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NPN Celebrates Promotions

Once again The National Prevention Network (NPN) is proving to be a career springboard for State prevention directors. Precedence has been set with former NPN members such as Fran Harding (NPN-NY), who served as the NY Alcohol and Drug Commissioner and is now the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAMHSA), and Michael Cunningham (NPN-CA), now Acting Director of the California Dept. of Alcohol and Drug programs. Since the 2011 Annual Meeting, three individuals have transitioned from the NPN to particularly noteworthy new positions: Jerri Avery (MS), Dave Bozell (IN), and Stephanie McCladdie(AL).

Jerri Avery, NPN from the State of Mississippi, was promoted to Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse this winter. Jerri was very active in the National Prevention Network, co-chairing the Research and Evaluation Committee, and also serving on the Workforce Development and Public Information and Media Committees. While performing her State and NPN duties, Jerri Avery also pursued a doctorate in Public Policy.

Dave Bozell, NPN from Indiana and former member of the NPN Workforce Development Committee, originally took on the duties of Assistant Deputy Director of Indiana's Office of Recovery, Integration, Prevention and Policy while still serving as the State's NPN Representative. Now in the role of Director full-time, Mr. Bozell oversees the Bureau for Mental Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention, the Bureau for Addiction Services, and the Bureau for Adults with Mental Illness, as well as Gambling, Co-occurring Disorders, Forensic Projects, and Special Projects. Additionally, Dave serves as the DMHA liaison on the FSSA Legislative Team during sessions of the Indiana General Assembly.

Stephanie McCladdie, NPN from Alabama, after a term of nearly eleven years on the NPN, has moved to Atlanta to serve as the SAMHSA Regional Administrator for Region IV. Ms. McCladdie was involved with the NPN in many capacities, serving on the Workforce Development Committee, acting as co-chairman of a National Prevention Network Research Conference, and co-chairing the Multicultural Affairs Committee for six years. In a note to her colleagues, Ms. McCladdie expressed her "gratitude and sincere thanks for the wonderful experience of being in the NPN group," noting that she will "miss [the] talks, time and tutelage within the NPN."

We recognize all NPNs for their tremendous work as prevention directors. We congratulate the NPNs on their continued excellence in State substance use disorder prevention, and look forward to hearing about successes in every State.

REMINDERS

NPN Executive Committee Conference Call:

Monday, April 2, 2012
Monday, May 7, 2012
Monday, June 4, 2012
2:00-3:30 PM EDT

NPN Research & Evaluation Committee Conference Call:

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Tuesday, May 22, 2012
Tuesday June TBD 2012
3:00-4:00 PM EDT

NPN Workforce Development Conference Call:

Thursday, April 19, 2012
Thursday, May 17, 2012
Thursday, June 21, 2012
3:00-4:00 PM EDT

National Prevention Week to take place May 20-26, 2012

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Late February, SAMHSA announced its newest observance-based initiative to promote public awareness of substance abuse prevention, National Prevention Week. To be held annually each May, this prevention awareness project will be observed nationally, with local communities across the country hosting events, rallies, and celebrations. According to the SAMHSA website “this health observance is an opportunity for community members to learn more about behavioral health issues and get involved in prevention efforts that continue throughout the year.”

The timing of National Prevention Week in the late spring is purposeful. Many special occasions and recreational activities frequently associated with substance use and abuse, such as proms, graduations, and weddings, coincide with the late spring and summer months. The scheduling of Prevention Week is intended to raise awareness about substance use and abuse before these events occur, keeping thoughts of prevention in the minds of parents, students, and community members as they prepare for celebrations. In this way, National Prevention Week embodies two of SAMHSA’s strategic initiatives, prevention of substance abuse and mental illness, and public awareness and support.

The first National Prevention Week will take place May 20-26 of this year, and will be built on the theme “We are the ones. How are you taking action?” which is also the theme of a corresponding 2011 SAMHSA young adult PSA video contest.

Each day of Prevention Week is to have a different prevention focus, with underage drinking prevention on Monday, prescription and illicit drug use prevention on Tuesday, alcohol abuse prevention on Wednesday, followed by suicide prevention on Thursday, and lastly, promotion of mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being on Friday. The themes of the starting Sunday and the concluding Saturday will be chosen by the hosting communities according to their local goals and priorities.

