



**SUMMER 2013**

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# MAPSA MATTERS

## Letter from Outgoing MAPSA President

I am very happy to report, despite the crazy April 11<sup>th</sup> snowstorm, we had an extremely successful Annual Conference at Mystic Lake Casino! Thank you to the Board members, presenters, and MAPSA members who participated in the planning, presenting and attending the training. Without all of you, we would never have been able to pull off such a successful event. A special “shout out” goes to Tara Rother in particular, who identified the new venue and worked tirelessly at coordinating everything needed for the big day. Thank you!!

As I reflect on my tenure at MAPSA, I am thrilled to know the dynamic group of current board members who will continue to move the organization forward. I believe I have fulfilled my goal to re-energize and reorganize MAPSA, however there is still much work left to do! The new board members will be charged with maintaining and increasing the membership, providing relevant trainings and conferences, and keeping up on legislative concerns that may affect pretrial issues both locally and nationally. Please support your Board as they move forward by personally becoming active in the organization. Contact your regional representative when issues arise in your area. We need you to be our eyes and ears throughout the State.

Thank you, all of you for your support and encouragement during these many years that I have been part of the leadership team for MAPSA. Except for a few years in the early 2000's I have been involved in this organization as one of the remaining charter members since 1995. There was and continues to be an important reason for the relevance of MAPSA – primarily the clients we serve, and the support we give each other in this sometimes difficult and challenging work.

Please welcome Amy Olson – from Dakota County Community Corrections as your new President. She brings experience, energy and perspective to this organization. You are in very good hands!

Diana K Wilkie

# Conference Highlights



## 16th Annual MAPSA

## Conference

## Mystic

## Lake

## Casino

Nicole and Chief Lowry



Nicole Schroden, US Federal Agent was awarded the 2012 Board of Directors Award. MAPSA's annual Board of Directors award is given to a person or program who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and professionalism in a field of diversion, pretrial screening or pre-trial services. Chief Kevin Lowry presented her with the award.

Nicole Schroden



The Conference was held at the Mystic Lake Casino on April 11, 2013. It was a snowy day in April, but there was a good turnout. MAPSA would like to thank all the presenters, attendees and vendors who attended the conference. Presenters included: Matthew Blissenbach from St. Cloud Metro Treatment Center, Frank Del Re from the United States DEA; Mary Michaels from the VA Benefits Administration and Meriel Lester and Joyce Wong from the Stearns County Domestic Abuse Court. Thank you everyone for a great turnout. See you next year!

*-Please contact MAPSA board member or email MAPSA at [mapsa@mapsa.us](mailto:mapsa@mapsa.us) with any training suggestions.*



Breakfast served by Mystic Lake Casino, provided by MAPSA



NAPSA Representative, Nick Sayner from Justice Point in Milwaukee, Wisconsin addressed MAPSA. MAPSA was honored he attended the conference



MAPSA President, Diana Wilkie provided the opening remarks



Matthew Blissenbach, St. Cloud Metro Treatment Center (Pictured to left)

## Meet the Board: Lynette Wellmann– Region Two Representative

### What is your current job and where do you work?

I am currently the pre-trial agent for Brown County Probation. Along with that I also supervise about 40 group clients.

### How long have you been involved with MAPSA and what is your current position?

I have been involved with MAPSA for about one year and am currently the Region 2 Rep.

### What is your favorite season?

Having a favorite season is tough; I like something about all of them. If I had to pick I would say early fall, when the air is crisp and the trees are just starting to turn colors.

### Where did you attend college?

I attended college at Southwest State University in Marshall, MN. Of course they have since changed the name to Southwest Minnesota State University. Guess that just means I am getting old!

### If you won one million dollars, what would you do with it?

If I won a million a dollars, I would first make sure my kids were taken care of. I would build my dream house and of course have a maid and butler!! I would share with my family and research non-profit organizations that need money and make donations to them. Of course I would quit my job so that I could be a lady of leisure and sit at home and eat bon-bon's all day!!

### What is your favorite part about working in corrections?

My favorite part of working in corrections is seeing the improvements our clients make in their lives. Sometimes the successes are few and far between, but I truly believe, even if I give them one new skill that they can build on for the future, I've done my job. I have had clients come back years later and thank me for helping them.



### NEW MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE for NAPSA

#### MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD FOR 1 YEAR FROM DATE OF PAYMENT

- Full Membership (\$75): As a Full Member, an individual will be able to vote for all Board positions and hold office.
- Associate Membership (\$50): As an Associate Member, an individual cannot vote for Board positions or hold office.
- Affiliate Membership (\$50): As an Affiliate Member, an individual can only vote for the Affiliate Director and appropriate Regional Director. \*This membership is only available to individuals who are current members of their state affiliate association (CT, NY, PA, VA, FL, OH, MN, CO, CA). If an individual is not a current member of the state association the Affiliate membership will default to an Associate membership.

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\*Taken from www.napsa.org website.

In November 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics released *Pretrial Release and Misconduct in Federal District Courts, 2008-2010*.

