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ATTC and Advisory Group Meet to Network

The ATTC recently convened a new set of “friends” for guidance, networking and exploring future collaborations. The ATTC Advisory Group met for the first time at the April ATTC Network meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Advisory Group members come from a variety of fields and organizations including funders, policy makers, practitioners and the recovering community.

Many collaborations arose from this first gathering of Network staff and Advisory Group members. The Pacific Southwest ATTC joined with the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism (NIAAA) in publicizing a June Research to Practice Symposium in Santa Barbara, California, an opportunity made possible by Geoffrey Laredo, an ATTC Advisory Board member from NIAAA. The PSATTC offered contact hour credit for the event at no cost to participants. NIAAA and the PSATTC will cooperate in a similar event in Albuquerque, New Mexico this fall.

Also as a result of the April meeting, Dr. Philip



First ATTC/Advisory Group meeting in April.

Colgan from the University of Minnesota agreed to host the ATTC Practice Committee’s Research to Practice Symposium this fall. An enthusiastic participant of the ATTC Advisory Group, he states, “My participation on the Advisory Board of the ATTC has shown me that eagerness for growth and development (in treatment and prevention fields) is shared across the country. Our discussion about new ideas for the professional development of chemical dependency

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Fall Symposium Will Keep ATTC Staff “In the Know”

To keep ourselves “in the know” about Technology Transfer, ATTC staff and ATTC Advisory Group members will participate in a day long symposium on Technology Transfer, November 4.

National experts from the Technology Transfer field will provide an overview of what works and doesn’t work, what the latest research shows, and what each ATTC can do to remain state-of-the-art in their technology transfer methods. Invited presenters are Carlton Erickson, Dennis McCarty, Tom Backer and Edwin Craft.

Steve Gallon, chair of the ATTC Practice Committee and coordinator of this symposium, says there are three primary objectives for the workshop. They are: to review state-of-the-art delivery methods, to foster a dialogue between ATTC staff and experts in the field of technology transfer, and to give each Center an opportunity to look at their individual work plans to make sure each is utilizing the most effective technology transfer strategies.

The symposium will be very interactive with participants having opportunities for small group

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September is the 10th Annual National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month

This year's theme for **Recovery Month** is "Addiction Treatment: Investing in People for Business Success." This month-long September celebration recognizes the tremendous strides taken by individuals who undergo successful treatment and salutes those in the field who dedicate their lives to helping people in need.

This year, CSAT along with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) will host a series of "community forums" in 20 cities nationwide focusing on how communities can address substance abuse problems at a local level. For more information, access the **Recovery Month** website at www.samhsa.gov/csar.

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prevention and treatment was particularly rewarding. It was satisfying to hear similar concerns and hopes come from so many different people."

Another collaboration that came out of the Network meeting occurred when Pete Hayden, an ATTC Advisory Group member and President of Turning Point, Inc., agreed to present at the Northwest Frontier ATTC Director's Institute this fall. He will share the methods he used to help his agency grow and develop with managers in the treatment field.

Sue Rohrer, Project Officer for the ATTC realizes the importance of bringing so many diverse people together for collaboration. "Having an Advisory Group for the ATTC is exciting," says Rohrer. "Our first meeting together was a great opportunity to hear from people outside our Network. We started the process of getting to know one another, and are really looking forward to the insight and knowledge this group of professionals can bring to our work."

The next gathering of the ATTC Advisory Group will be at the annual ATTC Network meeting in November. Look for more information to come!

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discussions about current methods, new strategies, and ideas for evaluating projects. "The symposium provides an opportunity for the trainers to be trained," says Gallon. "We all need to stay current to do our best work. This symposium is a way for the ATTC to make sure we are up-to-date in the methods and strategies we utilize."

Along with ATTC staff and Advisory Group members, other leaders from related fields and federal agencies will be invited to attend. Following the symposium, the Committee will publish proceedings and conclusions from the day as an ATTC statement to the field about successful technology transfer methods. To learn more, contact the ATTC National Office at (816) 482-1146 or www.nattc.org.