Members of the National Prevention Network contributed to the planning of the inaugural week, providing suggestions and feedback to SAMHSA on which regions should be selected to host Prevention Week events. SAMHSA will make a National Prevention Toolkit available early this spring to assist communities in planning and promoting the week. For more information, please log on to <http://www.samhsa.gov/preventionweek/>.

National Underage Drinking Prevention Town Hall Meetings 2012

Since 2006, SAMHSA has sponsored biennial national Town Hall Meetings as part of a grass-roots initiative to increase local engagement and reduce the negative impact of underage drinking in communities nationwide. The specific objectives of the meetings are to educate community members, empower communities to make environmental changes, and to mobilize communities around prevention initiatives locally, regionally, and nationally. To achieve these objectives, SAMHSA provides a number of resources on meeting preparation, as well as sample presentations and materials for attendees. In 2010, more than 2,000 town hall meetings were held across the country. As of March 19th, 1,452 town hall meeting event hosts were already identified for the 2012 effort. The National Prevention Network is an active participant in this effort, with each NPN representative nominating communities from his or her State to receive invitations and funding from SAMHSA to host these events. For more information, please visit www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/TownHallMeetings/Default.aspx.

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SAMHSA Underage Drinking Prevention Campaign to Start Pilot Program

This past fall, SAMHSA released a Request for Proposals from community-based organizations to participate in the Community Outreach Pilot Program, an initiative to test, evaluate, and refine the materials and messages for the Underage Drinking Prevention National Media Campaign. The National Media Campaign is a structured call to action, providing parents with the knowledge, skills, and tools to engage their children aged 9-15 in underage drinking prevention behaviors. In piloting this program, five awardees, one from each National Prevention Network Region, will incorporate materials and messages from the Campaign into pre-existing underage drinking awareness and education activities, and process and outcome data will be evaluated. Data and feedback from the pilot communities will inform the refinement of materials and messages for dissemination nationwide. As of mid-March, award recipients have been chosen, but not publicized. The completion date for the pilot program is set for June 30th, 2012.

NASADAD Welcomes Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham to the Board of Directors

On January 31st, NASADAD welcomed Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham M.D., Medical Director of the Office for Behavioral Health of the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals and designated Louisiana SSA, as the newest member of the NASADAD Board of Directors. Representing Region VI, which encompasses Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, Dr. Dunham was present at the latest Board meeting in Washington, DC, March 8-9. Dr. Dunham is board-certified in adult psychiatry and addiction psychiatry, with extensive administrative, professional, and clinical experience in addictive disorders.

Welcome New NPN Members

The National Prevention Network would like to welcome the following new State prevention representatives: Ann Brown from Arkansas, who is also the new State Director, Dave Neilsen from California, a current and long-standing NTN, Dixie Jo Thompson from Hawaii, Julia Olson from Indiana, Sarah Fischer from Kansas, Christine Theriault from Maine, who is a former WSN, and Melody Winston from Mississippi.

NPNs at 2012 CADCA National Leadership Forum

CADCA's 22nd Annual National Leadership Forum, which took place on February 6-9 at the National Harbor, featured the work of several National Prevention Network representatives. Five NPNs presented during CADCA workshops: Mary Ann DiChristopher (NPN-NY) discussed training and technical assistance collaborations with her presentation entitled, "Weaving Training and Technical Assistance throughout the Prevention System to Promote Sustainability of Coalitions and their Partners." Janice Petersen (NPN-NC) spoke about SPF-SIG Initiative in her presentation, "Moving Down the Highway: A Look at the Community and Statewide Outcomes of the NC SPF-SIG Initiative." Kathy Paxton (SSA/NPN-WV) presented "Engaging and Mobilizing Physicians in Substance Abuse Initiatives," and Louis Oppor (NPN-WI) and Michael Langer (NPN-WA) jointly presented "Lessons Learned and Outcomes Derived SPF-SIG/ Statewide Prevention Policy Consortium that is Leading SPE Grant Planning Process." On February 6th, SAMHSA's Prevention Day, Louisa F. Teo Tuiteleapaga, (NPN-AS), accepted the Voice of Prevention award for her department's SPF Prevention FaaSaoma Project, which created 12 data-driven community coalitions, developed a unique and data-based prevention curriculum for Pacific/Samoan communities, and implemented prevention strategies incorporating Samoan culture and traditions. NPNs present at the CADCA Conference also enjoyed a Networking and Strategic Planning Luncheon with CADCA, during which a Memorandum of Understanding between the NPN, NASADAD, and CADCA was signed. Representatives from the NPN Ad Hoc Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking also met informally with Fran Harding, Director of SAMHSA CSAP, to introduce the latest work of this new NPN committee. Highlights of the CADCA conference, including selective presentations and a photo gallery from the NPN Luncheon, can be found at <http://forum.cadca.org/>.



