

**New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association
January 26, 2017 Board Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Jacqui Abikoff, Linda Brewer, Charles Bussison, Lindsay Ducharme, Annette Escalante, Alex Hamel, Angela Jones, Kelly Luedtke, Kristy Moen, Jessica Plante, Jane Quigley, Suzanne Thistle, Lynne Towle and Tracy Robinson-Wood.

Staff in Attendance: Dianne Pepin (by phone)

Unable to Attend: Regent Champigny, Melony Lyons, Thisvi McCormack

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

1. **Presidents Welcome:** Kelly welcomed Jessica Plante, our new Student Representative to the Board. She commented it is a great time to be in our profession. She also let us know that she has decided to change to her married name, and the chaos that has created. Kelly reported that Lori Magoon has officially resigned her Immediate Past President position and wished her best luck in her new endeavors. Kelly also provided some highlights related to the Licensing Board:
 - SB54 related to a change in the rules which would change the number of initial credits to 300 for new LADC applicants.
 - LADC and MLADC licenses will be changing to expiring bi-annually on June 30th.
 - The website has been updated and is more user friendly. Members need to be notified of this change.
 - We are seeing positive growth based on the numbers of people requesting licensure.
 - NAADAC has updated their code of ethics
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made as we have new Board members in attendance today.
3. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda includes the September 22, 2016 minutes, Executive Director Report, Annual Meeting and Ethics/Peer Review reports.

**A motion was made by Jacqui Abikoff to accept the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Charles Bussison
All in favor to accept with corrected attendance.
One abstention, Jessica Plante
Motion passed.**

Discussion and Action Items:

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jacqui Abikoff reported that bottom line of this Treasurer's report is that we are doing well. She re-iterated her concern that it is difficult to do a coherent report due to the lag time in QuickBooks updates and the fact that our fiscal year is January to December and we contract with agencies whose fiscal year is July to June. Jacqui indicated that our revenue is well above the projected and that we are moving in the right direction. Dianne has developed a comprehensive budget for NHADACA FY 2017 (state FY 2017 and 2018) which we will look at later today.

**A motion was made by Angela Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report
Seconded by Annette Escalante**

Discussion included a thank you for all the hard work from Annette Escalante. Charles Bussison communicated that Jacqui did a nice job explaining the state/fiscal year issue. Jacqui Abikoff recommended we consider changing our fiscal year to match the state fiscal year. Dianne agreed to talk to the auditor about this issue.

**All in favor.
Motion passed.**

- A. Budget vs. Actual: Brief discussion regarding the Budget vs. Actual reports. The areas that we went over in included Consultants (wasn't budgeted for), marketing, food/room (related to registration fees, and BDAD targeted trainings.
Dianne re-iterated that we need to find ways to rent out our conference room as a means of raising revenue.
- B. 2017 Draft Budget(s) for Approval: The Board reviewed all revenue resources noting that grants/fundraising are the hardest and most aggressive items in the draft budget. Dianne directed members to the Budget Narrative for descriptions of categories including staff raises. Some notable personnel changes include that Alyssa is currently a full-time employee and the person we hired had to resign after only two weeks due to transportation issues. In June, we can look to move money to other line items, for example, last year when we did this we were able to improve our LCD and sound systems.

**A motion was made by Angela Jones to accept the 2017 Draft Proposal Budget.
Seconded by Charles Bussison.**

**Discussion included Sue Thistle indicating that she felt Dianne's salary should be increased. Dianne Pepin indicated "that is not in budget". Angela Jones asked about BRSS TAC's which is a recovery training contract with Center for Excellence.
All in favor.
Motion passed.**

5. Executive Director's Report: Dianne directed the Board to read her written report. She did not have anything to add to her report at this time.
6. Brief Board Members Orientation and Manuals: Board members were provided with updated information to be placed in their manuals. New Board members were asked to stay after the meeting for a few meetings so they could be oriented to their manual.
7. Brief Strategic Planning Update: Our strategic planning meeting is being held on March 23, 2017. The Strategic Plan is complete and there are 5 sections to the binder, all labeled. Section 4 entitled Goals/Objectives is the "plan of the plan". In March we will examine all elements of the chart in Section 4 and align committees. It is important that we are working towards the plan. **Please review all materials PRIOR to the March Meeting.**
8. Training Subcontract – Authorize President to sign BDAS/JSI contract/subcontract:

**A motion was made by Annette Escalante to authorize the President to sign BDAS/JSI contract/subcontract.
Seconded by Jacqui Abikoff
All in favor.
Motion passed.**

9. 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting Feedback: Feedback was positive regarding the Annual Meeting. The speaker was great (Annette Escalante) and the decorations were awesome (thanks Sue Thistle), the winner of the Legislative Award was completely surprised (Jacqui Abikoff).

