



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

2004 promises to be a decisive year for addiction treatment in Sacramento. On the negative side, the budget crisis threatens cutbacks in treatment. However, there is also a good chance that substance abuse insurance parity legislation will make it to the floor of

the legislature, to the governor's desk, or even be signed into law. It is imperative that the voice of addiction medicine professionals is heard and that our scientific expertise and clinical experience inform the debate.

Addiction medicine physicians and other treatment professionals from across California will meet with our elected representatives for a day of education and discussion of addiction treatment policy issues.

The March 2003 Report by the State's Little Hoover Commission highlights the staggering costs of untreated substance abuse in the State: **"Eight in 10 felons who are sent to prison abuse drugs or alcohol. But the costs are not limited to the criminal justice system. Some \$11 billion is spent from the state General Fund responding to problems created by abuse and addiction. The expenditures and losses to individuals, corporations and public agencies that result from abuse and addiction in California bare estimated to top \$32 billion."**

As clinicians and treatment professionals we know that, managed correctly, alcohol and drug treatment works and is a cost-effective response to these expensive maladies – **saving \$7 for every dollar spent.**

Donald Kurth, MD, FASAM

President, California Society of Addiction Medicine

ADVOCACY 101 PACKET

A legislative advocacy packet with a Fact Sheet on top policy issues will be provided to all attendees, along with information on how to be an effective advocate. The packet includes contact information for state senators and assemblypersons to make the process easy for everyone to contact their legislators.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Reservations can be made at any nearby hotel (CSAM is not holding a room block at the Sheraton Grand).

DINNER

A no-host dinner will take place on Tuesday, January 27 for those able to attend. Call the CSAM office for information.

LOCATION

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
1230 J Street • Sacramento, CA 95814
Tel: 916/447-1700
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SCHEDULE

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| I. Opening Remarks | 8:30 – 8:35 am |
| Gary Jaeger, MD, Chair, CSAM Public Policy Committee | |
| II. Effective Legislative Advocacy for Substance Abuse Treatment Policy | 8:35 – 9:00 am |
| Bryce Docherty, California Medical Association | |
| III. CSAM Policy Updates | 9:00 – 10:00 am |
| <i>Evidence-based summaries of CSAM's top policy objectives:</i> | |
| • Insurance Parity for Substance Abuse Treatment | |
| • AIDS/Hepatitis C Prevention/Needle Exchange/Syringe Policy | |
| • Effective Treatment of Opioid Addiction | |
| • Treatment vs. Incarceration (Proposition 36) | |
| IV. Break | 10:00 – 10:15 am |
| V. Executive Branch Presentations | 10:15 – 11:00 am |
| • Kathy Jett, Director, California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (<i>confirmed</i>) | |
| • Richard Costigan, Legislative Secretary to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (<i>invited</i>) | |
| • Richard Figueroa, California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board | |
| VI. Presentations by Legislators | 11:00 – 12:00 noon |
| • Senator John Burton (<i>invited</i>) | |
| • Senator Wesley Chesbro (<i>confirmed</i>) | |
| • Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg (<i>confirmed</i>) | |
| • Senator Deborah Ortiz (<i>confirmed</i>) | |
| • Assembly Member Keith Richman (<i>confirmed</i>) | |
| • Senator John Vasconcellos (<i>invited</i>) | |
| VII. Buffet Lunch (provided) | 12:00 – 1:00 pm |
| <i>Participants will break into groups and discuss plans for afternoon group visits with legislators. CSAM will pre-arrange appointments with elected representatives and assignments will be given.</i> | |
| VIII. Scheduled Visits with Legislators | 1:00 – 3:30 pm |
| IX. Debriefing/Discussion of Next Steps | 3:30 – 4:00 pm |

REGISTRATION IS FREE TO CSAM MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

Please RSVP by returning this form by January 22, 2004.

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TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

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- California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources
- California HCV Task Force
- California Organization of Methadone Providers
- Organization to Achieve Solutions to Substance Abuse



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January 28, 2004
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dedicated to improving the treatment of
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