



## Newsletter

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### Fort Worth Chapter of TAAP

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#### September 2006 meeting minutes are as follows:

Robert Miles, President called the meeting to order. Minutes approved as read. President Miles then gave his report. He urged members in attendance to continue to support our Political Action Committee. Forms to support the Political Action Committee are available at TAAP meetings and by calling Robert Miles at 817-265-4122. Robert will make a presentation at Spectrum 2006 regarding the Political Action Committee and their efforts, Metamorphosis 2007 is in process and presenter's applications are available on the website [www.taapfw.org](http://www.taapfw.org), thanks to Ron Sivenall. The spring conference will be held at the American Airline Center, 4501 Hwy 360S Fort Worth, 76155, April 12-14, 2007. The theme for this twenty year anniversary is: Are we there yet? Tarrant County Challenge sponsored the reading of the proclamation at each city council meeting in the Tarrant County region against drug and alcohol abuse in September. The Metamorphosis committee is looking for a keynote speaker for the 2007 Metamorphosis conference, there are some excellent speakers being considered. Please contact Tricia Hanson, if you would like to have someone considered for the keynote. Ron Sivernell is continuing to update the website regularly with wonderful improvements. If you have not been to the web site [www.taapfw.org](http://www.taapfw.org) yet; check it out. You can see the newsletter, job openings, training options and other news. Randy Martin, (Pride Institute) reported on NOVA. NOVA will be held 1/25 - 1/27/2007. Randy Martin is in charge of exhibitors for NOVA 2007.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fine Line Exhibit Therapeutic (Substance Abuse and Addictions 4pm – 6pm) Thursday October 5, 2006 was well staffed by Fort Worth Chapter members. The Fine Line Exhibit is being held at the Fort Worth Science and History Museum (home of the Omni Theater) 1501 Montgomery Street September 23 – December 3, 2006. Those who gave of their time to educate the 40 people, who attended this event, were Micky LaHue, Mary Ellen Yarrish, Ron Sivernell, Alice Chandler and I. Roxanne Brown of Grapevine Valley Hope gave a great lecture on the Dysfunctional Families and Addiction. Marcene Weatherall of Tarrant County Challenge gave a great lecture on Club Drugs, Methamphetamine and Estacy. There was a good interchange from all of the audience and chapter members present.

The next Fine Line Exhibit Therapeutic will be Thursday, November 2, 2006 (4pm – 6pm). The subject will be Dual Diagnosis: Addiction & Mental Illness. I need the volunteer counselors to be in place by 3:30 pm to be ready to answer questions. At least two of the 25 Exhibit Pictures with audio are about people with Dual Diagnosis and Addiction (Jerry and Meredith).

**We will co-sponsor (with Mental Health Association) the quarterly 3 hour training (free to TAAP members) at Hugley Hospital, Friday November 3, 2006 from 1pm to 4pm. The topic for the quarterly training will be Demystifying: Dissociative Identity Disorder; (Formerly Multiple Personality Disorder), Presented By: Barbara Warren, LCSW, LMFT & Cheryl Phillips, Mental Health Consultant/Coach,(information is also available on our web site [www.taapfw.org](http://www.taapfw.org))**

#### STATE LEVEL INFORMATION

- 1) Legislative Advocacy Day will be February 21, 2007 in Austin. The Fort Worth Chapter will be sending a team of counselors to advocate to the Tarrant County Delegation. We will be joined in our visit that day by The Substance Abuse Providers Network and the Prevention Summit Coalition (check the web site [www.taapfw.org](http://www.taapfw.org) for more details).
- 2) The Peer Assistance Bill Draft is moving forward.

### **NATIONAL LEVEL INFORMATION**

- 1) On my monthly conference call from NAADAC on October 16, 2006 plans were discussed for the Hill Day, March 6, 2006.
- 2) Check the NAADAC.org web site for information about H.R. 6003; Representative Patrick Kennedy bill that will provide mental health services, including screening and treatment for military personnel on active duty. Also check about the H.E.A.R.T. bill concerning parity. Use [www.capwiz.com/naadac](http://www.capwiz.com/naadac) to e-mail your Congress persons: Rep. Kay Granger, District 12; Rep. Joe Barton, District 6; Rep. Kenny Marchant, District 24; and Rep. Michael Burgess, District 26.

**BE sure to submit your Metamorphosis 2007 Call for papers before November 15, 2006. This year you can submit your Call for Papers online at [www.taapfw.org](http://www.taapfw.org).**

**\*\*\*Please call (817-265-4122 – Robert) by 4:30 pm, Tuesday October 24, 2006 to RSVP for a sandwich at the regular monthly meeting.**

### **CEU Opportunities**

Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ice, Porno and the Brain (Carl Hogness, LCDC)
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Methadone Presentation (Richard Dulaney, LCDC)
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Party Time
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Prevention Specialist – Julie Stevens

### **Job openings:**

2 LCDC positions are available: Tarrant Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse – Contact number 817-332-6329

Gateway Foundation is seeking counselor interns and LCDC's: contact Kemberlee Henderson, 4176 FM 1800, Breckenridge, TX 76424 or visit their website at [www.gatewayfoundation.org](http://www.gatewayfoundation.org).