

# The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

## Public Policy Update

### July 18, 2013

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#### Legislative News

##### House and Senate Appropriations Update

###### House Commerce-Justice-Science

On Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> Public Policy Associate Andrew Whitacre attended the House Appropriations Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee mark-up of the FY14 appropriations bill. The bill funds the Department of Justice (DOJ) at \$26.3 billion, which is a decrease of \$720 million (3 percent) from the enacted FY13 level (pre-sequester). The bill was reported to the full House Appropriations Committee by unanimous voice vote. On Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> the full House Appropriations Committee approved the bill by unanimous voice vote. No amendments were adopted that either made changes to NASADAD priority programs or altered the overall allocation numbers in the bill. The bill has not been scheduled for a House floor vote yet. Below are funding comparisons to the FY13 enacted (pre-sequester) level for NASADAD DOJ priority programs:

- Second Chance Act- \$55 million compared to \$68.75 million in FY13 (-\$13.75 million)
- Drug Courts- \$41 million compared to \$41 million in FY13 (level funded)
- Veterans Treatment Courts- \$4 million compared to \$4 million in FY13 (level funded)
- Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA)- Consolidated into mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration program grants line, \$7.5 million compared to \$9 million in FY13 (-\$1.5 million)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)- \$6 million compared to \$12.5 million in FY13 (-\$6.5 million)
- Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL)- \$0 million compared to \$5 million in FY13 (-\$5 million)
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP)- \$7 million compared to \$7 million in FY13 (level funded)

###### Senate Commerce-Justice-Science

On Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Public Policy Associate Andrew Whitacre attended the Senate Appropriations mark-up of the FY14 appropriations bill. Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) set the 302b funding allocation for the subcommittee at \$52.272 billion compared to \$50.110 billion (+\$2.162 billion) in FY13 (pre-sequester) and the \$47.4

billion (+\$4.872 billion) approved by the House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday. The Senate Committee has not made the program level funding numbers available yet.

For more information:

- Chart comparing NASADAD DOJ priority program funding levels from FY12, the FY13 enacted level (pre-sequester), the President's FY14 Budget Request, the FY14 House Appropriations Subcommittee Mark-Up, and the FY14 Field Request (*attached*)
- [FY14 House Appropriations Commerce-Justice-Science Bill Report](#)
- [FY14 House Appropriations Commerce-Justice Science draft bill](#)

### Senate Labor-HHS-Education

On Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> Public Policy Director Michelle Dirst and Public Policy Intern Amber Jabeen attended the Senate Appropriations Committee mark-up of the Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education FY14 appropriations bill. The bill received \$164.3 billion, which is \$7.8 billion more than the FY13 enacted level (pre-sequester) and \$42.5 billion more than the funding level set by the House in its 302b allocations last month. The bill passed the committee in a 16-14 party-line vote. The measure was reported to the full committee by the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee led on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Below are funding comparisons to the FY13 enacted (pre-sequester) level for NASADAD HHS priority programs:

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)- \$3.529 billion compared to \$3.568 billion in FY13 (-\$39 million)
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant- \$1.819 billion compared to \$1.796 billion in FY13 (+\$23 million)
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)- \$175.6 million compared to \$186 million in FY13 (-\$10.4 million)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)- \$1.064 billion compared to \$1.053 billion in FY13 (+\$11 million)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)- \$460.8 million compared to \$459.5 million in FY13 (+\$1.3 million)

The bill has not been scheduled for a Senate floor vote yet and the House Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee has yet to schedule a mark-up of their FY14 funding bill.

Attachments include:

- Chart comparing NASADAD HHS priority program funding levels for the Senate FY14 bill, the FY13 enacted level (pre-sequester), the President's FY14 Budget Request, and the FY14 Field Request
- Senate FY14 Labor-HHS-Education CSAT and CSAPT PRN funding levels and report language on NASADAD priority programs

For more information, please see [Senate Appropriations Committee](#)

## **News**

**House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Medicaid and the ACA**

On Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> Public Policy Associate Andrew Whitacre attended a hearing held by the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee entitled “Making Medicaid Work for the Most Vulnerable.” The hearing was the final hearing in a series on Medicaid reform. Chairman Joe Pitts (R- PA 16<sup>th</sup>) discussed his concerns regarding access to care, limited plan flexibility, and lower outcomes for Medicaid patients than for patients in private plans. Representative John Sarbanes (D-MD 3<sup>rd</sup>) brought up the importance of Medicaid as a safety net for those that are shut out of private insurance or are otherwise too poor to afford coverage. He highlighted the need for Medicaid to move to a place-based health care model, which would include school-based care.

