

## CAADPE opposes SB 268 – Action Needed!

CAADPE has gone on record opposing **SB 268 (Harman), Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities: licensing**. CAADPE has a long standing position to oppose any legislation that creates barriers to access to treatment.

SB 268 would severely restrict the availability of access to residential care for those with severe drug and alcohol addictions. Furthermore, it violates the state's Unruh Civil Rights Act, the Federal Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Federal Fair Housing



Amendments, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and limits the patient's rights of choice in violation of 42 United States Code by discriminating against disabled persons by singling out treatment facilities.

SB 268 also creates a barrier for treatment facilities to operate by placing undo licensing requirements on substance abuse treatment facilities.

SB 268 is slated for hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on Tuesday July 8, 2009. Please take a few minutes to call the Assembly Health Committee members (attached on page 3) to register opposition. A sample letter (also on page 3) may also be used for talking points.

## State issues IOU's for AOD Programs

Without action by the Governor and Legislature to stave off a severe cash deficit of almost \$3 billion at the end of July, the Controller was forced to issue individual registered warrants, also called IOUs, beginning July 2. A registered warrant is a "promise to pay," with interest, that is issued by the State when there is not enough cash to meet all of the State's payment obligations. State Controller, John Chiang, had warned elected officials for months that a delay in reaching accord would delay cash payment to the state's vendors.

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Program issued a statement explaining payments to treatment providers. ADP's state general fund (including Drug Medi-Cal) payments will be issued as a registered warrant. Payments for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds and California Access to Recovery Effort (CARE) funds are exempt from the registered warrants because they are federal funds.

If there is sufficient cash available, registered warrants, or IOUs, will be paid by the State Treasurer on October 2, 2009. If the Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) determines there is sufficient cash available for redemption

at an earlier date, they may be redeemed earlier than October 2, 2009.

Chiang's office has launched a customer call-center to answer questions. The SCO's Web site, [www.sco.ca.gov](http://www.sco.ca.gov), will be updated regularly with the latest information on the State's cash position and related developments. The SCO's Web site also has several new Web pages with information about registered warrants: [www.sco.ca.gov/eo\\_news\\_registeredwarrants.html](http://www.sco.ca.gov/eo_news_registeredwarrants.html).

ADP announced it will continue to process county and provider claims and submit them to the SCO "with the intent of not adding to any further payments delays." Information is also available at [www.adp.ca.gov](http://www.adp.ca.gov)

At press time, the "Big Five," Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (D), Assembly Minority Leader Sam Blakeslee (R), Senate President pro tempore Darrell Steinberg (D), and Senate Minority Leader Dennis Hollingsworth (R) were still engaged in talks aimed at resolving the State's projected \$26.3 billion deficit for the FY2009-10. CAADPE will continue to monitor their talks and report breaking news.

## Medication assisted survey on line Survey closes July 14

CAADPE is conducting a survey of treatment providers in order to gauge the knowledge and utilization of those in the alcohol and drug field for medication assisted treatments, particularly buprenorphine. The information from the survey will be used to help CAADPE formulate recommendations about programs that best meet provider needs.

Please take a minute to fill out the survey. Copy the link below and paste it into your browser, then answer the few short questions that will help CAADPE be proactive in its efforts to support ALL of California's treatment programs. Link to the survey is [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pDN4HNk\\_2fYqhWlQIZFpEKFA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pDN4HNk_2fYqhWlQIZFpEKFA_3d_3d)

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## Major training opportunities announced

**Clinical Training** The Southwest Regional Integrated Behavioral Health Conference: *Building Clinical Excellence for Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Professionals* has been announced by Mental Health Systems Inc.

The conference is to offer professionals in the mental health and drug and alcohol field the opportunity to receive the current trends in integrated services. Keynote speakers are nationally known in their field, and breakout presentations are taught by local agency representatives serving populations related to the conference topics. This conference also provides a forum for treatment providers to dialogue about local issues, barriers to treatment, and innovative solutions in a collaborative spirit.