Other comments were about the conference in general. Jane Quigley indicated it was an "amazing" experience and that the sing-along in front of the fire was nice. Angela Jones indicated that having down time with

colleagues was great. She expressed concern about the split time in some of the classes, the fact that there were Two scheduled activities at the same time Friday morning, and that she thought the room monitor could have used more orientation to be effective. Jacqui chimed in concern about the split courses and people come in to Part II, without attending Part I.

10. Membership

- A. March Membership Drive: NAADAC has announced a March Membership Drive which is a \$20 discount for new members who sign up for a new Professional or Associate membership in March 2017.
- B. Membership Regional Involvement – we need to be thinking of ways to entice people to join NAADAC/NHADACA. How do we get out there and meet new potential members. Charles Bussison indicated that he believes face-to-face is the most effective way.

We were supposed to have a presentation by Meredith Belesca today, sharing about her program but she was unable to attend the meeting as scheduled.

***Peer Assistance has a tabled agenda from September 2016 and would like to have it placed on the agenda for our March Meeting. There were materials distributed and Board members were asked to review that information again in preparation of taking a vote on recommended actions. Dianne agreed to re-send the materials the week before the Board meeting in March. **Please review all materials PRIOR to the March Meeting.**

**A motion was made by Annette Escalante to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Alex Hamel.
All in Favor.
Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Towle
NHADACA Secretary

**New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association
March 23, 2017 Board Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Jacqui Abikoff, Charles Bussison, Regent Champigny, Lindsay Ducharme, Alex Hamel, Angela Jones, Kelly Luedtke, Melony Lyons, Thisvi McCormack, Jessica Plante, Jane Quigley, Lynne Towle and Tracy Robinson-Wood.

Staff in Attendance: Dianne Pepin

Unable to Attend: Suzanne Thistle, Kristy Moen, Annette Escalante and Linda Brewer

The Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am.

1. Presidents Welcome: Kelly talked about the monthly call that happens with all the NAADAC Presidents. She reports that she received good feedback about NH. The membership drive is going well; Kelly was surprised that the discount did not apply to students. There is a minority scholarship available through NAADAC and there are still 17 slots available. NAADAC has a new web page. NAADAC Annual conference being held in Denver, Colorado in September 2017. See written Presidents report for more details.
 - Jacqui Abikoff pointed out that the scholarship is only available to non-licensed people and she questioned how this helps workforce development. She spoke with Cynthia Moreno at NAADAC and she indicated that's "just the way it is".
2. Introductions: Introductions were made as we have new Board members in attendance today.
3. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes the January 26, 2017 minutes, Executive Director Report and Committee Reports.

A motion was made by Jacqui Abikoff to accept the Consent Agenda with the correction in Legislative Report to change HB 538 to HB2.

Seconded by Alex Hamel

All in favor to accept with stated correction.

One abstention, Jessica Plante

Motion passed.

Discussion and Action Items:

4. Treasurer's Report: It was reported that we have hired Bridget Taylor as our Development Director for 15 hours per week. See report for full details. Balance as of 3/20/17 is 165,321.94. QuickBooks was last reconciled on 2/28/17 so the numbers in the account will not match the QuickBooks.

A motion was made by Charles Bussison to accept the Treasurer's Report

Seconded by Thisvi McCormack

All in favor.

Motion passed.

