



Connecticut Chapter, Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA)



Message from the President

Thoughts and Musings

Here we are in the middle of a coin flip for governor. The ads are becoming negative and the day after the election, half of the state will be unhappy. Based on the last national election, the divisive nature will be with us for some time to come. It's making the workplace rife for interpersonal issues and tends to exacerbate all forms of unhealthy behavior. Management will be counting on Employee Assistance Professionals to be at the ready for timely intervention.

On October 24th Federal Bill H.R. 6 was signed into law by the President. This has a lot of information pertaining to testing and treatment for opioids within the jurisdiction of the DOT as well as opening up the ability for certain providers to treat up to 100 patients using the established buprenorphine medically assisted therapy protocol. The cap was previously set at 30 so it might be prudent to know who has what caseload. This bill is 250 pages and contains a surprising amount of change that could be pertinent to our profession. A long but informational read for those in the business.

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NEXT MEETING

November 15, 2018

Topic: Planning for Family Resistance

8:30am –11:00am

Speaker: Diana Clark, JD, MA, Turnbridge

Location: Gaylord Hospital

Welcome to the CT EAPA Newsletter!

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to post information of interest to our membership and friends of the Chapter. This may include job openings, trainings, brief announcements, etc.

Thanks and hope you join us at a meeting!

- Bud Wassell, CEAP, Membership Chair, 203-688-2280 or bud.wassell@ynhh.org

Our October speaker, Jill Celentano speaking on Transgender 101, What's It All About?



Speaker Schedule:

November 15 – Planning for Family Resistance

- Presented by Diana Clark, JD, MA, Turnbridge

December 20 – Holiday Breakfast – TBA

January 17, 2019 – Hidden in Plane Sight

- Presented by Brian LeBlanc

Our CT Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 8:30 – 11:00am at Gaylord Hospital, Chauncey Conference Center

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MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2018

1. Called to order-Dan 9:00

2. Introductions-Members and Guest Introductions-sign in

3. Officer Report

- Dan Boissonneault, CEAP • President: Present
- Bud Wassell, LCSW • Vice President :Present
- David Francis • Treasurer: Present
- Julia Latimer • Secretary and Membership Chair: Present
- Jason Bannon, LAP-C • Labor Representative: Present
- Rebecca Harris, MS, LPC, CEAP • Immediate Past President: Present

President Report- Dan welcomed everyone. Motion to accept last month's minutes. Passed. Dan returned from conference in MN and has been sworn in again for 2 yrs. on the national board. A note on the conference—it was paired down by a day, compression for cost concerns. Even with cost addressed, turnout was much less than years past. Discussion on EAPA, business meeting from 12-2—Board that is charged with where we want to be, what is the direction that EAPA wants to be. Surveys will be coming out to members and business partners. We ask that individuals answer honestly.

Vice President Report- Bud. – Remind folks of the weather policy. Please follow Wallingford school schedule. Closed we do not meet, delay we do meet.

Treasurer report- Dave F-. **PLEASE SEE NEXT MONTHS REPORT-Dave will have updated report next month.**

Julia secretary report- Gmail account ConnecticutEAPA@gmail.com and discussion on our sign in sheet and it is up to date, please look at contact information and make any changes directly to the sign in sheet. Discussed attendance sheet/dues and explained that the chapter has not yet received this month's roster from EAPA National. Will update once received.

Labor Report- Jason Bannon- CT –Mid-term elections are coming up, encourage everyone to vote. Election/outcome will affect individuals served by labor.

Past Presidents- Becky-Nothing to report-

Motion to accept officer's reports-Accepted/Seconded. All in favor to accept moved to pass.

PASSED.

4. Committee Chairpersons

Membership- Bud- Holding strong mid 70's. You can join via the website.

Newsletter- Bud- nothing to report.

Hospitality-Karen –Not Present-Chapter thanked this morning's breakfast sponsors.



Sandra Baltazar Tatroe, LCSW helping Jill Celentano at the October meeting.

President’s Note – continued

After last month’s meeting presentation, I was saddened to hear about the federal push to remove transgender from the list of protection from discrimination. I’m wishing that it is merely fear pandering in an election cycle. Speaking of the elections, I’m hoping that we all get out to vote on the issues and for the candidates of our choice. We live in a country that allows for self-determination. On that note I’d like to extend my thanks to our veterans and all those that support them.

Hope to see you all on November 15th at the meeting.

Best to all,

**Dan Boissonneault, CEAP, SAP, LAP-C
CT Chapter President**



Get ready for our Holiday Breakfast on December 20!

Join Now! Here’s how:

Log on to www.eapassn.org

Select JOIN NOW to complete an online membership application.

Download a membership application. Mail to EAPA, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 410, Arlington, VA 22203. Or Fax to 703-522-4585

Telephone EAPA at 703-387-1000, ext. 334 to request an application.

For CT membership questions, contact Bud Wassell at bud.wassell@ynhh.org or call 203-688-2280.

Bulletin Board

Employee Assistance Professionals Association

Find us on the Web: www.eapassn.org
CT Chapter: www.cteapa.com

EAPA's Mission: To promote the highest standards of practice and the continuing development of employee assistance professionals, programs and services.



Of Interest:

- Our members are welcome to join Jason Bannon at the **CT Suicide Advisory Council** meetings that are held on the 2nd Thursday of the Month. 9am-11am at The Armed Forces Reserve Center 375 Smith St., Middletown, CT

Please let us know if you have a training of interest to our membership. We're happy to post it!

To sign up for EAPA's weekly NewsBrief's go to www.eapassn.org

MINUTES – Continued

Trunk Combination: 37 11 21 –Paper goods.

Website- Bud– Please bring forward any trainings, events etc. that members might be interested in please bring information forward to Bud to add to the Website.

Program Planning- Orlene Weyland to report for Carolyn. When a speaker is suggested we need Bio, CV, Objectives and Synopsis of program. Please bring forward any speakers.

November: Diana Clark will speak from TurnBridge

December: Looking for a speaker on Wellness and Self Care

2019 dates are open and we are looking for a speaker.

If anyone has suggestions for the spring speakers please let us know. Need Bio of Speaker and Topic for PDH. If we can submit speakers in advanced we can apply for PDH, several at a time, and save money. Please speak with Carolyn.

JUNE Conference Carolyn Singer-Trying to secure a new venue. Zandry's not out of the picture, but AV was so poor last week. Orlene provided venue checklist. Have not had a meeting to solidify conference. Will schedule meetings for conference in the months to come.

Looking for a title of the conference, please bring forth topics, speakers etc.

PDH credit coordinator- Gary- PDH. If anyone has missed receiving a PDH, please let Gary know. Gary electronic list of Attendees and PDH requests, Julia to send Attendance Lists to Gary.

5. Old Business-Committee—voted to have an additional committee to decide what to do with the surplus of money the chapter has. See Gary.

6. New Businesses

Announcements: Virtual Labor Chapter—Open to whomever, CT leading the way. 25% of the membership is CT. Mackenzie Philips to lead the virtual Training. Brian to add information to website and newsletter.

Joys and concerns:

Brian LeBlanc reports Steve Garnham is recovering and doing well.

Dan to thank the Veterans--

7. Adjournment- 9:43am.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Latimer, Secretary*