

AzSAM News

The News of Arizona Society of Addiction Medicine

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Letter from the President



I'd like to thank all of you who came out to The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa where we held our Second Annual AzSAM Fall Conference. We had record attendance with over 64 attendees and the attendee feedback was fantastic.

I'd also like to thank the Conference Chair, Dr. Dan Glick; Education Chair, Tony Dekker;

and Stacey Lindsay of Swivel Marketing who helped AzSAM coordinate the conference. Because of their time and commitment we had top notch event and received many positive comments about the location, presenters and schedule. Thank you also to CSAT, Alkermes, Forrest and all the wonderful treatment centers who participated. We couldn't have had such a successful event without their support.

This year's conference theme was A Professional's Palette to Addiction Medicine, and judging by the many positive comments we received on content (most comments ranked the conference between four and five on a scale of five) we hit the mark by giving attendees information they can use everyday in their working environments. If you have any feed back or are interested in working on the conference next year please e-mail Dan Glick at danglick@danglickmd.com.

Even though the Fall Conference is over, please continue to take advantage of our monthly dinner meetings where we feature a guest presenter on current issues we face in our practice. The dinner meetings are a great place to chat with colleagues and learn more about AzSAM. We hope to see you there!

In best health,
- Steven C. Boles, D.O., FASAM

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Calendar of Events

- ★ Next AzSAM Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2008
6:00 PM
McCormick & Schmick's
2575 E. Camelback Rd
Dr. Michael Carlton and Dr. Sue Sisley to pres
- ★ Wednesday, December 10
Fish Market
1720 E. Camelback Rd
Martin Mumenthaler a field medical advisor from Reckitt Benckiser to present
Reckitt Benckiser sponsoring
Board Meeting to follow
- ★ Thursday, December 11
Tucson - Location TBD
Reckitt Benckiser sponsoring

Mental Health Parity Bill

Mental Health Parity Approved With Recent Bailout Bill

The huge financial bailout President Bush signed in October also approved the Mental Health Parity bill. After passing the House earlier

Membership News

Election Time!

Have you been thinking about getting more involved with AzSAM but don't know how? Well now is a great time to

consider volunteering. We have many positions available and would love to see some new faces. If this is something you might be interested in contact Steve Boles at info@arizonasocietyofaddictionmedicine.org for more information and available positions.

ASAM National Dues Increase; Pay Now and Save!

In October the ASAM Board voted and approved to raise the national ASAM dues rate from \$300 to \$390 effective immediately. For all members who sent in their payment at the beginning of October will receive the \$300 rate. However, the second dues notice and application forms will now reflect the \$390 rate. Members will be receiving a reminder to pay their dues prior to January 1, 2009, to avoid having to pay the increased amount. For registration information go to www.asam.org

Member Profile



Dan Glick, M.D.

Dr. Glick received his medical degree from The University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1984, and completed his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. He completed his residency and served as chief resident in Psychiatry at the Maricopa County Medical Center. He also served three years as Medical Director of the Alcohol & Drug

Dependency program for Cigna Healthcare Arizona.

Dr. Glick began his membership in ASAM in 1989 but became inactive. In 2007, he renewed his membership in ASAM and AzSAM with vigor. He currently serves as President-elect; was chairman for the Fall Conference, was a speaker at last year's Fall Conference and has played a vital role in developing a long-term strategic plan for AzSAM. He is also an active member of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry.

Dr. Glick intends to run for president during the next AzSAM election and would like to continue making AzSAM a dynamic and influential professional group that is dedicated to raising awareness, increasing access to care, and educating the broader medical community about the art, science, treatment, and current research regarding addictive diseases.

Dr. Glick has also been very involved with men's service organizations -- helping to address their unique and often

this year, the mental health parity bill sat waiting in the Senate until last month when it gained forward momentum as the vehicle for the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan. This bill's passage marks the end of a 12-year journey supporting equal insurance for mental health issues.

This is a huge win for the field of addiction medicine professionals and patients. The new law stops insurance plans from being allowed to pay less to treat mental ailments as opposed to physical ones. The terms of the new law apply to businesses that employ 50 or more people and that offer health insurance with mental health coverage.

Now, these businesses must offer mental health coverage to the same extent as all other benefits. Most of the requirements take effect a year from now. Watch the AZSAM newsletter and website for more information.

Arizona Law Update

Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program Update

As most of you know in July of 2007 a law was signed into effect by Governor Janet Napolitano to better keep track of controlled substances by detecting illicit prescribing and dispensing. What you may not know is that mandatory reporting by pharmacies began on October 17, 2008. The current monitoring program is highly supported by AzSAM and allows the Arizona Pharmacy Board to work with law enforcement to identify illegal activity. For review, the new system includes the following:

- A computerized central database tracking system to track the prescribing, dispensing and consumption of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances in Arizona

underserved needs. As a certified leader candidate with [The ManKind Project](#) he has participated in various men's groups, coordinated and conducted leadership workshops, and participated in powerful, transformational trainings with inmates at Folsom Prison's Inside Circle www.insidecircle.org .

In 1989, Dr. Glick started his own practice, now located in Scottsdale where he resides with his daughter. To learn more about Dr. Glick please visit his website at www.danglickmd.com

- Assists law enforcement in identifying illegal activity related to the prescribing, dispensing and consumption of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances
 - Provides information to patients, medical practitioners, and pharmacists to help avoid the inappropriate use of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances
 - Is designed to minimize inconvenience to patients, prescribing medical practitioners and pharmacies while effectuating the collection and storage of information
- In January AzSAM will host a "mini-conference" on Prescribing Opiates Safely and will also touch on this topic. Be sure to watch for more information on dates and times. If you would like more information on CSPMP you can contact Dean Wright, Arizona's Prescription Monitoring Program Director at (602) 771-2744 or Email dwright@azpharmacy.gov

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