MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Substance Abuse Research Center at the University of Michigan

Date: __________________________

Name: __________________________

Degree: __________________________

Rank and/or Title: __________________________

Department and Discipline (Primary Appointment): __________________________

School/College/Unit: __________________________

Other Appointments: __________________________

Campus Address: __________________________

Campus Telephone: __________________________

Campus Fax: __________________________

Unique Name and E-mail Address: __________________________

Description of current principal role in substance abuse field (indicate approximate percentages of effort if appropriate):

Research [ ]

Training [ ]

Teaching [ ]

Counseling [ ]

Clinical/Service Delivery [ ]

Student [ ]

Other (Please Specify): __________________________

Please provide the following information that will be included in the membership directory to inform other members of your experience and interest.

1. A brief description of your current work (e.g. ongoing research, teaching activities, job description, clinical role, student major, career plans).

2. A brief summary of your previous experience or background in the area of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs that is not covered in item #1.

3. Two to three phrases or sentences describing your areas of interest in the substance abuse field that are not covered in item #1, including (where relevant) research, teaching, clinical, counseling, policy, service delivery, etc.

4. Key words that could be used in electronic searches to identify your work.

The success and vitality of UMSARC depends on individual member participation in some fashion. The following is a listing of the types of participation possible. Please indicate which activities would be of most interest to you.

- Governance (Executive or Other Committee)
- Teaching/Training Students & Fellows
- Identifying a Center-Based Project
- Seminar Participation
- Organizing or Leading Seminars
- Proposal Writing
- Collaborating on a Project
- Other (Please Specify)

Please check here if you are interested in affiliate membership only. Affiliate (non-voting) membership is available to individuals who do not wish to be active in the Center but want to be kept informed of the Center activities. Affiliates will receive information about Center events.

Name: __________________________

Campus Address: __________________________

Other Appointments: __________________________

Please return this application with a copy of your curriculum vitae (you are also invited to provide 2-3 articles which reflect your work) to: Substance Abuse Research Center; 475 Market Place, Suite D; Ann Arbor, MI 48108-1649. Application also available on our website: www.umich.edu/~umsarc.
News of Substance

The University of Michigan has been a part of a five-year National Institutes of Health study researching social norms media campaign influence on heavy drinking at several universities across the country. The University of Michigan Health Service will distribute the first poster of the campaign this semester, with other media pieces added for the 2004-5 academic year.

The social norms campaign is one tool in a comprehensive approach to alcohol risk reduction on campus. Among subgroups of college students, the actual levels of alcohol consumption among college students are much lower than students perceive them to be. Thus, it is hypothesized that by providing accurate information about alcohol use there will be changes in perceptions about drinking on campus. This in turn may lead to fewer students engaging in high-risk drinking.

Using campus media (such as newspaper ads, posters, flyers, electronic bulletin boards, and radio ads), the campaign will feature positive statistics from our school, which illustrate that most students make moderate, low risk choices with respect to alcohol consumption. A typical social norms message would be “Most students (61%) at the University of Michigan have 0-4 drinks when they party”.

The statistics used from our school come from the Survey of College Alcohol Norms and Behavior, a survey that was administered in winter 2003. For more information, contact Martha Benz at (734)467-4656 or marsha@umich.edu.

UMSARC Awarded MDOC Contract

UMSARC again received a two-year contract from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to evaluate their substance abuse treatment programs for adult offenders. UMSARC has provided independent evaluations of these programs continuously since 1999, when the federal government awarded contracts to the State of Michigan to institute Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) programs.

RSAT treatment units function as modified therapeutic communities within the prisons to reduce relapse and recidivism on return to the community. RSAT targets both substance abuse and criminal behaviors close to the offenders release date.

Initially, the UMSARC team conducted developmental ‘process evaluations’ in which implementation goals were measured and feedback was given to stakeholders for program improvement. Currently we perform ‘outcome evaluations’ looking at relapse, recidivism, and re-arrest (new felony convictions) on offenders who have graduated from the RSAT treatment programs and are out in the community.

Comparisons are made with other MDOC substance abuse treatment modalities, as well. The upcoming evaluations will focus on treatment efficacy and cost analysis. The contract extends from October 2003 through September 2005 and will be administered by UMSARC staff and researchers.

Dr. Delva Joins the Survey Research Center

In September of 2003, Dr. Jorge Delva, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, joined the Survey Research Center as Faculty Associate to work on the Youth, Education, & Society (YES) project (part of the RWJF’s “Bridging the Gap: Informing Practice for Health Youth Behavior initiative and NIDA’s ‘Monitoring the Future’”). The major goal of this project is to continue to build a research framework within which particular policies, programs, and practices adopted at the state, community or school level can be evaluated effectively. The ultimate goal is to help bring about changes in society that will ameliorate the problem behaviors of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by American young people. More recently, the project has expanded to identifying individual, school, and community-level factors associated with increased obesity among youths.

The membership of the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center (UMSARC) continues to grow and is now comprised of over 100 researchers including 14 affiliate members from other universities. UMSARC researchers come from a wide array of over 20 different disciplines such as American Culture, Behavioral Neuroscience, Biological Chemistry, Biopsychology, Criminology, Education, Emergency Medicine, Economics, English, Epidemiology, History, Kinesiology, Law, Medicine, Neuroscience, Nursing, Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Physiology, Psychiatry, Psychology, Public Health, Social Service Administration, Social Work, Sociology, Statistics, and Women’s Studies.

The benefits of becoming an UMSARC member include receiving the UMSARC newsletter twice a year, notification of upcoming events, and voting privileges. We encourage you to have your colleagues apply for membership by using the application form on the back of this newsletter.