Speakers include Michael Staver, MA, CEO of The Staver Group; Robert Ackerman, Ph.D. a Professor of Sociology and Director of the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and David Mee-Lee, M.D. a board-certified psychiatrist who is certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

The San Diego event will be September 16-17, 2009. Register online at [www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=741586](http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=741586)

**Leadership Training** The 2009 PFR/Pacific Southwest ATTC Leadership Institute has announced a leadership development opportunity for addiction professionals. ATTC, together with SAMHSA's Partners for Recovery, is offering an intensive leadership training program to rising leaders in the behavioral health field. The primary goal of the Leadership Institute is to cultivate new leaders within the addiction field through the enhancement of knowledge and development of competencies among new and

emerging leaders. Many treatment providers may be faced with a shortage of adequately prepared leaders. Many agency directors and senior level personnel who are now providing leadership in community-based addiction treatment agencies are approaching retirement age and there have been few educational opportunities to groom successors for leadership positions. This regional Leadership Institute is designed to facilitate the development of leaders for the future of our industry.

Learning opportunities include:

- Development of individual leadership skills.
- Receipt of individualized attention for leadership development.
- Meeting other developing leaders.
- Learning more about their personal leadership style.
- A Certificate in Leadership to validate the hours of training and project completion.
- Development of practical experience to take into the "real world."

The "kick-off" training for the Institute will be held September 14-18, 2009 in Northern California (exact location to be determined). For further information, please contact Bethany Stern at [bplain@ucla.edu](mailto:bplain@ucla.edu) or 310-267-5398.

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**July 9 Consumer Integration: Why It Matters, How It Works** Free HRC Webcast 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET, this two-part Webcast series on consumer integration will feature Laura Prescott, Founder and President, Sister Witness International; Gloria Dickerson, Recovery Specialist, Center for Social Innovation; and Steven Samra, Veterans Services Coordinator, Operation Standdown. Part one of this two-part series will highlight principles of recovery and benefits and common barriers to participation as they relate to consumer integration. The presenters will also discuss potential roles for people formerly or currently experiencing homelessness. register at <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Register.aspx>

**September 28 Effective Clinical Supervision: Clinical Supervision in Practical Application** (How to Support Positive Treatment Outcomes) L.A. CADA sponsors trainer Alan Lyme, LCSW (*national trainer and author*). CE units available. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Location: The California Endowment 1000 North Alameda St, Los Angeles. Call 562.906.2686 for more information

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### Sample Letter: Oppose SB 268

Date

Dear Senator Harman:  
(or name of Health Committee Member)

**Re: SB 268 Alcoholism or drug abuse  
recovery or treatment facilities: licensing.**

I strongly oppose **SB 268 Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities: licensing**. CAADPE has a long standing position to oppose any legislation that creates barriers to access to treatment. SB 268, as amended, would severely restrict the availability of access to residential care for those with severe drug and alcohol addictions. SB 268 violates the state's Unruh Civil Rights Act, the Federal Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Fair Housing Amendments by discriminating against disabled persons by singling out treatment facilities.

SB 268 also creates a barrier for treatment facilities to operate by placing undo licensing requirements on substance abuse treatment facilities. By requiring a fire clearance every two years, based on building codes at the time that the facility was initially licensed will trigger expensive retrofitting. No other form of residential use requires this kind of fire clearance.

There is no evidence that the current system, requirements for meeting fire standards is inadequate. Should the legislature want additional fire clearances, then, state funding should be allocated to assist treatment providers in retrofitting their agencies, since programs are already being cut 30%-100% (Prop 36) for FY2009/10 and do not have budgets to meet the new requirements proposed in SB 268.

I also opposes the exemption for sober living homes (May 6 amendment). All facilities involved with substance abuse treatment and recovery should have a level of review and supervision through oversight. in order to ensure adequate services and quality care for those that are in need This is an appropriate function for state government.

Respectfully,

Your name  
Title and Agency Name