## A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: At-a-Glance

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## **DIVISION QUICK FACTS**

**lowa Celebrates Recovery Month with Adventure:** On September 18, 2010, Adventureland Amusement Park in Altoona will be the site for this year's statewide recovery event that celebrates the benefits of substance abuse treatment, salutes the work of treatment providers, and promotes the message of recovery from substance abuse addiction. Recovering persons, Access to Recovery participants, and their immediate family members can enjoy a fun day of rides, shows, and attractions—with a special 3:00p.m. presentation from notable guests. Tickets are limited and must be secured in advance! To order, treatment providers and ATR Care Coordinators must fax a Ticket Request Form to Training Resources at 515-309-3317 by August 20. For more information or to download the Ticket Request Form, go to www.trainingresources.org.

**Powell CDC Presents Bill W. and Dr. Bob:** As part of their Recovery Month celebration, the Powell Chemical Dependency Center at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines and StageWest Theatre are excited to bring the play "Bill W. and Dr. Bob" to Iowa. The play will make its debut September 17 and run through September 26. This is the amazing and often humorous story of the two men who pioneered Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as the story of their wives, who founded Al Anon. Tickets are on sale through the Civic Center ticket office in Des Moines, either in person or online at www.civiccenter.org. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000.

**SASC Celebrates Milestone:** The Substance Abuse Services Center celebrated their 35th anniversary with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at their newly renovated offices in Dubuque. SASC was originally incorporated in 1975 as the Tri-County Citizens Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, serving 450 clients with a staff of 13. Last year, the agency treated 2,600 people with substance abuse problems, served 800 at-risk youth in their school-based program and treated 589 people through their 11 county gambling treatment program. Congratulations SASC!

**Director's Corner:** In previous editions of this newsletter, I've talked about the transition of Iowa's addictions services — substance abuse treatment, substance abuse prevention, and problem gambling education and treatment — to a recovery-oriented system of care (ROSC) model that encompasses such things as program licensure standards, practitioner credentialing, services and supports, funding, service areas, local collaboration, and outcome measures. We've built this expectation into our substance abuse treatment and comprehensive prevention contracts and it will be in the next problem gambling provider RFP, with the new system due to be in place by July 2014 — which happens to coincide with the implementation dates of key elements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also know as healthcare reform. We are beginning to see guidance from SAMHSA, our federal partner, on how the substance abuse service system might change over the next few years and this must be incorporated into our thinking. To learn more, go to <a href="http://samhsa.gov/HealthReform/AddictionMHsyStem.aspx">http://samhsa.gov/HealthReform/AddictionMHsyStem.aspx</a> and read the <a href="https://samhsa.gov/HealthReform/AddictionMHsyStem.aspx">Description of a Modern Addictions and Mental Health Service System</a>. It bumps our ROSC discussion up to a whole new level! Thanks, Kathy Stone

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11th Iowa HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Conference: 2010 - A New Decade: A Call for Change September 22-23. Holiday Inn Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. For more information, contact Pat Young at <a href="mailto:pyoung@idph.state.ia.us">pyoung@idph.state.ia.us</a>.

2010 Mental Health Conference: Reinforcing Recovery and Resiliency October 5-6.

Iowa State Center, Scheman Building in Ames. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.trainingresources.org">www.trainingresources.org</a>.

**2010 Iowa Prevention Conference - Problem Gambling, Substance Abuse, Tobacco Control** November 4-5. Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org

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