Organizational Commitment Statement

As the New Hampshire state affiliate of NAADAC, the National Association for Addiction Professionals, NH Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association’s mission is to provide quality education, workforce development, advocacy, ethical standards and leadership for addiction professionals. We empower efforts in prevention, treatment and recovery. Our vision is to learn, grow, serve – supporting recovery through a qualified and educated workforce.

Substance Use Disorder is one of the leading public health issues in the United States today. Well-supported scientific evidence shows that a substance use disorder is a chronic brain disease that has potential for recurrence and recovery. The impact of this public health issue reaches beyond substance use disorder professionals and across entire communities. We hereby commit to join with the work of the National Academy of Medicine’s Action Collaborative.

We believe the health of the caregiver is an ethical imperative for the integrity of our professional and educational systems to ensure care and safety of those we serve.

Specifically, we commit to:

- Providing current, research- and evidence-based education related to substance use disorders as well as chronic stress, burnout and resilience, and best practices regarding interventions;
- Informing our members and the greater community about the importance of practitioner self-care in order to provide the highest quality services;
- Spearheading the appropriate incorporation of integrative health practices that can reduce or prevent chronic stress and burnout and promote resilience and well-being, especially in collaborative settings; and
- Actively participating in policy discussions on these issues.