The panel of witnesses testifying before the subcommittee included: Nina Owcharenko, Director of the Center for Health Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation; Tarren Bragdon, President and CEO of the Foundation for Government Accountability; and Alan Weil, Executive Director of the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP). Ms. Owcharenko expressed concerns with Medicaid’s ability to meet the needs of the expansion population, and instead recommended that the program focus on meeting its current obligations rather than expand eligibility. Mr. Weil described Medicaid as the workhorse of the health system with a dynamic and adaptable coverage system. He noted that the program has led the way in many health care innovations, including as a leader in patient-centered medical homes and the current health home model being implemented through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Mr. Bragdon expressed concern over the large growth of Medicaid spending in State budgets, which he noted is the largest growing line item in most States.

For full video of the hearing and written testimony from the witnesses, please see [House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee](#)

### **House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health Holds Hearing on the Delay of the Employer Mandate**

On Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the decision by the Obama Administration to delay the employer mandate and the employer information reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Chairman Kevin Brady (R- TX 8<sup>th</sup>) began by expressing concerns about the implications the decision to delay the employer mandate by one year has on the prospect of continuing the implementation schedule of the individual mandate. The witness panel was comprised of ethics policy experts and law academics that testified about issues ranging from the ACA’s effect on businesses and individuals, to the legality of the delay. The panel included: Avik Roy, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute; James Capretta, Fellow with the Ethics and Public Policy Center; William Dennis Jr., Senior Research Fellow at the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB); Sean Falk, Owner of WolfTeaM LLC and President of Nachogang LLC, and there on behalf of the International Franchise Association; and Timothy Jost, Professor at the Washington and Lee University School of Law. The experts welcomed the decision of delaying the employer mandate so that businesses can have more time to address compliance issues, but expressed concern about the lack of information and education they had received, whether as business owners or policy experts, about implementation of all of the complex compliance measures of the ACA. Representative Jim McDermott (D- WA 7<sup>th</sup>) highlighted the fact that with such a complex law, delays are normal and are a part of the process of implementation.

On Wednesday, July 17, the House approved two Republican measures- one to delay implementation of the employer mandate (H.R. 2667) and another to delay the individual mandate (H.R. 2668) included in the ACA. The H.R. 2667 codifies the Administration's decision to delay implementing the employer mandate, but Republicans were frustrated the decision was made unilateral. The President said he would veto both bills as the measure to delay the employer mandate is unnecessary and the legislation to delay the individual mandate would raise premiums.

For more information on the hearing, please see the [Ways and Means Health Subcommittee webpage](#)

### **IVMF Releases Summary of the National Summit on Women Veteran Homelessness (Taken from IVMF Press Release)**

The [Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University](#) (IVMF) sponsored The National Summit on Women Veteran Homelessness in Chicago on May 2-3, 2013. The event brought together notable experts in research, policy and practice as well as women veterans who have lived the experience of being homeless to address the growing issue of women veteran homelessness in the United States.

The event began with presentations from veteran homelessness experts who addressed underlying issues behind veteran homelessness, especially those specific to women veterans. Several dialogue sessions followed the presentations that encouraged participants to further analyze the unique challenges faced by women veterans at risk of homelessness. Topics of conversation included substance abuse both during and post- military service, trauma experienced in the military, and unemployment. These and other hardships, combined with the military culture mentality to hide weakness and refrain from seeking help, are some of the root issues recognized by participants as being causes for increased homelessness among women veterans.

Many of the experts and veterans present also addressed some of the flaws within services meant to assist transitioning veterans and help them take advantage of education and employment opportunities, and to secure stable housing. While there are excellent programs in existence, there remains a lack of services tailored specifically to women veterans, particularly those with children. The group also brought to light the need for a single point of contact that will aid women veterans in finding programs that meet their specific needs. The Summit contributed new ideas and plans to be put into action to help end women veteran homelessness and provide women veterans with easily accessible services to assist them on the path to a successful transition back into civilian life.