The report provides data on federal defendants whose cases were disposed (terminated through guilty plea or conviction at trial, dismissal, or acquittal) between fiscal years 2008 and 2010. The report contains stats from age, gender, types of offenses, criminal history, ethnicity and citizenship. Some highlighted information contained in the report includes:

#### Defendants Receiving Pretrial Release

- Federal – 36 percent received pretrial release.
- State – 58 percent received pretrial release.

#### State

- 74 percent of felony defendants with no prior convictions received pretrial release.
- 39 percent of felony defendants with 5 or more prior convictions received pretrial release.

Full report: [www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/prmfdc0810.pdf](http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/prmfdc0810.pdf)

Taken from:

#### Office of Probation and Pretrial Services

Administrative Office of the United States Courts

# 2013 MAPSA Election

The MAPSA Election for 2013 took place over the months of April and May. Nominations were received for the position of President, Treasurer, Regions: II, IV, VI and VIII.

## The elections results are in:

**President:** Amy Olson, Dakota County Community Corrections

**Treasurer:** Levi Scheeler, Hennepin County Community Corrections

**Region II:** Lynette Wellmann, Brown County Probation

**Region IV:** Jeremy Gallagher, Stearns County Community Corrections

**Region VI:** Ronalea Lahti, Project Remand. *Ronalea was appointed as the Vice President and her Region Position will be filled shortly*

**Region VIII:** Vicki Netjes, Sherburne County Probation

### Board Members and Representatives:

**Secretary:** Tara Rother, Hennepin County Corrections

**Region I:** Aaron Langer, Rice County Corrections

**Region III:** OPEN, position will be filled shortly

**Region V:** OPEN

**Region VII:** OPEN

**Federal Rep:** Gary Smith, U.S. Federal Probation

Please contact any MAPSA Representative or Board Member if you are interested in joining the board.

*Diana Wilkie*

*MAPSA President 2011-2013*

*Thank you Diana for your leadership  
and dedication to MAPSA.*

*You will be missed!*

*MAPSA Board*



## LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY ALERT NOTICE

**ZANNIE**, phenazepam, a product marketed on the internet as a relaxing air freshener contains a prescription tranquilizer similar to Valium and Xanax.

Phenazepam is a benzodiazepine drug, which was developed and produced in Russia. In 1975 phenazepam was first synthesized in the USSR. In 2003 phenazepam is reported as a new recreational drug in Finland. In 2007 phenazepam is available in the UK as a powder. And, in 2010 phenazepam was found in the United States as the psychoactive ingredient in blotter prints (see picture) submitted to the DEA as suspected LSD. In isolated cases it has been around in the U.S. since 2010, but it now appears to be hitting main stream

synthetic drug sites being sold over the internet. Two overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2010. The first occurred in Georgia in September 2010, an 18-year-old died after using a combination of phenazepam and oxycodone. Three other individuals in the same incident were hospitalized.<sup>2</sup> The second death occurred in October 2010 in Charleston, West Virginia. A 42-year-old man died after ingesting both phenazepam and poppy tea.<sup>3</sup> The Federal Analog Act of the U.S. applies only to substances classified as Schedule I and Schedule II. Controlled benzodiazepines under the U.S. Controlled Substances Act are classified as Schedule IV. Phenazepam is a non-scheduled drug in the United States.

**Zannie** comes in a 3-inch-long, slim spray bottle that could be concealed in the palm of a person's hand. According to directions "3 - 4 sprays in the mouth is assured to get you high." The directions go on to warn people not to use it again for 48 hours. Like the other synthetic drugs **Zannie** bears the warning "Not for human consumption."

**Zannie Air Freshener** sold on internet.

Light blue/green color liquid.

Sold on the street as yellow & white tablets or white powder.

Product is intended to be sprayed into mouth like a breath freshener.

Onset within 1 hr.

Effects may last several days.

Powerful, long-acting benzodiazepine.

Users reported several administration routes. Injection, snorting, oral ingestion, rectal absorption, and cigarettes dipped in liquid phenazepam solution and then smoked. Smoking adds an additional health issue due to the fumes containing chlorine, bromine, and nitrogen oxide/nitrogen dioxide. All are toxic.<sup>7</sup> Reports of **ZANNIE** use have been documented in the Cleveland area with an OD in February 2013. Drug testing is available to detect the use and/or possession of phenazepam.

If you have any questions please contact Officer George "Pat" Willis, Lake County Narcotics Agency; 440-350-3302 or [george.willis@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:george.willis@lakecountyohio.gov)

<sup>1</sup> Louisiana Poison Center, Director Mark Ryan

<sup>2</sup> TerrapinFlyer (2010, September 20) Phenazepam leaves Cherokee teen dead, 3 friends hospitalized.

<sup>3</sup> Snouter Fancier (2010, October 4) Case Report: Fatality Involving the Ingestion of Phenazepam and Poppy Seed Tea.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.drugs-forum.com/forum/showwiki.php?title=Phenazepam>

<sup>5</sup> Donna Funderburke Mckinley and McKinley Consulting & Professional Life Coaching

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.drugs-forum.com/forum/showwiki.php?title=Phenazepam>

<sup>7</sup> LookChem (2010) Phenazepam.

