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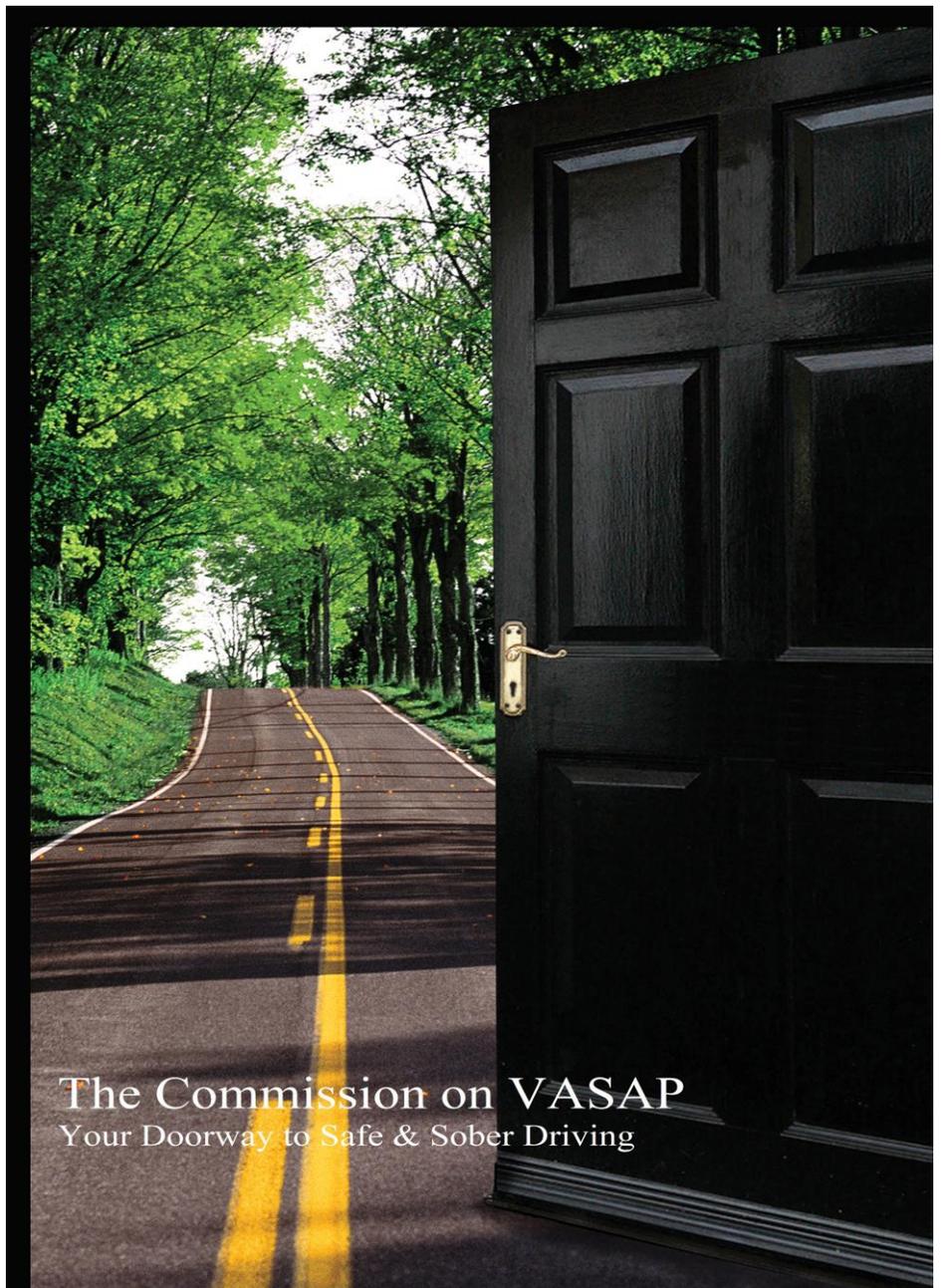
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the VASAP quarterly newsletter! The Commission on VASAP places a premium on communication. This quarterly newsletter is created with the intent of sharing information on the VASAP system with our business partners and stakeholders.

“I am very excited about the new VASAP quarterly newsletter and the opportunity it affords the Commission state office to share information and provide status updates to policy board members, ASAP directors, and other stakeholders.”

