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President's Message

Sarah Eischens - 2017 MCA President



Greetings MCA Members,

Fall is here and that means MCA's Fall Institute is right around the corner. I am hoping to connect and re-connect with a lot of the great MCA members at Fall Institute. MCA's Fall Institute will be held October 25-27 at the beautiful Grand View Lodge.

The fall institute committees have worked hard to put together an excellent schedule of trainings, resources and entertainment.

At the Fall Institute we have our MCA members annual business meeting that is for all members. This meeting is where we vote on new bylaw changes, and review financials and committee reports. I would highly encourage everyone to attend this short meeting at the Fall Institute.

A workshop on Juvenile Expungement and Collateral Consequences, in collaboration with MACPO, will be held on October 6, 2017. This is a great opportunity for members. The Training and Education committee continues to do a great job putting together monthly workshops for MCA members. Look for an e-mail notification or check the website for upcoming events.

In late August, I had the privilege to attend and represent MCA at a national conference with the American Probation and Parole Association in New York City. This was my first experience at a national-level conference. The conference provided excellent training and networking opportunities. It was an added bonus to be in New York City to do some sightseeing.

We appreciate the continued support of all MCA members in carrying out MCA's mission and vision. Feel free to e-mail myself or other board members with ideas or areas of improvement for MCA. We are always open and looking for feedback on how to better serve our members.

Best Regards,
 Sarah Eischens
 MCA President 2017



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Legislative Affairs

Cal Saari - MCA Legislative Liaison

Well, the first day of fall has arrived. I hope all of you have the opportunity to spend a little time outdoors with your favorite activity during this great season in Minnesota. This time of the year also reminds us that the MCA Fall Institute will soon be upon us.

As in the past, we will again be presenting a Legislative Workshop at the conference. This year we decided to focus our presentation on public employee pensions, and are pleased to announce that we have secured some high-level expertise in this area. Susan Lenczewski, the Executive Director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, along with her Deputy Director Rachel Bath, will be joined by Doug Anderson, Executive Director of PERA and Erin Lenoard, Executive Director of MSRS, to present information on the pension bill that was passed by the Legislature in 2017, but vetoed by the Governor over objections in one particular area. We know a very similar version of the bill will be introduced early in the 2018 Session, so this presentation will focus on the critical need for revisions and how those changes will affect you as a public employee. If you are concerned about the future stability of your pension, this session is highly recommended.

In this conference session we will also be presenting the 2018 Legislative Agenda to our membership for feedback as we prepare to ask the MCA Board of Directors to approve our objectives. Mark Bliven and the members of the Legislative Committee have done a tremendous job again in developing our legislative priorities. Thanks to all of them for their efforts in this. We have a very active legislative committee and it is enlightening to have their feedback every month.

As most of you know by now, our legislative committee is also forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) in order to collect voluntary political contributions which will then be used to assist political candidates who can assist us in our legislative pursuits. We hope to have this program in place by the time of the Fall Institute. If you have any questions about this, contact me or any member of the Legislative Committee.

It's not too early to start thinking about planning for a 2018 CAPITOL DAY event. I have already been meeting with some of our collaborators on this, and we'll have several more planning meetings in the next six weeks. In your evaluations of last year's event conducted at the DOC (morning session), we understood that most folks would like to return to our past practice, consisting of a breakfast meeting with several Legislators. We are now looking into the possibility of having this event within the newly re-modeled Capitol Building, with a catered

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breakfast. This is our focus at this time so watch for future announcements as plans are secured. This event will most likely be held on a Wednesday in mid-February.

I hope to get a chance to talk with many of you again at the Fall Institute, but feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. Thank You all for your support of our efforts in the legislative area.

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Equifax and the Data Breach Epidemic

By David Heath - Technical Committee Chair

For the MCA October Conference, the Technology Committee booth will be providing information on Home Security Systems, Identity Theft and Data Security recommendations. With the recent attack on Equifax, constant virus attacks and a proliferation of home security choices, we believe these are all worthy topics.