5. Executive Director's Report: Dianne started her report by informing the Board that she will be on vacation from May 8 – 12 and June 16 – 23, 2017. She is looking for a volunteer to cover the Concord Rotary Club Meeting on May 9th. Tracy Robinson-Wood offered to help develop a statement for help, Thisvi McCormack suggested we utilize a PowerPoint presentation. Kelly will attend with Lindsay Ducharme and Jessica Plante.
 - Alcohol fund was repealed. Level funding for prevention/recovery from the general fund. The Governor recommended 5%, the subcommittee recommended 3.4%, but it was eventually repealed. Board discussion ensued:

(Executive Director Report continued)

Jacqui Abikoff – it is a disservice to only focus on the opioid crisis
 Regent Champigny – what will be the impact on Medicaid expansion
 Thisvi McCormack – concern about the focus on opiates and not addiction in general
 Kelly Luedkte – how will this impact workforce development
 Jacqui Abikoff – the recovery movement is valuable. Legislatures – “relate to each Other”, “a cheaper answer”, decrease in qualifications, also affecting Mental health.
 Charles Bussison – should we send out an email blast to members asking them to Contact their Legislatures.
 Tracy Robinson-Wood – MH counselors should be included for collaboration
 Dianne Pepin – Could the Public Policy committee write an Action Alert that we could send out?

- HB 468 Hearings: This bill allows licensed MH practitioners from other states to practice in NH for 60 days while their licensure request is being heard. Courtney Tanner (NHPA) added Substance Abuse practitioners to the bill.
- HB 538: originally a scary bill that would allow temporary licenses for 120 days. Without notification, could become permanent. No support for this bill.
- Conference Planning: 2-day conference to be held at the Radisson in Manchester, NH in late October/early November. NHPA coordinated a group to people to combine conferences. This includes: Behavioral Health Conference (Dupont group), Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative (New Futures), BDAS, Endowment for Health, Charitable Foundation, NHPA and NHADACA. Dianne is working to figure out appropriate boundaries and to corroborate with these groups. Jacqui suggested the NHADACA cost out for all tasks and bring that to an amount of money. Compare money between finances and in-kind comparatively between NHADACA and NHPA. She suggested that we are both taking risks. We need guarantee payment for man-hours. Jacqui agreed to assist Dianne with meeting.

6. Continued Board Member Orientation: The roles and responsibilities can be found in the manual. Dianne reviewed the roles of Regional Directors. There is need for Leadership Roles and for Donating (Day of Giving). The Board was provided with a tracking form to use for documentation of time spent in NHADACA Board activities. New member mentoring is an on-going process.

7. Committee Chairs and Volunteers:

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair	Members
Fundraising	Lindsey D.		Jacqui, Thisvi, Melony, Dianne, Bridget
By-Laws	Peter DalPra		
Annual Mtg/Nominations	Lynne	Regent	Annette, Linda
Ethics	Angela	Alex	Jacqui
Public Policy	Charles		Suzanne, Jane, Jacqui, Kelly, Barry Timmerman
Finance	Jacqui		Kelly, Lynne, Annette, Kristy
LADC Board Liaison	?Linda		
MH Board Liaison	?Tracy		
Succession Planning	Dianne		Angela, Kelly, Lynne

8. Ethics/Peer Assistance Committee Recommendations: Materials for this discussion were sent out to the Board ahead of this meeting for their review. The committee has proposed that there are 2 decisions that the NHADACA Board needs to make regarding the Ethics and Peer Assistance Committee:
- Re-define NHADACA Ethics Committee to focus on providing opportunities (education/training) to utilize Peer Collaboration & Clinical Supervision as the primary foundation for responsible risk management & clinician self-care as defined in NAADAC Code of Ethics (therefore, discontinue currently defined NHADACA Peer Assistance Committee - effective immediately)
 - Recommend to LADC Board transfer of currently defined responsibilities of NHADACA Peer Assistance Program to the New Hampshire Professionals Health Program http://www.nhphp.org/About_NHPHP.html

Discussion was held on this topic and included Angela describing peer assistance as a bridge for clinicians – to assist practitioners with compromised practice or in distress. Additionally, in discontinuing PAP, recommendation to the LADC Board would be to develop a relationship with this organizations (NH PAP) as this is already what they do. Angela suggested that we would support utilization around peer collaboration. Alex Hamel commented that there is lots of verbiage for possible incidents and that it would take a five-year commitment to see a case all the way through.

