

REPORT TO AREA 3 FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

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MEMBER SERVICES: The Society exists to forward the treatment of adolescents with mental illness and further education and research in the area.

Its main involvement with members is through the annual meeting, which this year was held in New York City between March 16 and 18. The theme was “Beyond Our Roots: Advances in Adolescent and Emerging Adult Psychiatric Care.”

A partial list of topics addressed include the challenges of treating emerging adults in the military, a developmentally informed approach to treating transitional age youth with serious mental illness, Mental health delivery to special populations, the implications of cannabis legalization, smart phones and teens, the opioid epidemic and adolescents, and a variety of other topics.

The Society also offers a certification exam in Adolescent Psychiatry and periodic recertification via a peer-reviewed report of an adolescent in treatment.

We are a group of nearly all psychiatrists with an occasional psychologist member, but the membership is diverse with a notably significant number of foreign medical graduates as members.

We are a small group so that our advocacy efforts are pursued through the Areas and the APA.

Education: see above. In addition, Lois Flaherty, MD, edits Adolescent Psychiatry, the official Journal of ASAP. Approximately 29 hours of CME credit were offered for the meeting in March.

President Theodore Petti, MD, and the Governing Board have made a decision to move our annual meeting to May, 2019, in the days before the APA Meeting in San Francisco, after having met in New York City for some five years.

The program will be available in early January. Members of Area 3 are invited to join us at the upcoming meeting. Our website can be found by entering American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry into your browser.