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Frances Patterson, PhD, MAC, BCPC, CCJAS, QSAP, QCS has been a NAADAC member for almost 20 years. She has served as president of Middle Tennessee Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MTAADAC) and President of the Tennessee Affiliate. She is a member of the NAADAC trainers academy and a NAADAC approved provider. Dr. Patterson is currently the chair of the NAADAC Clinical Issues committee and a member of the ethics committee. In 2006, Dr. Patterson was awarded the Mel Schulstad award as the professional of the year.

In 2010, Dr. Patterson, along with Mid-Central Regional Vice President John Lisy, spearheaded NAADAC's response to the release of the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) produced by the American Psychiatric Association's (APA).