Traveling Symposium Will Bring Research to Field Practitioners

The National ATTC Practice Committee is developing a one-day traveling symposium for researchers and practitioners on the science and practice of addiction treatment. As a long-term model, the conference will facilitate dialogue between researchers and practitioners. The committee hopes to create awareness among clinicians about the advantages of using science-based practice methods, and to provide researchers insight about the need for practical solutions to real-life issues in the field.

The symposium format will include multimedia, drama and case studies relating to treating alcoholism. When it's fully developed, it will be promoted as a pre-conference opportunity for national associations and organizations relating to addictions.

At the ATTC Network meeting in April, Philip Colgan, Ph.D., Director of the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Education Program at the University of Minnesota, agreed to host the symposium as a pilot, October 26. It will be held in Minnesota as a pre-conference event to the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH).

"We are very pleased that the first Research to Practice Symposium will be offered here in Minnesota," says Colgan, an ATTC Advisory Group member. "Translating the most current research into real-life counseling practice is one of our most pressing needs. The ATTC is a leader in helping us all become better able to use our expertise and caring."

ATTC Research to Practice Symposium

October 26 • Minneapolis, MN

COUNSELOR REFLECTIONS

In May 1999, Michele Padilla became the second person to earn a masters degree from the University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) with a special emphasis in addictions counseling. The program is a specialty area of UNR's Masters in Counseling and Educational Psychology program created by the Mountain West ATTC (MWATTC).

Padilla is currently the clinical director of a methadone maintenance program in Reno, and says the course work at UNR helped her career tremendously. She states, "I use my education everyday in terms of treatment planning, case management and assessment skills."

Padilla always knew she wanted to do something to "connect with people." Prior to beginning the graduate program, she completed a bachelors degree in psychology and worked a number of jobs including a 24-hour suicide/crisis hotline. She says, "The thing that finally made me decide to choose a career in addictions counseling was recruitment by Nancy Roget from the ATTC in Reno. She came to one of my classes recruiting students for a new addictions program, and I knew as soon as she started talking, it was exactly what I wanted to do!"

Roget, Manager of the MWATTC began working to infuse addictions related curricula into counseling programs at UNR in the early 1990's. Staff have since created a graduate emphasis area and an undergraduate minor in Addictions Counseling.

The program gave Padilla the background she

needed. "The classes helped me tremendously in terms of relating to a other people," she says. "Because I had specialty classes on women's issues, fetal alcohol syndrome, cultural issues, and co-occurring disorders, I learned how to identify and work with people who have multiple problems and issues."

Soon Padilla will be moving to Las Vegas, Nevada to become a regional trainer for her organization. She will teach other clinical directors how to prepare for accreditation. Padilla believes she received this promotion because of her specialized classes. "We learned about managed care, program evaluation and meeting government standards. I couldn't have gotten the promotion without those types of classes."

Padilla hopes to have the opportunity to develop a treatment program "from the ground up" someday. Her goal is to provide a facility that would give many levels of service to clients including case management and referral services for all types of needs, creating a comprehensive treatment "community."

Roget is proud of Padilla's accomplishments. She states, "I told Michele she had the potential to become a director. She didn't believe me then, but now look at what she is accomplishing. I think it's great!" For more information about the addictions counseling programs at UNR, contact Nancy Roget at (775) 784-6265 or www.unr.edu/casat.



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*-Michelle Padilla,
Clinical Director*

Two CSAT Initiatives Provide Business Training

In April, the ATTC paired with another CSAT-funded initiative, the National Leadership Institute (NLI). Working together, these groups are helping managers in community-based organizations (CBOs) learn about state-of-the-art management and business practices. Mary Beth Johnson, Director of the ATTC National Office says there is a natural linkage between NLI and the ATTC. "We always want to support CSAT initiatives, and are glad to help get this kind of information to the field. There was a good fit between the goals of each group."

A number of Centers in the ATTC Network are working with NLI to bring management and business trainings to their region. The Mid-America ATTC (MATTC) has coordinated a schedule of classes

beginning in the Fall that will continue throughout the year 2000. MATTC is providing the training site and is promoting the class schedule. NLI is providing the curriculum and trainers at each event.

The Pacific Southwest ATTC is publicizing NLI training events to provider associations and others in Arizona, California and New Mexico via their website and list serve, the *PSATTC News*. The Northeastern States ATTC is providing promotional assistance for NLI trainings in their region as well.

