet? There's a good chance that our Pill Identification Wizard can help you match size, shape, colour... then lead you to the detailed description in our drugs database.

http://www.drugs.com/pill_identification.html

Drugs.com
 Drug Information Online

MACPO 2008 Memorial Scholarship Applications are now available

MACPO strives to promote and attract quality students to consider Corrections as a career. In preparing a student for professional level practice, MACPO is offering a \$500 Memorial Scholarship to be used toward a Corrections related degree and/or internship. MACPO, by awarding this scholarship, will do so in the spirit of honoring deceased MACPO members who have made a significant contribution not only to MACPO, but to the corrections field as well.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in Corrections, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work or other related fields who will be/or is involved in an internship. This scholarship will be applied to the costs of tuition.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Students majoring in criminal justice or related field.
- Students enrolled in a Criminal Justice program or related field at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university.
- Only undergraduate students are eligible.
- Students preparing for internships in the corrections field.

In order to apply, candidates must submit a packet that includes:

- Application
- One letter of reference from a faculty member or one letter of reference from a volunteer agency.
- Document that answers questions from the application.

The deadline is April 15, 2008 and candidates may download information from our website. Just click on the education link and follow the prompts.



Don't Say Cheese

Drug traffickers are always looking for ways to hook kids, hiding and making false claims about the harmfulness of the drugs they sell. In an effort to profit off kids, traffickers are peddling a substance called "cheese." It's not what it seems. It's a deadly mixture of black tar heroin and ground up over-the-counter medicine. Some people think it looks like grated cheese or rough sand, but it is far from harmless. Since 2005, 21 teens in the Dallas area have died from using it.

By using a common name and by selling it cheaply, traffickers are aiming to get kids as young as eleven and twelve addicted. Traffickers can call it anything they want—but the truth is: heroin kills. Many young teens don't understand that it is easy to overdose while using heroin. In some cases, cheese users believe they are getting small doses of heroin when in fact, traffickers have mixed in a high percentage of the drug.

Teens who are selling the drug to other teens have been arrested by police. Drug trafficking is a serious charge and law enforcement, including DEA, takes this very seriously.

Don't be fooled. Traffickers will stoop to any low to get teens high.

[Read about Oscar who lost his life after using cheese.](#)

[Read Nick Cannata's story: another teen dead from heroin.](#)

[Read more about cheese and how it took Fernando Cortez, Jr.'s life.](#)

The main ingredient in cheese is heroin, and heroin can kill. Its addiction potential is very high, and it is one of the most lethal drugs around. Click [here](#) for more information on heroin.

Here's more: read about other young people who died from heroin.

[Dominic Pelicano](#)

[Shelly Sanders](#)

[Amanda Danielle Boryla](#)

[Beth Nelson](#)



About Mental Illness



Mental illnesses are medical conditions that disrupt a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others, and daily functioning. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are medical conditions that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life.

Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and borderline personality disorder. The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible.

Mental illnesses can affect persons of any age, race, religion, or income. Mental illnesses are not the result of personal weakness, lack of character, or poor upbringing. Mental illnesses are treatable. Most people diagnosed with a serious mental illness can experience relief from their symptoms by actively participating in an individual treatment plan.

In addition to medication treatment, psychosocial treatment such as cognitive behavioral therapy, interpersonal therapy, peer support groups, and other community services can also be components of a treatment plan and that assist with recovery. The availability of transportation, diet, exercise, sleep, friends, and meaningful paid or volunteer activities contribute to overall health and wellness, including mental illness recovery.

Here are some important facts about mental illness and recovery:

- Mental illnesses are biologically based brain disorders. They cannot be overcome through "will power" and are not related to a person's "character" or intelligence.
- Mental disorders fall along a continuum of severity. Even though mental disorders are widespread in the population, the main burden of illness is concentrated in a much smaller proportion — about 6 percent, or 1 in 17 Americans — who suffer from a serious mental illness. It is estimated that mental illness affects 1 in 5 families in America.
- The World Health Organization has reported that four of the 10 leading causes of disability in the US and other developed countries are mental disorders. By 2020, Major Depressive illness will be the leading cause of disability in the world for women and children.
- Mental illnesses usually strike individuals in the prime of their lives, often during adolescence and young adulthood. All ages are susceptible, but the young and the old are especially vulnerable.
- Without treatment the consequences of mental illness for the individual and society are staggering: unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives; The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than 100 billion dollars each year in the United States.
- The best treatments for serious mental illnesses today are highly effective; between 70 and 90 percent of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with a combination of pharmacological and psychosocial treatments and supports.
- With appropriate effective medication and a wide range of services tailored to their needs, most people who live with serious mental illnesses can significantly reduce the impact of their illness and find a satisfying measure of achievement and independence. A key concept is to develop expertise in developing strategies to manage the illness process.
- Early identification and treatment is of vital importance; By ensuring access to the treatment and recovery supports that are proven effective, recovery is accelerated and the further harm related to the course of illness is minimized.
- Stigma erodes confidence that mental disorders are real, treatable health conditions. We have allowed stigma and a now unwarranted sense of hopelessness to erect attitudinal, structural and financial barriers to effective treatment and recovery. It is time to take these barriers down.