Doing some research on the Equifax breach, I came across some disturbing articles on network security in general. Data breaches have become way too common, and are getting worse every year.

Remember when Yahoo lost data in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, and again in 2017? Probably not, as these companies have gotten very good at telling us they're very sorry and it will never happen again. Followed up by what steps "YOU" should take for our screw up. Of course they neglect to say the last 4 words of the prior sentence. And we, the consumer, have just sort of accepted it over the years as it has become so common.

As a former network administrator for 20+ years, I totally understand how difficult it is to secure a network 100% of the time. Network security needs to consider inside and outside threats, physical security and a ton of other clever ways individuals attempt to penetrate a network. Depending on what data is stored on the network, it also dictates the intrusion threat level on a network. So, if you have valuable data like Equifax, the threat level is extremely high. With that being said, I expect the Federal Trade Commission will investigate what network protection they had in place at the time of the breach. If it is not up to top notch industry standards, I will not be surprised if there are criminal and financial penalties imposed on them. This should also drive new government regulations with other companies that hold our personal data as well.

For many years, we were told as network administrators that the cyber wars of hacking will someday begin. It seems that day has apparently arrived, with the proliferation of hacks and viruses ranging from Presidential Elections to Equifax and everything in between. So what do we do about it is the question?

It is a very tough problem as data breaches will probably never be eradicated completely. Possibly biometrics will eventually be tied to the Social Security number. The Social Security number was implemented in 1936, and needs a unique identifier added to it which definitely proves who you are. Like a fingerprint, retina or facial scan, voice print, or something of that nature. The down side to bio-metric data is that when stolen, it can't be replaced. For example, Social Security numbers which are sometimes replaced today when compromised. Just can't do that with fingers and eyeballs if you get my drift.

If only credit card companies were required to do an **in office** scans and uploads of bio-metric data at credit application time. That would take a gigantic procedural change in how we apply for credit and is probably not feasible in today's marketplace.

Unless it gets bad enough. You just never know on a problem of this magnitude. Maybe someday we will all be required walk into our local bio-scan office to be scanned and upload real time to complete a

credit application. If it matches our Bio data embedded in our Social Security number, it proves it is really us.

That is, unless some hacker over writes our bio data with theirs prior to the office visit. Probably a highly unlikely scenario on a read only record, unless they re-flagged the file attributes first. There is always a caveat with this stuff. Darn.

In the meantime, best we all keep a sharp eye on our financial statements. Listed below is a web link that might be worth reading if you plan to contact Equifax.

https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/mbb8vv/want-to-know-if-your-ssn-was-included-in-the-equifax-breach-good-luck

Freezing your credit is the best protection, but it is a hassle freezing and unfreezing your credit when you need it. It will also cost money, unless you can prove you have already undergone identity theft.

We each get a free credit report once a year from: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>

I hope new government regulations will make these companies provide free reports to us about 12 times a year. Especially since we have suddenly been given the job to be fraud investigators on our own accounts.

The third thing you could do is hire a company to monitor your information and alert you to potential fraud. Somebody like Life Lock for example: <https://www.lifelock.com/>

Just some references below:

3 links showing the proliferation of attacks.

<https://revisionlegal.com/data-breach/2017-security-breaches/>
<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/603157/a-history-of-yahoo-hacks/>
<http://www.wired.co.uk/article/hacks-data-breaches-2017>

Here is a link on the federal Equifax investigation:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/14/federal-trade-commission-investigating-equifax-bre/>

News Article "Why are we still using Social Security Numbers" :

<http://money.cnn.com/2017/09/13/technology/social-security-number-identification/index.html>



Legislative/Adult Justice Committee Update

Submitted by: Mark Bliven, Chair

As we finish up 2017 our key goal is to present to the membership and board an MCA legislative agenda for the coming legislative session in 2018. We will have that agenda in draft available to the membership at the Fall Institute. It will then be presented to the MCA Board at their November meeting for approval. This will then be the working direction to Cal Saari, our legislative liaison as he interacts with legislators over the coming session.