Jacqui reports the Peer Assistance predates the LADC Board by ten years. The original purpose was to assist people having a hard time trying to access services, and to help avoid professional embarrassment. She indicated that if the LADC Board thought there was impairment, they would sanction for remedial counseling and Peer Assistance could assist. The job of Peer Assistance has been to support counselors.

(I had to leave at this point in the discussion. Thank you to Dianne Pepin for continuing to take minutes on the rest of this topic)

Discussion continued about the definition and activities of the ethics and peer assistance committee. Angela asserted that NHADACA needs to redefine the committee. Jessica Plante suggests that the committee be divided into two committees. Kelly and Reggie questioned how much of what was being presented in terms of recommending the NH Professional Health Program applies to NHADACA and what is a LADC Board issues. Discussed the role of a committee member, as well as reviewed the committee descriptions form our NHADACA Board Orientation Manual as well as the NHADACA website. The result was not to vote on either of the committee's proposals instead, to update the committee description, explaining and describing the supportive function of the committee, as well as work with the LADC Board liaison to regularly remind them about NHADACA peer support function and educating the LADC Board about the committee. Kelly Luedtke thanked the committee for their work.

Motion to Adjourn: Jacqui Abikoff
2nd: Reggie
Meeting Adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Towle
NHADACA Secretary

**New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association
May 25, 2017 Board Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Bussison, Linda Brewer, Regent Champigny, Lindsay Ducharme, Annette Escalante, Alex Hamel, Angela Jones, Kelly Luedtke, Kristy Moen, Tracy Robinson-Wood, Suzanne Thistle and Lynne Towle.

Staff in Attendance: Dianne Pepin, Bridget Taylor

Unable to Attend: Jacqui Abikoff, Melony Lyons, Thisvi McCormack and Jessica Plante.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

1. Introductions: Introductions made as we introduce our new hire, Bridget Taylor. She is our part-time Development Director.
2. President's Welcome: Kelly reported that she and Jessica Plante attended the Concord Rotary meeting and did a 15-minute presentation on NHADACA. She indicated that this elicited lots of interest in NHADACA, as well as some impressive questions.
3. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes the March 23, 2017 minutes and Committee Reports.

Public Policy Committee Update: NHADACA has purchased a software program which tracks legislative bills. We are coordinating with New Futures around licensing standards. The Alcohol Fund is at 3.4% (it was established in 2003 at 5%). A discussion around HB 54 which is designed to raise the number of hours for initial licensure from 270 to 300 hours and allows for legislative study of the LADC Board. It also outlines that requests for reciprocity must be reviewed in 60 days, or reciprocity will be granted. The status of this bill was not known at the time of this meeting. This bill is a top priority for NHADACA and we need to be present at the legislative study meetings.

LADC Liaison Committee Report: Linda reports that there are 2 vacancies on the LADC Board. Nick Pfeifer, Jacqui Abikoff and a new public member have been appointed to the LADC Board. They replaced positions whose term ended in January. Lori Magoon recently resigned from the LADC Board. It is important that NHADACA has a strong presence to stay on top of things. Kelly asked Linda to find a replacement if there is a meeting that she is unable to attend.

A motion was made by Angela Jones to accept the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Charles Bussison

All in favor.

Two abstentions: Annette Escalante, Kristy Moen

Motion passed.

Discussion and Action Items:

4. Treasurer's Report: It was reported that we have hired Bridget Taylor as our Development Director for 15 hours per week. See report for full details. Balance as of 5/23/17 is \$131,414. We are still waiting for training contract to go through Governor and Council for 6-month contract. JSI has not paid us for March and April 17 (\$36,000) yet which explains the loss in net ordinary income.

We received our financial audit and Dianne circulated it to all Board members for review. We need to make Changes with regard to our mission, subcontracts and goods/services donation.

A motion was made by Annette Escalante to approve the Audit report with the changes as noted.

Seconded by Suzanne Thistle

All in favor.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Tracy Robinson-Wood to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Alex Hamel.

All in favor.

Motion passed.