Angela D. Coleman, Executive Director

RETIREMENT OF JOHN KIMBEL, COMMISSION ON VASAP IT ADMINISTRATOR

John Kimbel began his career with the Commission on VASAP in 2004. Upon joining the Commission on VASAP, John embraced the case management system, INFERNO, and was dedicated to making it reach its full potential in a short amount of time. Although John's primary duties were allocated to the state office, over the years he has also provided state-wide assistance to the local programs on multiple technological fronts.

John's contributions to the statewide VASAP system are invaluable and he blazed a path for our future success with the implementation of our new web-based case management system. Please join us in congratulating John and wishing him the best moving forward into retirement!

VASAP ENGINUITY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ("ECM") UPDATE

The state office has been working with Adsystem on simplifying the transfer process between ASAPs and has created multiple template letters which have been incorporated into the correspondence section of the new system. As part of the ongoing standardization process, the new system will require use of the same terminology for ASAP classes and for case notes. We are excited about the new system and how quickly it has evolved over the past few months. In the near future, the state office will begin a program to provide ECM training to newly hired ASAP employees.

VASAP MOBILE APPLICATION UPDATE

In our last newsletter we highlighted a new project we were working on, a mobile application geared towards overcoming reciprocity issues among the states. We are happy to announce the name of our new application, INSPIRE, which is an acronym for **I**ntegrated, **N**ational, **S**tandardized, **P**articipatory, **I**nterlock, **R**eciprocity, **E**xchange. The application is evolving nicely and is expected to be released to the public by the end of September, 2019. Commission staff will initiate a robust INSPIRE training with our neighboring states in September with the goal of exposure to all states by May of 2020.

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

The VASAP Advisory Board continues to move forward in looking at ways to increase efficiencies and reduce operational costs within the ASAP state-wide system. The Board is winding down its review and is set to present its findings to members of the Commission on VASAP at the December 13, 2019 meeting.

IGNITION INTERLOCK CIRCUMVENTION

The Commission state office has been working hard to reduce the instances of ignition interlock circumvention offenses throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In the process, Commission staff continues to build strong relationships with magistrates, Commonwealth Attorneys, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The Commission is excited to announce that we have received grant funds to spread the message about the dangers and consequences of circumventing the ignition interlock device. We plan to create a PSA for distribution in 2020.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & AWARENESS

One of the primary target areas for the Commission on VASAP is in the area of Public Information & Awareness. We are continuously seeking opportunities to share VASAP's mission and educate the public about the dangers of impaired driving. Recently we have embarked on the following:

University of Richmond Partnership

The Commission on VASAP has recently partnered with the University of Richmond to share our message on the dangers of driving impaired at two home football games this coming fall. The Commission will staff a public information and awareness table outside of the games several hours before kick-off which will provide ample time to share our message with tailgaters and other attendees as they enter the game.

Norfolk Re-Entry Council Workshop

On July 16, 2019, Commission staff and local ASAP personnel presented three sessions to individuals seeking re-entry into the community. Information was shared on the ASAP program, licensing, and the ignition interlock program. Participants received valuable information to assist them in obtaining their licenses from DMV.

Blues, Brews, & Barbeque on the River Festival & 2019 Virginia Ride for Kids

On May 4 and June 2, 2019 the Commission staffed public information and awareness tables at two separate events. We shared give-away items with the public to include brochures, wrist bands, chapstick, and cups incorporating the drive sober message. Attendance at the table exceeded expectations and visitors showed appreciation and enthusiasm for our message.

CONFERENCES & TRAINING

2019 VASAP Conference

The Commission on VASAP Annual Conference was held at the Hampton Convention Center on August 19 and 20th. There were multiple sessions presented to approximately 197 attendees. Session topics focused on everything from managing effective performance, to critical thinking and decision making, to boating under the influence. Attendees also received training on the new case management information system, ASAP Operational Guidelines, DMV processes, ignition interlock circumvention cases, and how to manage stresses on the job.

2019 Judicial Conference

The Commission staffed a public information and awareness table at the Judicial Conference located in Williamsburg, VA on August 29 and 30th. We were afforded a great opportunity to talk to judges throughout the state and continue to foster relationships with our judicial partners. In addition, we presented the results of our latest recidivism study to the judges along with issues related to ignition interlock circumvention cases.