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A commitment to education and mentoring emerging professionals is what drives the Regional Vice President from the North Central Region.

Diane Sevensing, EdD, CCDC-III, a faculty member in the Department (USD) of Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of South Dakota and has a long and continued commitment to the association and support for the addiction profession.

Dr. Sevensing has served as the NAADAC student *ad hoc* committee chair since 2006 and assisted in the development of state affiliate's council of students, guidebook (bylaws) for college and university student organizations. She has also been a faculty advisor to the local student organization, the Coalition of Students and Professionals Pursuing Advocacy (CASPPA), since 2005 and encourages students to attend NAADAC conferences.

She is motivated by compassion and believes in the NAADAC mission to lead, unify and empower addiction focused professionals to achieve excellence through education, advocacy, knowledge, standards of practice, ethics, professional development and research. She also wants to focus on the recruitment of addiction studies students who will enhance the health and recovery of individuals, families, and communities and help strengthen NAADAC by emerging as future leaders.

In addition to her academic credentials, Dr. Sevensing has presented at the 2010 National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD), the 2007 Advocacy in Action Conference and the 2006 Workforce Development Summit. She served as an addiction family therapist at St. Luke's Addiction Center for one year and as the alcohol and drug counselor at the USD student health services for seven years.