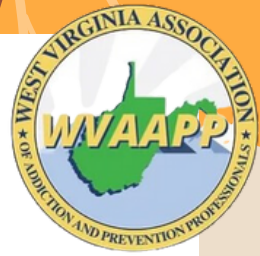


2023 BOARD & NOMINATION INFORMATION



The Annual Meeting & Election will take place 12:00-1:30pm
on October 17, 2023 at Pipestem Resort State Park

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

President: Melissa Richmond

President Elect: John Dower

Past President: Heather Sharp-Spinks

Secretary: Peter Callahan

Treasurer: Susie Mullens

Joe Deegan

Wendy Lewis, PhD

Brandon Whitehouse

Jamie Styons, PhD

John Unger

Jaime Cantley - WVCBAPP Liaison

BOARD NOMINEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE CONFIRMED

President: Jon Dower

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CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS UP FOR ELECTION

Jamie Styons, PhD - WVAAPP Communications Chair, Membership Co-Chair



Over a career spanning nearly 20 years, Dr. Styons has held clinical and administrative positions in community behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, and in the primary prevention sectors. As a former behavioral health director, Dr. Styons helped develop and implement one of West Virginia's first Quick Response Teams (QRT) and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Programs, which successfully brought together national, state, and local agencies to help combat the opioid epidemic in Southern West Virginia. Dr. Styons holds a Doctorate in Human Services, specializing in Mental Health Administration. Additionally, he has earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in forensic psychology, sociology, criminal justice, and communications. Dr. Styons holds certifications in criminology, positive behavior support, healthcare administration, public health, and is a member of the Reaching Rural Fellowship inaugural class through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau for Justice Assistance. In addition to serving on numerous boards and committees, Dr. Styons currently serves as the Director of Community & Justice Programs for Community Connections, Inc. - the Prevention Lead Organization (PLO) for West Virginia Region 6. Dr. Styons' mission is to help develop and advocate for new substance use prevention efforts within West Virginia while strengthening current programs by focusing on community education, early intervention, and effective linkage to all pathways of treatment.

MEMBERS UP FOR ELECTION

*Names listed in alphabetical order

Liz Brooks



Liz has lived most of her life in West Virginia and the last 19 years in Mercer County. She received an RBA with an emphasis in Early Child Education and a Master of Social Work, both from Concord University. Liz has worked in the teaching field with CASE Head Start and with families in Home Visitation. She has worked in primary prevention as a Coalition Engagement Specialist serving eleven counties in region six. She presently works with families in active substance use and in danger of losing their children through Child Protective Services. Liz is active in the local coalition, Mercer County for Healthy Communities, Collegiate Recovery, Mountains of Hope, Infant/Toddler Mental Health, Save A Life Day, WVU Traumatic Brain Injury, WVBHPC, WVHAMP, WV HIVAMP, WVRHA, Reentry council and a member NAADAC, and WVAAPP to name a few.

Mital Patel



Mital Patel, MA, MSW, LGSW graduated from Marshall University with a Masters of Arts in Psychology and Concord University with a Masters of Social Work. She currently works as a Regional Director of the southern counties for KVC West Virginia. She has more than 13 years of experience working with adults, children and families in various settings including child welfare, community mental health, outpatient SUD counseling and inpatient hospitalizations. She is currently under supervision for her LICSW and expects to complete this by the end of the year. She is currently seeking her AADC certification as well and has been approved to take the exam. Mital resides in Daniels, WV with her husband and two children. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her loved ones.

Felecia Roark



Felicia has worked in the substance use prevention and recovery field for over 11 years. Her passion began when she was 19 years old working at Pretera watching individuals enter recovery. Her passion continued to grow as she stepped into the world of case management in detox then later in crisis intervention in the ER helping individuals get into treatment. Eventually, she became a therapist for an inpatient rehabilitation unit and worked in an outpatient MAT program. During this time, she watched a loved one pass away from complications of alcohol use. This furthered her passion for recovery services and interventions. Her desire to help others and their loved ones grew. Felicia currently works at the Charleston

VA Clinic as their first SUD Social Worker. She was honored to be the 2022 Social Worker of the Year for WV recognized for her many volunteer activities and passion for the field of social work. Felicia is currently a board member for the WV Chapter of National Association of Social Workers.

