

The following information is about the upcoming Middlesex Component of MDHA Novembermeeting. We are happy to welcome the Merrimack and Metropolitan Components, as part of Middlesex as MDHA transitions to the new structure, and look forward to seeing everyone there!! See below and attached:

Course Title: Chemical Dependency: Understanding Dental Implications with Addiction, and Recovery

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Registration and breakfast are 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM; course is from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Location: Hilton Boston/Woburn Hotel located at 2 Forbes Street, Woburn, MA.

Presenter: Barbara Sheerin RDH, MEd

Cost: "Early Bird" Members \$55 (registration must be received by Sunday, October 23rd), Members registered after this date \$60, Non-members \$75*. Prices include breakfast and course

CEU's: 3 Continuing education credits awarded

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Course Description: Substance abuse may have been a national concern, but is now deemed a crisis/epidemic. A dental professional may find themselves interacting with people who abuse drugs such as tobacco products, alcohol, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamine and prescription medications. It is important for oral health professionals to be able to identify problems of abuse and to provide informed care or referral. Oral implications of chemical dependency and abuse need to be considered in all phases of the dental hygiene care plan. Following the sharing of a personal story of dependency, abuse and recovery, the dental professional will have a greater understanding of treatment concerns and options.

Program Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the learner will be able to:

- -Identify patterns of dependency and abuse
- Discriminate drugs of choice and identify impacts on the body and mind
- Discuss various treatment options that patients may/are engaged in
- Identify oral signs of abuse and the chemicals within the drugs that cause hard or soft tissue changes
- Discuss care plan modifications and strategies for a chemically dependent person

About the Speakers:

Barbara Sheerin, RDH, MEd has more than 30 years of experience in the dental hygiene field. Her career has been multifaceted, including clinical dental hygiene, dental hygiene education, presenter, MDHA officer position and a lifelong member of ADHA. Barbara is currently a

Professor of Dental Hygiene at Cape Cod Community College. She has been published in various professional journals and is a contributor to the eleventh edition of the Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist by Dr. Esther Wilkins. She is a Past-President of the Massachusetts's Dental Hygienist Association and has served as a Student Advisor to American Dental Hygienists Association for many years.

Paul Sheerin MA LADC has a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and is a licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor. He has a variety of experiences in the field of substance abuse and addiction. He has worked in residential settings with adolescents battling addictions and mental health issues. His passion for this field brought him to work in medium security prisons providing chemical dependency counseling. Presently he works at Penikese Island, where male individuals age 18-24 year olds seek treatment.

Danielle A. is a courageous woman, mom, living a life in recovery from a chemical addiction.

To register, please print, fill out, & enclose the following form below.

Checks should be made out to: MDHA Middlesex Component

Send to:

Paulette Glasser, RDH (Middlesex Component Secretary)

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Billerica, MA 01821-4324

Questions? Please contact Paulette at ollie38@comcast.net

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Woburn, MA

Chemical Dependency:

Understanding Dental Implications with Addiction, and

Recovery

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

ADHA Member ? : Yes No

Amount Enclosed: _____

Save the Date!!!

Our next courses are scheduled for March 19, 2017 and April 23, 2017...

More details coming in the new year!