A key area that is new to the agenda this year is a focus on pension issues that are expected to come to a head this session. At the fall institute we will use this as a focus of our workshop on Thursday afternoon. While state pension policy directly affects only a subsection of MCA membership we know that state policy will indirectly affect other government entities and our corrections partners in the private sector perhaps in a dramatic manner.

In a continuation of issues from 2017 we will also look at collaborative ways to address the clear conflicts of mixing response to mental health needs and those of more direct criminal behavior. In a non-partisan manner we have seen great attention to the need to separate and distinguish responses to these two areas. Incarceration is a poor and ineffective use of our resources when addressing mental health or chemical dependency treatment needs.

Transition issues are also a key area of continuing focus for MCA. Bread and butter issues of transition especially the ability to find housing and jobs is critical. Collateral consequences of many policies over the years have directly affected how we effectively do our jobs. Too often the appeal to “public safety” just turns into a way of piling on and can make our job goals nearly impossible. We all agree that real public safety is the primary goal of our organization. We also recognize that creating instability or removing any ability to move successfully from prison, jail, or court to the community is counterproductive to that public safety goal.

While we intend to have a legislative policy to guide our organization in the coming year we will also expect that new issues may pop up or take greater attention. The legislative committee will work with our legislative liaison and others to keep abreast of these new or changing events. Members should feel welcome to bring issues of concern to the legislative committee at any time of year.



Treatment Director Pathways Counseling Center, Inc.

Submitted by: Jerrod Brown

Article by: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D. & Robert Biehn, MA

Confabulation among Offender Populations: Facts Correctional Professionals Need to Know

Introduction

Confabulation is a complicated and perplexing phenomenon. Traditionally, confabulation has been defined as the unconscious use of inaccurate information to fill gaps in one's memory. For example, confabulation can happen when fictitious memories are substituted into memory intervals in the absence of any relationship to a real event. This can take verbal or behavioral forms and is done without any intent to deceive others. Because much of the criminal justice system relies upon confessions and eye witness accounts, confabulation can be an important variable to consider in this setting. Despite severe consequences, including false confessions and wrongful convictions, only a small portion of correctional professionals are familiar with the topic of confabulation and its impact on offender populations. To raise awareness of this issue, this brief article reviews the different types of confabulation, some of the causes of confabulation, the complications of confabulation in criminal justice settings, and detection and intervention considerations of confabulation.

Types of Confabulation

When describing confabulation, there are two key distinctions found in the research literature. First, there is spontaneous versus provoked confabulation. Spontaneous confabulations are involuntary actions that are not prompted. In contrast, provoked confabulations are prompted by another individual or aspects of the setting. Provoked confabulation can arise from direct or leading questioning by a criminal justice professional. Second, there is verbal versus behavioral confabulation. Verbal confabulation occurs when an individual talks about the retention of an untrue memory. Alternatively, behavioral confabulation happens when an individual responds physically to their incorrect memory. These distinctions are important to consider when investigating the origins of confabulation.

Causes of Confabulation

Confabulation can occur in individuals with no physical or mental health concerns. However, neurological issues, neurocognitive disorders, and certain mental health-related disorders are often a major concern in individuals who confabulate. In fact, damage to an individual's frontal lobe can increase the probability of confabulation. In addition, confabulation has also been linked to neurocognitive disorders like Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome, which results from a thiamine (B1) deficiency most commonly caused by chronic alcohol abuse. Additional disorders that have been linked to confabulation include Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Alzheimer's, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Schizophrenia. Not only do neurological issues increase the risk of confabulation, but they are disproportionately likely in correctional settings, and commonly go undetected there.