David Whitters, from the Southeast ATTC (SATTC) is "shadow training" at several NLI events. By learning from NLI business experts, his goal is to eventually provide similar trainings in his region.

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*-Gail Viamonte,
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Northeastern States ATTC Works to Create “Systems-Change” for Educators & Providers

Recently, the New York State ATTC expanded its coverage area to include New Jersey and Pennsylvania. As the Northeastern States ATTC (NSATTC), staff are working to promote the use of science-based addiction research and best clinical practice in both educational and treatment settings.

The NSATTC is managed by the Professional Development Program (PDP) of the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York. Gail Viamonte, Ed.D., Program Manager of the NSATTC, is excited about incorporating two new states into their service area. “There are many new networking opportunities as a result of regionalization. We can share in each other’s knowledge and experience, and enrich each other’s strategies. Ultimately, I believe the entire region will benefit.”

For five years, the New York State ATTC worked to effect change at both individual and organizational levels. As the NSATTC, the emphasis remains to ensure that professionals are appropriately educated to work in the substance abuse treatment field, and clients receive the best care possible.

One highly successful strategy for effecting change has been the use of “technology transfer projects” and “faculty/provider fellowships.” With each, agencies and educational facilities apply for “grants” to implement system-wide, long-lasting changes in the way their organizations deliver treatment, or in how they provide education and professional development training.

Proposed projects must reflect federal and state goals, demonstrate collaborations, and show promise of continuing through community networks. Participants are encouraged to create projects that will create linkages across many institutions and professional groups, specifically in state-sponsored treatment programs and educational centers. The ultimate goal is to create projects that will show lasting impact for the treatment field.

Technology Transfer Projects and Faculty/

Provider Fellowships have been awarded to a variety of organizations and individuals. Projects have resulted in creative and significant products for the field including: a training website, faculty development programs, curricula for criminal justice students, interdisciplinary curricula for nursing and medical students, and a review of research and clinical practice literature for social workers.

Viamonte believes providing the grants and fellowships to many types of organizations allows the NSATTC to have far reaching impact. “Working with people who are dedicated to creating change, and giving them an opportunity to put their ideas into action is exciting. There is really a huge return on investment by all those involved - the ATTC, award recipients and collaborating organizations.”

The NSATTC also provides training to clinicians and educators, and works as a resource for agencies and organizations needing technical assistance. Viamonte states, “We act as a catalyst for the treatment community. Our shared network benefits clients by bringing together various systems and professionals who affect services.”

In addition, the NSATTC disseminates research-based curricula and CSAT, SAMHSA, NIAAA and NIDA resources to the field. Through their website, trainings and educational modules, they distribute products on a range of topics relating to substance abuse, such as domestic violence, sexually transmitted diseases, cultural competence, criminal justice and treatment modalities.



NSATTC Staff: (Foreground left to right) Juwon Park and Gail Viamonte (Background left to right) George Dowse, Nicola McMullen, Luanne Williams, Denise Jeremiah, Alan Parsons

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The Northwest Frontier ATTC has organized a three-day Director's Institute in September that NLI is cosponsoring. NLI assisted in the planning of the Institute and will facilitate a strategic planning session on the second day. In addition, they will provide follow-up trainings to the region.

Edna Davis, Curriculum Development Task

Leader for NLI, is happy to be working with the ATTC. She states, "This is a tremendous opportunity for collaboration between two CSAT-funded projects. By promoting our trainings, the ATTC is assisting us in disseminating our information to the field, and we are assisting the ATTC in reaching greater numbers of service providers. It's a great match." For more information about these trainings, contact the ATTC National Office.

Texas ATTC Recruits Minority Students

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, Texas has the fastest growing population in the United States. If the growth rate remains steady, Texas' population will double between 1990 and 2030 with Hispanic and African American populations growing the fastest.

To meet the needs of these fast growing groups, the Texas ATTC (TATTC) continues to have a strong focus on recruiting minority students into educational programs, ultimately with a goal of increasing the number of minority professionals working in substance abuse treatment and prevention.

To assist with these efforts, two TATTC member universities developed a manual with proven strategies for recruiting and retaining minority students. The TATTC provided funding for the research and development of the manual which recently underwent its first revision.