5. Executive Director's Report: Dianne presented her report to the Board this morning. She indicated that membership has decreased from 306 to 301 members. Staff changes include Gloria returning from FL, Darcy leaving and adding Bridget Taylor. Dianne is looking for ways to keep Alyssa on staff. She indicated there is a "massive" amount of training in June and that the rest of the summer is slow due to status of contract at this time. Dianne talked about the Workforce Development sub-group which is looking at restricted supervision (LCMCH by LCMHC and LICSW by LICSW) and the obstacles of this (different code of ethics). It is also looking at the Medicare component that does not acknowledge LCMHC, just LICSW for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Regent Champigny that we authorize funds to send Dianne Pepin, Annette Escalante, Kelly Luedtke and the scholarship winner to the NAADAC Annual conference in Colorado.

Seconded by Charles Bussison

Abstentions by Kelly Luedtke and Annette Escalante

All others in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Fundraising Initiatives: The committee met on April 27th. There are two specific fundraisers coming up. They include 2nd Annual Cribbage night being held tonight (thanks for all the food donations by Board members) and the NH Gives Day being held on June 6-June 7. Other projects in the works include grant applications to Bank of America and Newman's Own, matching funds, perhaps a Comedy Night in the fall. We have also heard from Grappone and are working on more community outreach.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Board members should have NHADACA business cards for when they are representing the organization.

7. Nominations: The following positions are up for re-election as their terms end on December 31, 2017. This includes: Treasurer (Jacqui), Central Representative (Kristy), Seacoast Representative (Charles), Lakes Region Representative (Linda), North Country Representative (Angela) and 2 At-Large Representatives (Thisvi and Reggie). If you are in any of these position, please notify Lynne if you intend to run again for your position.
8. Annual Meeting Planning: The committee met this morning and generated many ideas for trainings that could occur in conjunction with our Annual meeting being held on Friday November 17, 2017 at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford, NH. We will work with Carrie McFadden to iron out a topic and speaker. In addition, we talked about our Annual Awards and after discussion it was agreed that Dianne would send out the description of awards and current membership list to all Board members and everyone will come to our July meeting with suggestions for nominations. It will be reviewed and voting will be sent out to the full membership.
9. NH Behavioral Health Conference Update: This conference is being held on Monday November 6th and Tuesday November 7th at the Radisson in Manchester, NH. It is being sponsored by NH Providers Association, NHADACA and the Dupont group. Each agency is equally responsible for components of this conference and will split and

profit equally. There is a planning committee meeting on May 30th from 10-11:30am at New Futures, Dianne would like to have someone attend this meeting with her. Tracy, Sue and Lynne expressed an interest in helping.

10. Ethics/Peer Assistance Committee: The Board continues to look at the ethics and peer assistance committee and model of practice. The committee has done extensive research and collaboration with NAADAC around the purpose of this committee. This discussion led us to the idea of separating this in to 2 operating committees: Ethics as well as a Peer Assistance committee.

A motion was made by Lindsay Brewer that we separate the Ethics/Peer Assistance Committee in to 2 separate committees.

Seconded by Kristy Moen

Discussion ensued and Tracy expressed her opposition to this motion, looking to redefine the nature of the Separation. Annette expressed concern as well about how this would affect the committee and its efficacy. **After this discussion, and in light of time constraints, Linda withdrew her motion from the table.**

Kristy Moen made a motion to table this discussion until our next meeting.

Seconded by Tracy Robinson-Wood.

All in favor.

Motion passed.

Annette Escalante made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Regent Champigny.

All if favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Towle
NHADACA Secretary

**New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association
September 28, 2017 Board Meeting**

Board Members in Attendance: Jacqui Abikoff, Linda Brewer, Regent Champigny, Alex Hamel, Angela Jones, Kelly Luedtke, Kristy Moen, Tracy Robinson-Wood, Suzanne Thistle and Lynne Towle.