Bev Sharp



She has worked in the field of Law Enforcement and Corrections for over 35 years. Most of her professional career was spent with the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections from Marshall University, minoring in Psychology, Sociology and English Literature. Currently, she is transitioning from being the Director of Reentry Initiatives for the West Virginia Council of Churches to Founder and Executive Director of The REACH Initiative, developing programs, initiatives and training to improve the opportunities for former offenders to successfully return to the community as productive citizens, as well as to educate

communities on the barriers faced by former offenders, in order to reduce recidivism and to Build Bridges to a Better Community.

MEMBERS UP FOR ELECTION

*Names listed in alphabetical order

Valery Stastkey



Valery Stastkey, MSW, is a Prevention Specialist and Peer Recovery Support Specialist from Wheeling, WV. She has extensive knowledge of addiction and co-occurring disorders. She has been trained in Motivational Interviewing, CRAFT, Mental Health First Aid, and ethics, amongst others. She has recently completed the MSW program at West Virginia University. She has worked in substance use prevention for the past eight years, and has accepted a position as a therapist, specializing in substance use disorders.

Bryan Stephey



A combat veteran of both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army, where he served as a Career Counselor, Bryan completed his BS in Addiction Studies with a dual minor in Woman's Studies and Ethics at Viterbo University in 2015. He then moved to Ashland Kentucky and completed both his Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and VoLT Certificate at Marshall University, graduating in 2017. Bryan continued his education by completing a Master's in Legal Studies at WVU and is a Doctoral Candidate in Forensic Psychology at California Southern University. Bryan has worked in a wide variety of roles in the field, including completing his master's internship in the Roundtable Program at Riverpark Hospital working with juvenile sex offenders, conducting IOP and

group and individual therapy with court involved clients with co-occurring mental health diagnoses at High Point Treatment Center; an outpatient community mental health clinic in Taunton, MA, and most recently as a contracted therapist providing mental health and substance abuse counseling at Inspire Behavioral Health and Addiction Services in Teays Valley. Bryan is certified as a clinical trauma professional, sex offender treatment provider, juvenile sex offender treatment specialist, and as a DOT Substance Abuse Professional. Bryan was recently added to the WV Supreme Court's roster of approved family court mediators as a professional mediator. Bryan is a licensed professional counselor, and a member of the West Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor Association Board of Directors, with an interest in legislative affairs as well as sitting on the WVAAPP Professional Development Committee.

Stephanne Thornton

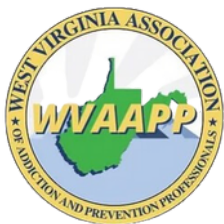


Stephanne Cline Thornton is the Clinical Director for the West Virginia Judicial and Lawyer Assistance Program. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Master Addiction Counselor focusing on access to trauma and substance use disorder treatment to ensure the health and well-being of affected individuals. Recognizing the prevalent intersection of stress, substance use, and mental health conditions with some practitioners of the law, Stephanne believes in health, sustainability, and mindful practices to ensure those in the helping professions care for themselves to better care for those they are serving. Stephanne earned a Master of Divinity degree from

Emory University Candler School of Theology, and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Georgia. She has been clinically licensed as a social worker and addictions counselor since 2004 and additionally holds certificates as Certified Addiction Counselor Level III, Certified Clinical Trauma Professional, and Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider. Stephanne's clinical training background is in trauma, and she is on the Trauma-Informed Care Network Speakers Bureau and presents on trauma, substance use, and self-care across the state and at national conferences.

2023 WVAAPP ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

PIPESTEM STATE PARK & CONFERENCE CENTER



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WVAAPP AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



WVAAPP Board takes pride in recognizing and awarding outstanding commitment and dedication in the field of addiction treatment, prevention and recovery. Membership is not required but is taken into consideration. Members in good standing in the association are eligible to make nominations for the awards.

Award Nominations are being accepted for the following:

- New Frontier Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Counselor of the Year
- Russ Taylor Advocacy Awareness Award
- Journey to the Profession Scholarship
- Jim Hearn Conference Attendance Scholarship



*Applications close Sept. 5 at 5pm

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PARTNERS IN PREVENTION 2023 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT SCHOLARSHIP

WVCBAPP & WVAAPP want to celebrate and honor current and future prevention professionals by awarding up to 10 scholarships to attend the 2023 WVAAPP Professional Development Summit which will take place at Pipestem Resort & State Park on October 17-19, 2023. Individuals may apply for registration, lodging or both. Lodging is based on double occupancy (meaning you will have a same sex roommate). Registration includes meals.

The individual who is being nominated for this scholarship must be currently certified as a PS1, PS 2 or be under supervision seeking certification and be employed in a position that is prevention focused in WV.



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