

Building Partnerships: Advancing Treatment & Recovery

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS DEADLINE:

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EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

January 31, 2010

LETTER FROM CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP CHAIRS

Dear Colleagues, Advocates, Stakeholders, and Partners in Treatment and Recovery,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to our 2010 AATOD National Conference. This year's conference will be sponsored and hosted by the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) and IAMAAT, the Illinois Association for Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment.

The conference theme, **Building Partnerships: Advancing Treatment & Recovery** focuses on the opportunities afforded us by partnering with other entities to advance treatment and recovery. With this theme in mind, we encourage you to respond to this Call for Presentations by submitting a workshop proposal or a poster to highlight the quality work your colleagues are providing to those in need. AATOD is dedicated to offering an outstanding conference experience full of opportunities to gain knowledge of successful, evidence based practices to improve the quality of patient care. The Conference will also provide a forum to develop consensus on the many issues that challenge programs, advocates, policy makers, and partners in care. The Call for Presentations seeks proposals for workshops and posters that will emphasize the vast range of innovative activities and programming that address the many diverse facets of our field including the work with our partners. These partners include law enforcement officials, physicians, emergency room personnel, government officials, behavioral health personnel, social workers, EMTs, children services, nurses, recovery home personnel, family members of opiate dependent individuals, and clinicians from chemical dependency programs that may not include Medication Assisted Treatment.

Since its inception, AATOD has been the voice for advancing quality treatment programming for opioid dependent individuals, with a public policy mission to educate government agencies, programs, stakeholders, and all concerned about the critical role of Medication Assisted Treatment in treating opioid dependence and the science behind it. AATOD has been a leading force in promoting treatment with dignity and respect for those in need, combating the stigma and misunderstanding often associated with opioid treatment. AATOD Conferences have a reputation worldwide for the ability to unite our field, foster communication, and train and inform our colleagues; and is striving to expand our connections with our partners in treatment and recovery. At the Awards Banquet, AATOD recognizes those deserving individuals who have made significant contributions to our field and highlight why our work is so special.

Building on the success of our 2009 Conference in New York, the Chicago conference will bring together partners in treatment and recovery. At our "Hot Topics Roundtables" you will also have the opportunity to discuss and debate the issues confronting our programs and patients, and AATOD's efforts to seek consensus and advocate for our field, as science informs policy and practice. AATOD will continue to provide a forum for you to network, meet old friends and colleagues, and advance our base of knowledge and awareness as we all celebrate treatment and recovery through Medication Assisted Treatment.

Our conference hotel, The **Hilton Chicago** hotel is a landmark downtown Chicago hotel located on the "Cultural Michigan Avenue Mile" overlooking **Grant Park, Lake Michigan** and **Museum Campus**. It is the closest luxury hotel to Chicago's convention center, **McCormick Place Convention Center**, while being only a short distance from Chicago's loop business center, shopping, and theatre.

On behalf of AATOD's Board, our hosts, and our Planning Committee, we urge you to collaborate with your colleagues to submit presentations for consideration. Join us as we convene October 23-27, 2010 and celebrate at the Hilton Chicago.

Warmest Regards,

Susan McKnight, MPH, CAQI, MAATP

Susan McKnight, MPH
2010 Conference Chair



Ron Jackson, MSW
2010 Workshop Chair