Consequences of Confabulation in Offender Populations

Confabulation can have dramatic and severe consequences in correctional settings. For example, confabulation can contribute to false accusations, wrongful convictions, and inappropriate and lengthy incarcerations. When confined, an offender may inappropriately react toward another offender or correctional staff because of a false memory. Additionally, if an offender is confabulating, correctional professionals may believe that the offender is being difficult and deceitful. As a result, the offender may face additional severe consequences.

Confabulation versus Lying

In correctional settings, it remains important to distinguish between confabulation and lying. Confabulation occurs when false memories happen without the intent to deceive others. In contrast, lying occurs with the purposeful intent to deceive others. For example, an offender may lie with the purposeful intent to gain something through providing false information. However, when an offender confabulates, the offender is not attempting to gain anything, but instead simply believe that they are providing accurate information.

Detection Strategies

Confabulation is extremely difficult to detect in correctional settings because the offender is frequently unaware that they are confabulating. The offender honestly believes that they are speaking the truth and are not trying to hide anything. A helpful detection strategy that could be used is interviewing collateral informants that can verify the accuracy or inaccuracy of the memory. This could include other offenders who were present at an event or know the offender in question. Further, correctional professionals may consider the use a clinical interview and collateral information such as offender records reviews. Throughout this process, it is vital for the correctional professional not to make harsh assumptions of the offender's behavior until the accuracy of the information can be established.

Communication and Intervention Strategies

Once an offender has been determined to be confabulating, the next step is intervening on behalf of the offender. During this process, correctional professionals are recommended to make every attempt to avoid confrontation and make use of memory diaries, memory monitoring, positive reinforcement, re-orientation, and self-monitoring training. Correctional professionals are encouraged to avoid overwhelming the offender and be prepared to allow the offender extra processing time. This includes being okay with long pauses and silence. Remaining calm, employing an encouraging approach, using developmentally appropriate language, and frequently checking for comprehension are imperative. Always reassure the offender that it is okay not to know the answer. When all else fails, psychological testing can be completed by qualified mental health professionals.

Conclusion

As highlighted by this article's review of the diverse and severe consequences of confabulation in correctional settings, it is essential for correctional professionals to have a working understanding of confabulation. However, confabulation remains misunderstood in these settings. The majority of professionals within correctional settings are not well educated or trained in the topic of confabulation and its impact on offender populations. In fact, there is a dearth of research on the consequences of confabulation in the criminal justice system. Nonetheless, correctional professionals are encouraged to be aware of the possibility of confabulation, particularly if an offender's statements seem inaccurate, there are conflicting reports from collateral informants, or the offender has a history of neurocognitive disorders or frontal lobe damage. It is imperative for researchers to begin investigating the complexities of confabulation among criminal justice-involved populations. The primary goal of future studies can be aimed at not just determining what criminal justice professionals know about confabulation, but what these professionals need to do to modify their approaches to be more effective when interacting and communicating with individuals who confabulate. Moreover, there is a strong need to develop advanced education and training programs on confabulation and the criminal justice system. When such education and training programs are unavailable, consultation with experts who understand the complexities of confabulation among criminal justice populations is strongly suggested. This has the potential to lead to an increase in positive long-term outcomes for all involved parties.

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Robert Biehn, M.A., is a mental health practitioner for Pathways Counseling Center. Robert is a seasoned correctional professional with 26 years of experience working with a variety of community corrections programs. Robert has completed an undergraduate degree in Corrections / Law Enforcement and a master's degree in Forensic Mental Health.



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Presenter: Rick Moldenhauer, MS, LADC, ICADC, LPCC
Human Services Representative
State Opioid Treatment Authority Representative| ADAD

This 3-hour workshop will focus initially on the fastest growing categories of substance use disorder we have in Minnesota currently, opioids (pharmaceutical and heroin) and methamphetamines. Working from whole State population and narrowing to specific population demographics (such as age, race and geographic location), we will examine trends and patterns of use.