The TATTC also provides financial support to students working toward certification or substance abuse degrees who are bilingual in English and Spanish and/or are knowledgeable about ethnic minority cultures. In five years, the TATTC has enrolled over 700 students in substance abuse training programs. Overall, TATTC students taking the Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) exam have passed at a rate of 70% while only 56% of non-

TATTC students passed during recent test cycles.

Two TATTC member universities in South Texas have demographic breakdowns of roughly 98% Mexican-American. By including schools with high minority enrollment in the TATTC consortium, the pool of potential minority students entering the treatment field is significantly increased.

Gloria Terrell, Chair for the Social Work Substance Abuse Program at Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas, a suburb of Dallas says the TATTC's efforts have helped her program tremendously. "I now have African American, Asian, Native American and Hispanic students in my program. There are students that I know would not have gone back to school without the financial help the TATTC program has given."

By reaching minority students through educational programs and assisting bilingual students to become licensed professionals, the TATTC is working to ensure that under-represented populations receive appropriate treatment and care. During the first four years of the TATTC's existence, the number of minorities working in the substance abuse field in Texas has increased by 25 percent.

For more information about these recruitment programs, contact the TATTC at (512) 349-6616 or www.tcada.state.tx.us/tattc/.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WEB RESOURCES:

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	http://www.samhsa.gov
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)	http://www.samhsa.gov/csat
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)	http://www.samhsa.gov/csap
Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)	http://www.samhsa.gov/cmhs
Treatment Improvement Exchange (TIE) Forum	http://www.treatment.org
Recovery Network	http://www.recoverynetwork.com
Healthy People 2000: Resource List	http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/HP2000/4alc2.htm
Department of Labor: Workplace Substance Abuse	http://www.dol.gov/dol/asp/public/programs/drugs/main.htm

In recent years, Motivational Interviewing has received attention as an applicable treatment approach in medical and substance abuse settings.

Several studies have found that brief treatment interventions of one to four motivationally-oriented sessions can produce results comparable to more intensive and/or longer approaches.



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Mid-Atlantic ATTC Provides Center of Excellence

During the last two years, the Mid-Atlantic ATTC (Mid-ATTC) has worked toward establishing itself as a national Center of Excellence in Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET). Through a project with the Virginia State Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS), the Mid-ATTC is bringing these models of therapy to treatment practitioners across Virginia.

Through a regional needs assessment, the Mid-ATTC found that many substance abuse directors saw a need for increased motivational group services in their settings. To address the needs of these state agencies, the Mid-ATTC sponsored the development of a group-based motivational treatment manual. The manual is based on existing MI methods

and offers single and multiple session models.

The manual is being field-tested through public-sector providers across the state, and preliminary findings appear positive. The Mid-ATTC continues to provide agency-level trainings and program consultation for providers across the state.

In addition, Mid-ATTC staff have offered graduate-level MI/MET courses in traditional classroom and distance learning formats. Currently, they manage a list serve for an MI Network of Trainers (MINT) in North America and Europe, and are preparing to open an MI website in conjunction with the MINT group. A manual to guide implementation of motivational group services in community agencies is also underway. To learn more, contact the Mid-ATTC at (804) 828-9910 or www.mid-attc.org.

Improving Treatment for Native Americans . . .

South Dakota Initiative Gets Underway

The Prairielands ATTC (PATTC) recently gained "new territory" in its service area. South Dakota was officially added to the Prairielands region in March through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies program at the University of South Dakota.

There are nine Native American (Siouxan) Reservations in South Dakota with total reservation populations reaching approximately 58,200. There is also a large number of Native Americans residing in off-reservation sites around the state. Because of cultural differences, there is a need in states with large Native American populations to establish culturally specific treatment programs.

The Prairielands ATTC's goal with this new initiative is to improve treatment for these groups. They are working with tribal colleges and substance abuse programs to develop new courses and strengthen existing educational and counseling programs utilizing technology and other methodologies.

Dr. Duane Mackey, a member of the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, is coordinating the efforts in South Dakota. Mackey has taught alcohol and drug abuse courses on all of the reservations in South Dakota and on other reservations throughout the country.

