## **Education, Outreach and Public Policy**

**Mission:** The overall mission of the Education, Outreach and Public Policy (EOPP) Committee is to focus on interface between CPDD and the public. The committee will address issues related to the interaction of CPDD with local communities, treatment providers, governmental agencies, and other professional organizations. The EOPP will aim to develop a unified message and seek opportunities to maximize the visibility and influence of CPDD in relevant and important community-based initiatives, policy-related discussions and other appropriate forums. The EOPP will keep the CPDD membership informed about important policy-related issues and opportunities for action. The EOPP will work in close collaboration with multiple CPDD committees in fulfilling it mission, most importantly the Media Relations and Program Committees.

**Committee Members:** Members of the Committee and its Chair are appointed by the President-Elect for a three-year term (Except in this first year when several members have been assigned a 2 year term to insure continuity of membership). Terms begin and end after the Annual Meeting. The Director of Friends of NIDA serves as an Ex-Officio member of the Committee. CPDD immediate past-president also serves on the Committee.

**Committee Operations:** The Committee has a face-to-face meeting at the Annual CPDD meeting and conducts business through e-mail and conference calls between meetings. The Committee may convene satellite meetings to address specific topics. The Committee makes an annual report to the full Board at the annual meeting.