The second portion of the presentation will focus on the symptom constellations for opioid and methamphetamine intoxication and withdrawal, with special focus made on differential diagnosis and common, co-morbid mental health and medical diagnosis.....

Objectives

- Be introduced to opioids and methamphetamine use in Minnesota.
- Learn about the psychosocial impact of opioids and methamphetamines on diverse populations.
- Learn the warning signs of opioid and methamphetamine intoxication and withdrawal.
- Learn about differential diagnosis.

November 17 – Cultural Diversity
December 15 – topic to be announced

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Meet your MCA Committee Chairs



Monique Drier
Vice President

In my current capacity, I act as a supervisor for Health and Human Services in Hennepin County at the Joint Community Police Partnership. I received my B.S. degree in Sociology from the University Wisconsin - River Falls with a Minor in Pre-Dental. I had every intention to become a Dentist. I began working as a Dental Assistant my junior year in high school. However I was given the privilege to Intern at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Stillwater at the end of my senior year and it helped me change my mind about my career path. This was not a popular choice in my parents' eyes at the time. I was born into a very middle class family from Durand, Wisconsin. My parents worked very hard to raise our family and stressed the importance of a college education. My parents still reside in Wisconsin. The community that I grew up in has changed considerably since I moved away to go to college. There is a very large contingent of Amish people that are my parents' neighbors. This has been a great learning experience for my entire family. As I was completing my junior year in college I met my husband and we have been happily married for 27 years. He remains my very best friend. After we had been married for a few years my son was born. Our only son - Treigh is 21 years old and a Registered Nurse working at Fairview Southdale Hospital. We are very proud of his many accomplishments.



Gina Evans
MCA Secretary

My name is Gina Evans and I am the Director of Community Outreach at Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge. I have over 25 years of experience with criminal justice and chemical dependency both inside and outside of institutions. As an impacted individual I believe my time inside the facilities gives me a unique perspective. I come to the table with a range of skills including networking, event planning, fundraising and lobbying. Starting in 2006, I spent my professional career lobbying for earmark funding, developing relationships in the public schools and implementing Know the Truth, Minnesota's largest and most utilized drug and alcohol prevention program. Last year KTT impacted over 55,000 young people in the MN and WI schools. Since 2009, I have been developing and presenting trainings to both the legal and social service communities to help professionals better serve those suffering with addiction and mental health. I am actively involved and/or a member of many other legal and social service associations including Second Chance Coalition, MN Sheriff's Association and the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers just to mention a few. I am honored to serve on the MN Corrections Association Board and to be part of the conversation to help corrections professionals in Minnesota be the best professional they can be.



Dan Kempf

Co-chair of the Membership Committee

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Worked Civilian Correctional Officer for the Wright County Sheriff's Department from 1991 to 1998. Served as a Corrections Sergeant for the Wright County Sheriff's Department in 1998. Worked as a Case Management for Assistant for the Hennepin County Adult Field services from 1998 to 1999. Career Probation Officer for Hennepin County Community Corrections and Rehabilitation from 1999 to 2014. Hennepin County Community Corrections Cognitive Skill Program Coordinator for Adult Field Services from 2010 to 2012. Corrections unit Supervisor Hennepin County Community Corrections and Rehabilitation 2014 to Present. Cognitive Behavioral Consultant Facilitating Cognitive Behavioral Groups for Anoka County Community Corrections from 2000 to present.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1990), Certificate from Minneapolis Technical College for Correctional Officer Training. Trained in Cognitive Behavioral Interventions by Correctional Counseling Incorporated.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Member of MCA since 1998. I have served as a MCA board member since 2003. Co-chair and Chair of the MCA membership committee 2003 to present.