To find out more about specific illnesses visit the [By Illness](#) page.

Get more [Mental Illness: Facts and Numbers](#) from NAMI's Fact Sheet.

HEROIN DRUG TARGETS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



By Don Teague, NBC News Correspondent

DALLAS – I interviewed a 10th grader the other day, and I can't get her story out of my head.

Fifteen-year-old girls usually don't have much to say that adults would consider "newsworthy." I should know – my oldest daughter is 15, and while I care deeply about the mundane dramas in her life, I doubt reporters would line up to relay those dramas to the world.

But Mariela Torres' story shook me. She's a cute, bright girl. Everybody seems to like her.

It was one of Mariela's friends who first offered her "cheese" when she was just 13 years old. Mariela had never used any drugs before that day. "Cheese," she was told, wasn't really a drug – it would just make her feel happy.

Here's what Mariela didn't know.



Mariela Torres, a 15-year-old Dallas 10th grader, who was addicted to the mixture of black tar heroin and Tylenol PM called "cheese."

Cheese is the slang name for a mixture of black tar heroin and Tylenol PM. The substances are combined and come out looking much like parmesan cheese. The resulting product is sold for as little as \$2 per hit.

Kids in the Dallas-area are buying "cheese" with their lunch money, according to media reports. They're snorting the stuff up their noses – often at school – and dying in alarming numbers, according to the Dallas County medical office.

A recent study by the Dallas Independent School district determined that more than 5,000 kids have tried cheese. More than two dozen have died of overdoses. Most, like Mariela, first take the drug in middle school.

That's shocking. Middle school students are being targeted by drug dealers and turned into heroin addicts before they reach high school.

Getting treatment

The lucky ones, like Mariela, find treatment. After more than a year of use, she was put through detox, then more than three months of rehab.

I visited the rehab center Mariela attended. It was filled with kids. The average age is 15, but there were heroin addicts there as young as 12. It's heartbreaking and infuriating.

Today, Mariela is drug free, but she knows people who are still using.

"It makes me want to go do it again," she told me. "But I know I shouldn't, because I don't want to go back through the same things I was going through."

Mariela is a good kid. I could tell that immediately. She smiles freely and looks you in the eye when she speaks. She has her whole life ahead of her. She's even thinking of trying out for her high school soccer team.

I pray she makes it through her recovery and get the chance to play.

Kentucky: Two men tried to pull the front off a cash machine by running a chain from the machine to the bumper of their pickup truck. Instead of pulling the front panel off the machine, though, they pulled the bumper off their truck. Scared, they left the scene and drove home. With the chain still attached to the machine. With their bumper still attached to the chain. With their vehicle's license plate still attached to the bumper.

MENTAL HOSPITAL PHONE MENU

Hello and thank you for calling The State Mental Hospital.
Please select from the following options menu:

If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.
If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2 for you.
If you have multiple personalities, press 3, 4, 5 and 6.
If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want, stay on the line so we can trace your call.
If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be forwarded to the Mother Ship.
If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.
If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, nothing will make you happy anyway.
If you are dyslexic, press 96969696969696.
If you are bipolar, please leave a message after the beep or before the beep or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.
If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.
If you have low self-esteem, please hang up our operators are too busy to talk with you.
If you are menopausal, put the gun down, hang up, turn on the fan, lie down and cry. You won't be crazy forever.
If you are blonde, don't press any buttons, you'll just mess it up.
This coming week is National Mental Health Care week.
You can do your part by remembering to contact at least one unstable person to show you care.
(Well, my job is doneYour turn)

Make it idiot proof and someone will make a better idiot

Multitasking means screwing up several things at once.

Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

Who stopped payment on my reality check?

Announcements and Training



Minnesota Association of Pretrial Service Agencies
MAPSA 2008 Conference at the Landmark Center in St. Paul on 4-17-08
<http://www.mapsa.us/>

Future APPA Training Institutes
2008 Winter Training Institute, Phoenix, Arizona
http://www.appa-net.org:80/institutes/2008_phoenix/attendee/



Center for Sex Offender Management
Sex Offender Management Services in the Twenty-first Century
<http://www.csom.org/calendar/calendar.html>

Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Offender Risk Assessment Network
Level of Service - Revised (LSI-R) Training - January 30 & 31, 2008
<http://www.doc.state.mn.us/aboutdoc/events/documents/LSI-RTrainingFlyer-GrandRapids0108.doc>



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Minnesota Department of Corrections
DOC Training Opportunities
<http://www.doc.state.mn.us:80/aboutdoc/events/BestPracticesTrainingOpportunities.htm>

Training and Education Committee

Happy New Year from the Training and Education Committee!

