

NEW MAPA LOBBYIST

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MAPA Legislative Committee News Release:

The Legislative Committee has been working hard to find a new lobbying firm for MAPA. We sent out Request for Proposals to six different firms, and got four back. Of those four, three firms were interviewed on Nov. 7th, 2014. After a brief discussion, the committee chose the firm, Penman & Winton to submit to the Board for approval at the Nov. 23rd, Fall Board Meeting. The Executive Committee did approve the hiring of Penman & Winton.

On December 5th, the MAPA Legislative Committee met with Scott Penman, in Jefferson City to go over the contract and to come up with some legislative strategies. The Committee believes that this firm will do a great job advocating for MAPA in Jefferson City, as they have lots of experience working with Department of Mental Health, and MoHealthNet, as well as other state agencies.

Our attorney, Elizabeth Hodges, and our President Cathy Richards, are in the process of fine tuning the contract, but once it is finished, we will have a new lobbying firm, Penman & Winton, on January 1, 2015.

The Committee is very excited and eager to work with this firm, and for our Association, to help to get some changes made in the near future. If anyone wants more information, or if anyone would like a copy of Penman & Winton's Proposal for Services, we will be happy to email it you. Contact Sherry Shamel.

Thanks to all that responded to the Priority List question. It was very helpful in our meeting on Friday, Dec. 5th, and we did go over your issues and concerns with Scott Penmen.

Kathy Oliver, Co-Chair – MAPA Legislative Committee

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