Staff in Attendance: Dianne Pepin

Unable to Attend: Charles Bussison, Lindsey Ducharme, Melony Lyons, Thisvi McCormack, Jessica Plante, Jane Quigley

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

1. Introductions: There were no introductions to be made today.
2. President's Welcome: Kelly talked about some of her experiences at the NAADAC Annual Meeting in Colorado. She reported that she enjoyed having the opportunity to get to know Heather McMahon (our member selected to attend the conference). She attended an all-day President's meeting and had the chance to meet the 24 recipients of NAADAC's minority fellowship scholarships, and attended the New England Caucus meeting (includes NY and PA) and she talked about the grid Dianne prepared regarding Substance Use Credentialing in New England, the group was impressed. Kelly indicated that a formal report is to follow.
3. Annette Escalante: Annette has resigned from the NHADACA Board in anticipation of starting a new job as the Director of the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services for Health and Human Services. Her new job is effective on 10/2/17 and creates a conflict for her staying on the NHADACA Board. Kelly read a letter from Annette.
4. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes the May 25, 2017 minutes and Committee Reports.

A motion was made by Regent Champigny to accept the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Kristy Moen

All in favor.

Motion passed.

Discussion and Action Items:

5. Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking account as of 9-18/2017 is \$121,820.16. Jacqui indicated that the July and August invoices to JSI were just submitted. See full report for details around subcontracts with JSI, Granite Pathways, UNH Institute on Disabilities and Antioch University of New England. She also reported that we have received a pledge of \$10,000 to match the full years fundraising efforts if we raise \$10,000. To date, we have raised just over \$7,000.

A motion was made by Linda Brewer to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Alex Hamel

All in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Executive Director's Report:
 - We received a \$2500 grant from Franklin Savings Bank. It will be awarded at a reception on October 10th from 4:30-6pm.
 - James Gamache of Westbridge is the Head of the Organizational Member Committee for NAADAC. He is working to increase organizational members. Dianne is concerned that the NH Provider's Association will think we are trying to "take away their members".

- IDN Training Coordinator – Dianne is concerned that they are able to pay significantly more than we are paying, and knows that Carrie has applied for this part-time position. This led to a Board discussion on Carrie’s integral role at NHTIAD and the importance of taking care of our staff.
 - ATTC wants to do more work on implementation instead of dissemination. They are looking to function as an information hub to rural areas, provide less face to face training. Dianne is encouraging us to look at ways for us to stay current for training needs.
 - Governor’s Commission Task Force – wants to use technology to improve access to treatment. They are looking at the feasibility of technology based treatment, supervision and education. Dianne has joined the committee. Tracey Robinson-Wood expressed concerns about the potential for data breaches and the need to protect privacy. Angela expressed a desire to be involved with this issue.
 - LADC has proposed 400/500 rules – Dianne says there are changes, not really good or bad. Public Hearing being held on 10/12 and there are 10 days to send written comments. Some of the changes are around inactive status of licenses, late fees, supervision of CRSW’s, definition of “approved” supervisor, attestation language around peer collaboration and reinstatement of licenses that have lapsed. Dianne encouraged everyone to read the rules and address any concerns.
7. Guest Speaker – Jack Wozmak – Technology resources for counselors: Jack is here today to speak to us about Tele-Health Psychiatry which is a secure platform to do counseling via computer. It will help overcome cancellations and addresses barriers to treatment such as child care, homelessness and transportation. He reports that it will help “close service gaps and has all the necessary safeguards”. He showed us a demonstration of VP 360. Several Board members raised concerns about third party reimbursement (Tracy), about clients having computers to be able to participate (Sue) and not being so sure that tele-health will actually impact attendance (Tracy). Jack acknowledged that this represents a change in culture and that there will always be an argument to stay with traditional services rather than change to new services.
8. Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting is set for November 17, 2017 at the Manchester Country Club. Award selections and ballots for offices will be sent out in the next few weeks. Both Annette Escalante (BDAS) and Tym Rourke will speak at the business meeting. Training topic is set for a three-hour presentation on Drug Court and Confidentiality with Alex Casale and Jacqui Abikoff as presenters. Registration is slow at this point, hoping for more people as we get closer to the event. Dianne will order plaques for award recipients and for Board members that are leaving the Board. We are still in need of someone to fill the vacancy in our Treasurer position. Please notify Lynne if you are interested, or have any suggestions. See committee report for further details.
9. Substance use credentialing: This is related to SB 54. This bill is “relative to the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors, requiring occupational regulatory boards and commissions to post reciprocity information, and establishing a committee to study licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.” The study committee has met and there are no future meetings scheduled. The committee is waiting for input from Peter Danles, Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Towle
NHADACA Secretary