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Dear Occupational Programming Associate:

Welcome back from the holidays. I hope yours were as enjoyable as mine.

While many of us were off, the occupational field was busy as is evident from this newsletter.

The Occupational Programs Branch, the Special Projects Branch, and the Services Analysis Branch of the Division of Special Treatment and Rehabilitation, NIAAA, plan to sponsor regional grants writing workshops for new applicants during 1979. The first two workshops were held on the west coast. On January 17 a one day workshop attended by 80 people was held at the Federal Building in Los Angeles. The second was held in San Francisco on January 19 at the Tishman Building with approximately 65 in attendance. Both audiences were extremely receptive and rated the program highly.

The next workshop is scheduled for March in New York City and will include all NE states. I will be asking all State Coordinators to help coordinate and announce this meeting as well as assist in the registrations for their State. As more information is available I will be contacting the State Consultants.

Eight new occupational grants were awarded during the last quarter of FY78 for a total of approximately \$2.6 million dollars. The projects are diverse and appear very promising. The new awards are listed as follows:

Project

National Maritime Union
Pension and Welfare Plan Alcoholism Prog.
New York, New York

The Westchester Foundation
Labor/Management Board Alcoholism Prog.
White Plains, New York

Project Director

Jerome Schack, M.D.

Virginia Monahan

Montgomery County Public Schools
Employee Assistance Program
Rockville, Maryland

Charles M. Bernardo

Patrick Henry Drug Control Council
Employee Referral Program
Martinsville, Virginia

James Tobin

University Consultant for Corporate
Alcohol Programs
University of Texas
Houston, Texas

George S. Glass, M.D.

SE Mental Health & Retardation Center
Occupational Consultation Program
Fargo, North Dakota

Richard Stadter, M.D.

Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
Alcoholism Program for Small Businesses
Albuquerque, New Mexico

G.Y. Fails

Department of Addiction Services
Occupational Alcoholism Program
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Ivonne Cardero Muratti

Three new occupational contracts concerning women were awarded for a total of approximately \$505,000. The new awards are listed below.

The Planner's Studio
375 Elliot Street
Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts

Mary Cahill
Project Director

Medical Health & Research Associates
40 Worth Street, Room 720
New York, New York

Walter Reichman
Project Director

Creative Socio-Medics Corporation
Suite 710
8300 Old Courthouse Road
Vienna, Virginia

Sharron Swal
Project Director

For your information -- effective March 1, the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information will be managed by Informatics, Inc. The mailing address will remain the same although the physical facility will be moved. We will keep you posted as to the new address, phone number, and contact person.

We would like to thank Marcia Freedman for her contributions, dedication and responsiveness to both the Branch and the field over the past year.

The 1979 ALMACA meeting will be held October 2-6 in Detroit, Michigan. All papers must be received by April 1, 1979. For those of you who wish to plan ahead, the 1980 meeting will be held in Washington, D.C.

Due to rising costs and a desire to improve services to members, our ALMACA organization has been forced to increase the individual membership dues effective January 1, 1979. The ALMACA Executive Committee reluctantly announced that the new dues structure will raise individual annual dues from the present \$35.00 to \$50.00 and associate member dues from \$30.00 to \$40.00. Annual dues for students and organizations remain unchanged at \$10.00 and \$100.00 respectively. Dues of current members will be charged at the new dues rates when their membership expires.

Seven ALMACA chapters have joined together in the Northeast and are planning a two day meeting to be held in May. The location will probably be in Western Connecticut. For more information contact Jerry Rooney, Westchester Council on Alcoholism, 10 Longview Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 (914) 946-1358.

The University of Missouri-Columbia Employee Assistance Program is planning its 1979 national conference. It is tentatively scheduled during the first or second week of August in Newport, Rhode Island. Each year the conference has brought together increasing numbers of college and university professionals interested in employee assistance programs. For further information please contact: Richard W. Thoreson, Ph.D., Employee Assistance Program, 215 Columbia Professional Building, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65211.

Occupational Programs staff have long been known for the cooperation and support they offer each other. The newly funded grant in Puerto Rico is the fortunate recipient of a coordinated effort of assistance. The United Labor Members Assistance Program will provide staff training. The Director of the International Longshoremen's Association Alcoholism Program, and the Director of the National Maritime Union's Alcoholism Program will arrange meetings with key officials in their organizations as they expand their programs to their membership in the Ports of Puerto Rico.

HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr. has asked the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an increase of \$40.3 million above the Department's regular request to carry out the Initiatives in FY80.

Singled out for attention are women, youth, fetal alcohol syndrome, domestic violence, HEW employee assistance programs and occupational alcoholism programs. An additional \$2 million is proposed for occupational alcoholism programs over the current \$3.7 million level for a total of \$5.7 million. With the increase, several new projects focusing on 3 year demonstration and applied research programs would be supported.

A Denver based EAP consortium type operation shared with us a concern that has been expressed in that area. The question was raised by upper management as to whether the establishment of an OAP or EAP would be considered against the wage/benefits ceiling imposed by the President. ALMACA is maintaining a list of such concerns. If you are encountering similar questions, please let them know.

OPB expressed interest in receiving grant applications from HMO's in the newsletter published by the Group Health Association of America. Response has been favorable on a nationwide basis. For further information contact Mike Bond, NIAAA Occupational Programs Branch, Room 11-A-03, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

Changes in the field

Ken MacNulty has replaced Sheldon Barr in MA. Candice Compton is the new OPC in MT replacing Norma J. Murphy; Kris Brennan and John Kleecamp are replacing Judy Christian in NB; Terry McGruder replaced Richard Ham in NV. Patricia Luch has replaced Lee Walton in the NC Eastern Regional Office; Estelle Pinkston replaced Norma Steinkerchner in TN; Dennis Maerchlein has replaced Bransford Watson in Austin who is now in Corpus Christi replacing Herb Campbell. Angelo Pacheco has replaced Walter Docc in NM and can be reached at P.O. Box 968, Sante Fe, NM 87503 (505) 827-5271 ext. 498. John Jones is the Director for SD, Charlotte Foster is the OPC in Amarillo.

Austin Miller and Betty Howatt have left the Hawaii OPC office; Gerald Gordon and Thomas Pasco have left MI; and Hugh Gallagher has left NJ.

Ross Stanton can now be reached at 1007 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219) 464-7833; KY OPC's phone is now (502) 564-4448; John Sims, LA, can now be reached at (504) 342-2570; Buell Mitchell, VT, has a new number (802) 241-2170; Dwight Bond, WA can be contacted at Office of Alcoholism, MS B31-4, Everett 98201 (206) 259-8468.

Don't forget to note the new listings in the OPC Directory for Ohio and South Carolina.

In the future we will be contacting ALMACA, NCA and OPCA for input for this letter. If you have any material you wish to have included please contact: Occupational Programs, NCALI, P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

New Publication

Implementing Change: Alcoholism Policies in the Workforce by Janice M. Beyer and Harrison M. Trice. New York: Free Press, 1978.

Thought you might be interested in the attached materials:

Occupational Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Programs: An Annotated Bibliography by Smalensky, Freedman et al.

"National Directory of Occupational Program Consultants"

"Final Report to Develop a Typology, Classification, and Evaluative Criteria for NIAAA's Occupational Programs" by Gualtieri, Manello et al.

Sincerely,



Donald F. Godwin, Chief
Occupational Programs Branch

Attachments

P.S. Due to limited copies of attachments, please share these with other members of your office throughout the State.