Tara Rathman

Chair of the MCA Communications Committee

Tara Rathman is a 2002 graduate of Minnesota State University – Mankato, with a bachelor's degree in Corrections, and a 2006 graduate of Concordia University with a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. She has worked in corrections since 2002 and held various positions within the Department. As an agent, she supervised youthful offenders, maintained a group supervision caseload, an enhanced sex offender caseload and spent over four years as an ISR/CIP agent in the Mankato DOC Office. She spent a short time at MCF-Lino Lakes as a Case Manager before assuming her position as a Hearing Officer in 2013, with a promotion to Senior Hearing Officer in February of 2015. During her time in corrections, she has been actively involved in several projects, committees and trainings. She is currently the primary policy manager for the Hearings and Release Unit and serves as the Communications Committee Chair for MCA.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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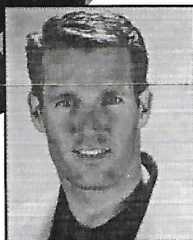
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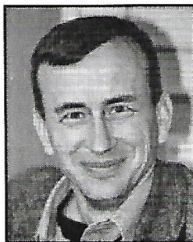
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News from the Student Services Committee

MCA, in coordination with the MCA Student Services Committee, has awarded scholarships to two college students to attend the Annual Fall Institute at Grandview Lodge.

The scholarship includes conference attendance, meals and Wednesday evening vendor hospitality/ networking event and Thursday evening a networking and entertainment event which will include a dinner buffet and musical entertainment.

MCA Fall Institute Attendance Student Scholarship winners are:
Amy Konickson from Bemidji State University, **Zach Alpaugh** from Winona State University and **Elizabeth Tumero Kovacs**

Congratulations to our winners!!!!!!

2018 Executive Board Elections

WHO WILL IT BE????

**Results for the 2018 Executive Board will be
announced at the MCA Member's Annual Business
Meeting and Final Keynote Session
Friday October 27th at 8:15 A. M.
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2017 MCA Scholarship Awards

Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) promotes education by providing two (2) \$500 scholarships for a current member or dependent of a current MCA member to be used during the term a student is enrolled in a post-secondary education program.

**Scholarship applications were accepted and the winners will be
announced November, 2017.**



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This situation also has a significant impact on our communities, law enforcement, and criminal justice systems. These systems are too often overloaded.

I see individuals who want to do the right thing every day. They want to have their driving privileges reinstated but do not for some reason. They may get overwhelmed with their situation. They just don't know how to complete the extensive requirements. Or, they can't complete the obligations within the mandatory time frame before getting revoked. They oftentimes become confused and frustrated with the process; every time they reach out and call someone, they may get a different answer . . . and sometimes the wrong answer.

Whatever the reason may be, an individual driving illegally has an impact on all of us.





Helping Individuals and our Communities Stay Safe

DWI Solutions is a Veteran-owned and operated company working to help individuals expedite the driver's license reinstatement process to regain their driving privileges.

We perform the required "leg work" for our clients by providing up-to-date information, answering questions and coordinating all aspects of the reinstatement process. DWI Solutions has developed and collaborated with an extensive network of professionals, such as Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselors (LADC) and treatment facilities, to provide options to help our clients make an educated decision based on their individual situation.

DWI Solutions Specialized Services:

- Multi-state reinstatements
- Minnesota Ignition Interlock Program
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- Auto insurance (SR-22/Certificate of Insurance) verification and/or quotes
- Plate impoundment (Special registration "Whiskey" plates)
- Chemical assessments
- Alcohol education classes
- Driver Diversion Program

Initial consultations are free-of-charge.

For more information about DWI Solutions services, please visit us at www.DWIsolutions.net



Julie Grandaw is the owner and founder of DWI Solutions. Julie started her company in 2014 to help individuals work through the intense challenges and desire to navigate the significant and confusing driving privilege reinstatement process.

Her passion to help individuals during, what may be one of the most difficult times in their life, has driven her to expand into all areas of driver's license reinstatements to help others get "back on track" and regain their driving privileges.