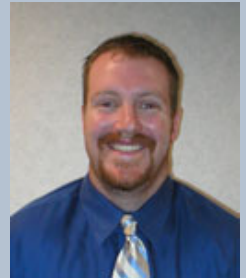
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MACPO's 51st Annual Spring Conference will be held May 21-23, 2008. Many MACPO members expressed a desire to move back to the Brainerd area. Therefore, the location has moved to Breezy Point Resort in Breezy Point Minnesota. The Training and Education Committee is excited about the new location and are pleased to plan this upcoming conference with the Staff at Breezy Point. Continue to check the website for updates on this conference.

On behalf of everyone on the Training and Education Committee, we would like to wish you and Happy and Healthy New Year!



Robyn Schauer
Brown County Probation



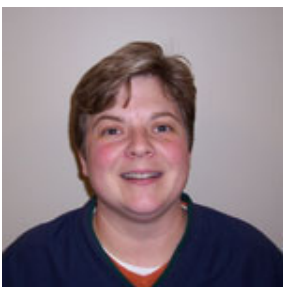
Neal Huemoeller
Wright County Probation

Membership Committee 2008 Winter Report

The membership committee members continue to meet faithfully once per month. We have completed our college fair rounds for the year where we provide updated information to students not only about MACPO, but also important information for them to have if they are pursuing a corrections career.

The committee has put the final touches on our Student Memorial Scholarship Application process. The \$500 Memorial Scholarship will now require the student applicant to fill out an application consisting of some basic personal contact information, including their college/university and major course of study. The next part of the application process is to answer several questions and finally, provide a letter of recommendation from either a college professor or a letter of recommendation from the corrections agency that is supervising the student's internship/volunteer experience. The application deadline is April 15, 2008.

We always welcome new members! We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the food court at Crossroads Mall in St. Cloud/Waite Park, MN.



Jill Arbeiter
Co-Chair



Charles Kitzman
Co-Chair

Legislative Committee Report

The 2008 Legislative Session will formally begin on February 12th, although a number of legislative committees have been meeting for several weeks, and we have been meeting since August. In preparation for the start of the 2008 Session, we have invited key legislators to attend our January and February committee meetings to offer their insights and share ideas. The 2008 Session is a “non budget” session, and since it appears that there will be even less new money available for new initiatives than in the past, we will be focusing on policy issues. A number of good suggestions in the areas of domestic assault, juvenile sex offenders, PO pensions, DWI sentences, PO search authority, and statewide probation funding have been received by the committee and we are discussing them.

We have decided to not hold a formal “Capitol Day” event this year due to the Session starting after the annual MCA/MACPO Winter Conference. Instead we will be participating in a legislative workshop at the MCA/MACPO Winter Conference. Please attend and voice your ideas and concerns at that time. We also strongly recommend that MACPO members participate with their county coworkers in their respective “County Capitol Day” activities at the Capitol. This is a great way to meet your local legislators and discuss issues pertinent to your own county.



Lana Bjorgum
Itaska County Probation
MACPO Legislative
Committee Chair



Steven Paquay
Chisago County Probation
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Please check the MACPO website for our 2008 Legislative Position Statement and Initiatives. We will continue to work with our lobbyist to actively review and comment on any new bills which may impact MACPO members. As always, feel free to contact me or any of the MACPO Legislative Committee members with any questions or comments you might have.

Steven Paquay
Chair,
MACPO Legislative Committee

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year!!! With the exception of one payment, all registration fees for the Support Staff Conference have been collected. MACPO continues to remain fiscally sound thanks to all executive board members and committee chairs. We are gearing up for both the joint MCA/MACPO Winter Conference and the MACPO Spring Conference so things are starting to get a little busy around here!! I would also like to thank Les Schultz for arranging, organizing and collecting the registration fees for the Support Staff Conference. Thanks to Les, everything went smoothly on my end!!!

Account Summary as of January 8, 2008:

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$7508.62
Affinity Plus CD:	\$27611.72
W&R Money Market:	\$17992.90
W&R Bond Fund:	\$10618.96

Total of all accounts: \$63732.20



Sarah Weikle
Pine County Court Services

Communications Report

The MACPO and MCA Fifth Annual Joint Winter Conference in Bloomington is coming up and the training looks excellent. Also make sure to note the date for the MACPO Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort May 21-23, 2008. The Training and Education Committee is excited about this new venue and says Breezy Point has gone all out to welcome us. It is sure to be a "do not miss" conference.

Check out the MACPOST website for many new articles, announcements and links to pertinent useful web sites and stay abreast of new developments in our field. If you have any requests for articles for future MACPOST'S, feel free to e-mail me.

See you at the conferences,

Anne Riley



Anne Riley
Chisago County Court Services

Communication Committee Co-Chair



Christopher Maas
Sherburne County
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The MACPO website continues to be a great source of new and updated information for all of our members. I am currently working on getting new vendors to advertise on our website and it is going good. I again would like to encourage everyone to make the MACPO website their homepage as there is new information added regularly. I have added an Agent/Offender page ([Click Here](#)) with all of the links to the most important sites we use on a daily basis. Feel free to let me know if you would like anything added to the website. Please send me an email at Christopher.Maas@co.sherburne.mn.us or contact me at 763-241-2819.