For more information on the National Summit, please see the full summary provided by IVMF [here](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

**NASADAD/NPN Will Host 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NPN Research Conference in Oklahoma City**

NASADAD and the National Prevention Network (NPN) will host the 26th Annual National Prevention Network (NPN) Research Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from August 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The conference will include presentations by Dr. Jason Kilmer (University of Washington), David Mineta (Deputy Director of Demand Reduction at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy), Brian Bumbarger (Penn State), Don Vogt (Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs), John Eadie (Prescription Monitoring Program Center of Excellence at Brandeis University), Fran Harding (CSAP Director), Dr. Susan Astley (Washington State Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic and Prevention Network), Dr. BJ Boyd (Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health), Dr. Jonathan Caulkins (Carnegie Mellon University), Derek Franklin (Mercer Island Youth & Family Services), and Dr. Christian Thurstone (University of Colorado-Denver). The conference will also feature 6 workshop sessions, a networking lunch, and reception at the historic Skirvin Hotel hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



For more information, see [the 2013 NPN Research Conference website](#)  
To view registration details or to register for the conference, click [here](#)

### **CMS Will Hold Health Insurance Marketplace Stakeholder Engagement Open Door Forums (*Taken from CMS Announcement*)**

CMS has regular stakeholder engagement on the new Health Insurance Marketplace. The next round of quarterly calls will begin the week of July 29, 2013 in each state with a Federally-facilitated (FFM) or State Partnership Marketplace (SPM). Individuals and organizations that will interact with and utilize the Marketplace are encouraged to join these calls. CMS will provide an update on the implementation of the Marketplace.

### **Upcoming State-by-State Calls**

Below is the **final** schedule for the upcoming FFM and SPM Stakeholder Engagement calls for the week of July 29, 2013.



**Region 1** Email: [robosora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:robosora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Maine July 31, 2013 11:30amET Registration: <http://cmsregion1himme2.eventbrite.com>
- New Hampshire August 1, 2013 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion1himnh2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 2** Email: [ronycora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:ronycora@cms.hhs.gov)

- New Jersey July 31, 2013 3:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion2himnj2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 3** Email: [rophiora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rophiora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Delaware- July 30 at 10:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion3himde2.eventbrite.com>
- Virginia- July 30 at 1:30pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion3himva2.eventbrite.com>
- Pennsylvania- July 31 at 10:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion3himpa2.eventbrite.com>
- West Virginia- July 31 at 1:30pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion3himwv2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 4** Email: [roatlora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:roatlora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Alabama- July 29 at 10:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himal2.eventbrite.com>
- Florida- July 29 at 3:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himfl2.eventbrite.com>
- Georgia- July 31 at 10:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himga2.eventbrite.com>
- Mississippi- July 31 at 3:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himms2.eventbrite.com>
- South Carolina- August 1 at 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himsc2.eventbrite.com>
- Tennessee- August 1 at 1:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himtn2.eventbrite.com>
- North Carolina- August 1 at 3:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion4himnc2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 5** Email: [rochiora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rochiora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Illinois- July 30 at 10:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion5himil2.eventbrite.com>
- Indiana- July 30 at 2:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion5himin2.eventbrite.com>
- Ohio- July 31 at 10:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion5himoh2.eventbrite.com>
- Wisconsin- July 31 at 2:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion5himwi2.eventbrite.com>
- Michigan- August 1 at 11:30amET Registration: <http://cmsregion5himmi2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 6** Email: [rodalora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rodalora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Arkansas- August 1 at 10:30amET Registration: <http://cmsregion6himar2.eventbrite.com>
- Oklahoma- August 1 at 2:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion6himok2.eventbrite.com>

- Louisiana- August 2 at 10:30amET  
Registration: <http://cmsregion6himla2.eventbrite.com>
- Texas- August 2 at 2:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion6himtx2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 7** Email: [rokcmora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rokcmora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Kansas- July 29 at 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion7himks2.eventbrite.com>
- Missouri- July 30 at 11:00amET  
Registration: <http://cmsregion7himmo2.eventbrite.com>
- Nebraska- July 31 at 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion7himne2.eventbrite.com>
- Iowa - August 1 at 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion7himia2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 8** Email: [roreaora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:roreaora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Montana- July 30 at 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion8himmt2.eventbrite.com>
- South Dakota- July 30 at 1:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion8himsd2.eventbrite.com>
- Utah- August 1 at 11:00amET Registration: <http://cmsregion8himut2.eventbrite.com>
- Wyoming- August 2 at 11:00amET  
Registration: <http://cmsregion8himwy2.eventbrite.com>
- North Dakota- August 2 at 1:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion8himnd2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 9** Email: [rosfoora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rosfoora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Arizona- July 30 at 1:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion9himaz2.eventbrite.com>

**Region 10** Email: [rosea\\_ora@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rosea_ora@cms.hhs.gov)

- Alaska - July 31 at 2:00pmET Registration: <http://cmsregion10himak2.eventbrite.com>

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