Julie is a military Veteran with more than 26 years of service. DWI Solutions, has achieved comprehensive reviews to validate her company's status as a Certified Veteran-Owned Small Business at both the state and federal levels.

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MCA Annual Training Institute

MCA Annual Training Institute Chairs: Amy Moeckel/Dan Raden/Shannon Fette

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Annual Training Institute Committee did a phenomenal job at preparing for the 2017 Annual Training Institute.

Please join us in celebrating 84 years of MCA at the Annual Training Institute located this year at the Grand View Lodge Nisswa, Minnesota.

A Special Thank You to our 2017 Fall Annual Institute Chairs:

- **Dan Raden/Amy Moeckel/Shannon Fette** – Co-Chair
- **Tom Redmond/Tom Jungman** – Arrangements
- **Jolene Rebertus/Sherry Bohn/Mary Oberstar**– Program
- **Vicki Lanners/Jean Wipper** – Registration
- **Raul Sanchez/Kurt Heideman** – Resource Fair
- **Christine Schweich**-Hospitality-Networking

Conference Highlights

The conference will be kicked off each day with relevant inspirational Keynote speakers.

“All Trumped Up”

Wednesday, October 25, 9:30am, Norway Center

Presented by Andre Koen

In this workshop you will learn how to understand the importance of controlling your emotions, your tongue and your mind. We will discuss how to deal with and understand that all people do not see the world that you do. How to tame your own ego and entertain their ego. You set the civil tone, reconcile, collaborate, console. We will learn to listen, the better you listen the closer to the core you get.

Mark J. Lindquist

As seen on ABC’s LOST, CBS’ Hawaii Five-O and the Universal Studios movie “Battleship,” Mark J. Lindquist is a nationally recognized motivational speaker, highly sought-after success coach, lead singer of the Mark J. Lindquist Big Band, world-touring entertainer, US Air Force and Afghanistan war veteran, and author of the books, “Passion! 8 Steps to Reignite Yours,” “Passion!

"Untouchable": An Important Documentary

Friday, October 27, 9am, Norway Center

Produced and Directed by David Feige

Untouchable: a documentary that ventures into one of the most difficult and emotional criminal justice issues of our time, the registration and restriction of sex offenders. It is an eye-opening and powerful piece of work that compels us to look at both sides of a controversial fence. The film is a fascinating look into how laws are created with the best of intentions, but enforced in problematic and sometimes destructive ways. "A brave film... that forces us to think hard about our preconceptions"—Melanie Votaw. Following the showing of the film there will be a panel and participant discussion, registry restrictions, current monitoring and registration issues, transitions, and the impact of the work we do.

Wednesday Hospitality Night

6pm-9pm Norway Center



- This night is sponsored by the vendors with food and beverage.
- We also have a special appearance by Kat Perkins!
- Raffles will be held, be sure and bring your name badge (raffle ticket is inside)

Following hospitality, join us for a fun-filled night of karaoke at Northwood Pub

Thursday Awards Ceremony and Social Hour:

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Norway Center

Come celebrate and support your fellow colleagues as they are recognized!

Join us as we congratulate:

Corrections Person of the Year

Holly Clark, Minneapolis YMCA

Professional Achievement Field Services

Debra Schmitt, Mower County Corrections

Professional Achievement Facility

Gino Anselmo, MCF-Togo

President's Award

Carlton County Restorative Justice Program

Board of Director's Award

Cal Saari, MCA Legislative Liaison

Thursday Networking/Entertainment Night

Following 2017 MCA Awards Ceremony & Social Hour



- Shuttles will be running continuously from Grand View's Main Lodge to Zorbaz following awards until midnight (sponsored by Intoxalock)
- **You will need your MCA name badge and ticket for entry to this event!**
- Come and enjoy pizza and taco buffet
- Enjoy our very own DOC band 1085-A!

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in Duluth for the Annual Training Institute!

The training will be held October 24th through the 26th

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