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**To:** Florida Addiction and Mental health Professionals

**From:** Board of Directors: The Florida Addiction Treatment Coalition (FATC)

**Mission:** *FATC mission is to bring integrity and accountability to our industry while bringing the attention back to countless premiere programs that call Florida home.*

The Board of Directors hope everyone is well and made it through this past year. It has been quite some time since the organization The Florida Addiction Treatment Coalition (FATC) reached out to everyone. Well, we're back.

The Florida treatment center community is invited to a special first back to basics meeting of FATC on September 23, 2021, being held at the conference Center-Mandala Healing Center, located 5406 East Avenue, West Palm Beach. Registration begins at 10:30am and the meeting begins at 11AM to 1PM.

In an effort to create an environment of safety with Covid on the rise, at registration each person will be asked if vaccinated. We want people to be honest and if not vaccinated we do ask that a mask is worn. Thank you

Thank you: MD Solutions for providing and sponsoring the meeting.

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## **New Business:**

- a. Meetings will be held every other month at the Mandala location WPB Dates: November 18, 2021, January 17, 2022, and March 21, 2022 confirmed at the Mandala location. Dates will be sent out as soon as we have confirmation.
- b. *Operating expenses.* At each meeting a \$10.00 donation lunch fee is charged and when registering please be prepared to pay at the registration table. Credit cards will be accepted
- c. *Yearly Membership fee.* \$25.00. The fee will provide a listing in the FATC directory, website, and ability to participate in committees and other special activities. Credit cards will be accepted.

\*\*Registration will be set up at the entrance to the conference center for monthly meeting donations and membership fees.

## **Agenda:**

- A. *Introduction:* President Bob Lehmann
- B. *FATC will be introducing the new Sub Committees.*
  - a. **Program Integrity.** Joe Bryan. Committee Chairman. One of the primary focuses will be the development of a questionnaire that will assess key indicators for treatment facilities and programs. The goal is to promote the clinical excellence and integrity of Florida treatment programs.
  - b. **Advocacy....** Joe Donovan. Committee Chairman. This committee will be assessing changes that will be occurring in the laws and policies and procedures associated with substance abuse and mental health treatment in Florida and nationally. This committee will be drafting position statements on behalf of FATC.
  - c. **Promoting Florida Treatment....** Joel Rusher. Committee Chairman. This committee will be advocating and promoting FATC and its members and treatment in Florida.
  - d. **Clinical Excellence....** The head of this committee and the focus is yet to be determined.
- C. Committee sign up. (Forms will be at the registration table and passed through audience). Please consider the best use of your talent and commitment to making Florida Treatment a place of integrity and recovery. The board of Directors will make the determination of the 5 seats for each committee, and you will be notified. Thank you in advance.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Board of Directors is ...to announce FATC AND EAP-FL will be joining forces. Florida EAP-FL will become a program of FATC. The joining of these two fine organizations will create a much stronger organization than if the two continued to function independently...*MORE TO COME*

**In closing** we are very excited with the re-emergence of FATC and hope you will join us. Hope to see you on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come join us and thank you in advance. Let's make Florida a safe and integrous place for addiction and mental health treatment.

*FATC BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

**TOGETHER WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL**