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## **Press Release**

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**Dr. Mee-Lee to present on ASAM Criteria for drug courts at NADCP conference**

Carson City, Nevada – April 16, 2014 – David Mee-Lee, MD, Chief Editor of *The ASAM Criteria* and Senior Vice President of The Change Companies®, will be presenting on the new edition of *The ASAM Criteria* and its implications for drug courts and treatment providers at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) 20<sup>th</sup> annual training conference.

“To achieve the outcomes we all want – increased public safety, decreased legal recidivism and crime – it is imperative that drug courts and treatment providers work closely together as a team,” said Dr. Mee-Lee. “It is equally important for drug court professionals to know about the state of the art in addiction treatment, *The ASAM Criteria*.”

Released in the fall of 2013, the new edition of *The ASAM Criteria* applies the newest science in the field of addiction medicine and includes a new section specific to application in criminal justice settings – jails, prisons, probation or parole, and drug or mental health courts – where justice personnel and treatment providers are working with individuals with a substance use disorder, gambling disorder or related disorder who are incarcerated or under community-based supervision.

“*The ASAM Criteria* provides the latest criteria for levels of care in the continuum of addiction treatment,” said Dr. Mee-Lee. “During my presentation, we’ll be looking at how to help drug court participants do real treatment and accountable change, not ‘do time’ in a treatment program.”

This year, NADCP is “celebrating 25 years of drug court” and will provide opportunities for networking and learning from fellow practitioners and experts from around the world. The NADCP conference runs May 28-31 in Anaheim, California, at the Anaheim Convention Center. Dr. Mee-Lee’s presentation is on Wednesday, May 28. This is his first time speaking at the NADCP conference. More information about the conference can be found here:

<http://www.nadcp.org/2014-training-conference>



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Dr. Mee-Lee is a board-certified psychiatrist and is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM). He is a leading expert in co-occurring substance use and mental disorders with over 30 years' experience in person-centered treatment and program development. Dr. Mee-Lee has trained and consulted for hundreds of organizations, ranging from small mental health centers to government departments and national behavioral health care companies. He joined The Change Companies® in 2008.

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