"The Prairielands ATTC is pleased to have the South Dakota extension on board," says Anne Helene Skinstad, Director of the PATTC. "Duane Mackey and the advisory board members of the South Dakota extension are vastly qualified to enhance our training efforts in the Native American community, as well as with professionals who work with Native American populations. In addition, we are looking forward to bringing the knowledge gained from these initiatives to Iowa and the national ATTC Network."

Future programs include developing a master's program in substance abuse studies for counselors working with Native Americans and continued efforts to infuse substance abuse information into higher education programs. Contact the PATTC at (319) 335-5362 or www.uiowa.edu/~attc for more information.

www.online2001.org

The ATTC is leading a new campaign called *Online/OnTime-2001*. We are dedicated to helping bring every U.S. substance abuse treatment agency (nonprofit or block grant



funded) online with full Internet access by January 1, 2001. Look for additional information about this project coming soon!

GREAT LAKES ATTC KICKS OFF IN STYLE!

Leaders from Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin gathered on May 13 for the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center's (GLATTC) kick-off celebration. One of the newest ATTCs, GLATTC is housed in the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC).

Lura Lynn Ryan, wife of Illinois Governor George Ryan, is the Honorary Chair of GLATTC's Advisory Board. She helped staff begin the kickoff with a press conference by stating, "Governor Ryan and I are longtime advocates of substance abuse prevention and treatment, and this Center marks an important advancement for the substance abuse field in Illinois. It will help bring critical knowledge on substance abuse and addiction to treatment, criminal justice and medical professionals who face these issues daily."

After the press conference, approximately 150 people attended a moving and powerful presentation by William Cope Moyers, Public Policy Director of the Hazelden Foundation. Moyers spoke about the history of substance abuse policy in the United States, and addressed the challenges faced by substance abuse professionals. He encouraged people in recovery to speak out about the positive and healing nature of addiction treatment and recovery.

Following the first meeting of GLATTC's Advisory Board, the Dean of the Jane Addams College of Social Work, Creasie Finney Hairston, Ph.D., hosted a VIP reception for leaders from the region.

Staff at GLATTC were pleased with the celebration and are excited to be officially "up and running." Principal Investigator, Nathan Linsk, Ph.D., says, "We



William Cope Moyers (shown to the right) delivered a powerful presentation about substance abuse and recovery issues in the United States.

From left to right:

-**Melody Heaps**
President, Illinois TASC
-**Lura Lynn Ryan**
First Lady of Illinois
-**Creasie Finney Hairston**
Dean, Jane Addams
College of Social Work
-**Nathan Linsk**
GLATTC Prin. Investigator
-**Mary Beth Johnson**
Director, ATTC National Office



are thrilled to have the opportunity to create this important training center. There is a wealth of addiction research that needs to get translated into practice, and this Center will serve as a central resource for the people who need it most."

GLATTC's work will have a strong corrections emphasis. Illinois TASC, Inc. will oversee the work of GLATTC's Center for Excellence in Criminal Justice in cooperation with the Department of Criminal Justice at Loyola University. This project will provide substance abuse training to professionals at all levels of the corrections system including courts, jails, prisons and probation/parole.

Other areas of focus for GLATTC are women's issues, training medical and health care providers in substance abuse issues and the neuroscience of addictions. For more information about GLATTC, contact Project Director, Lonnetta Albright at (312) 996-1373 or www.glattc.org.

Awards from the Field:

Dr. H. Westley Clark, CSAT Director, received the Solomon Carter Fuller Award at the May 17 annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. The award honors individuals who have pioneered in an area that has significantly benefited the quality of life for African-Americans.

The award is named for Solomon Carter Fuller, M.D., a renowned African American scholar who taught at Boston University for over 30 years.

Tom Colthurst, Co-director of the Pacific Southwest ATTC, received one of several RADAR (Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resources) Network Pioneer Awards during the annual RADAR Network Conference this May. The award recognizes those individuals who have actively participated in the Network since its inception by SAMHSA in 1988-89.

Gary Fisher, Ph.D., Director of the Mountain West ATTC, will receive "Author of the Year" award by the National Association of Forensic Counselors at their annual conference in September.

Fisher is receiving the award for his publication, **Substance Abuse Information for School Counselors, Therapists and Counselors**.

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