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Pictured Left to Right:

Mel Elliott, L. Diane Casto, Gen. Arthur Dean, Janice Petersen, Ph.D., & Rob Morrison

NPN Committee Updates

NPN Executive:

The Executive Committee is moving forward in the planning of the NPN Research Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Currently, the committee is focused on planning the celebration of 25 years of conferences. In other activities, the Executive Committee discussed the CADCA/NPN luncheon during the CADCA Forum in February and ways to strengthen the valuable relationship between the two associations. Moreover, the committee continues its collaborative relationships with Society for Prevention Research and Army National Guard's Prevention, Treatment and Outreach Program.

Workforce Development:

The Workforce Development Committee has updated its Strategic Plan to reflect the work done in recent years and focus on activities for the future. The committee is providing feedback to CSAP to assist in the planning the 2012 Prevention Leadership Academy (PLA). Recently, the committee conducted an inquiry of members requesting their input on topics for the upcoming PLA; they shared the results with CSAP. The committee continues to support their relationship with IC&RC and will be send representative, Isabel Rivera-Green (DE) to its annual meeting in May.

Research and Evaluation:

As with the Executive Committee, the Research and Evaluation Committee continues planning the NPN Research Conference. Several committee members are involved in reviewing the workshop proposals. Workshop presenters will be notified at the end of April about their participation in the conference.

Underage Drinking Ad Hoc:

The ad hoc committee met with CSAP Director Fran Harding during the CADCA forum in February. The meeting was a valuable opportunity to introduce the committee to CSAP and continue the dialogue between the federal government and States on underage drinking prevention. The ad hoc committee is also working on scheduling its first topic call. Furthermore, members are developing an inquiry that assesses the positive outcomes that result from the Underage Drinking Town Hall Meetings.

National Treatment Network March 2012 Update

The NTN is planning for its meeting at the NASADAD annual conference. The Adolescent Treatment Committee is planning to attend the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE) in Washington, DC. The Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Committee has been developing ROSC resources for the NASADAD website as well. The Evidence Based Practice Implementation Committee has been reviewing literature and hosting EBP experts on its calls. NTN's are continuing with their monthly topic calls (January 19-Scope of Work; February 16-Smoking Cessation) and the sharing of inquiries.

Opioid Treatment Network Update

The OTNs are continuing to plan for their all-day face to face meeting with SAMHSA/CSAT to take place at the AATOD conference in Las Vegas on April 22nd. OTNs have continued to participate in the NTN/OTN MAT Committee, and the OTN Orientation Committee has continued to develop a mentoring program for new State Opioid Treatment Authorities. The OTN quarterly topic call on March 28th will focus on Pain Management within Opioid Treatment Programs. OTNs are continuing to share inquiries.

Women's Service Network and Sub-Committees Update

The WSN conducted its third set of quarterly calls for the year in February. Due to last year's success in presenting Subcommittee products at the 2011 WSN Business Day, the subcommittees would like to have products to present at the 2012 WSN Business Day.

Criminal Justice

Collaboration with Child Welfare and the Courts was the subject of the third quarterly call. The guest speaker was Linda Carpenter, Project Director, In-Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA), Children and Family Futures. Additionally, the call featured presentations from Nebraska and New Jersey.

Outcomes Data

On the third quarterly call, presenters from Kansas and California detailed their work on linking data with other agencies.

Pregnant & Parenting

Family-Centered Care and FASD Prevention in Women's Treatment was the topic of the third quarterly call featuring Dr. Norma Finkelstein as well as presenters from Massachusetts and Michigan.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) For Women

The topic of the third call was Licensing/Certification and Training of Peer Recovery Professionals, and Mary Jo Mather and Kristen Schmiede from IC&RC were the guest speakers. Speakers from Florida and Kansas discussed initiatives in their States. Members of the NTN were invited to participate in this call.

Public Policy Update

By Michelle Dirst and Matt Scalf, NASADAD Public Policy

On Monday, February 13th, President Obama released his Budget for fiscal year (FY) 2013, which details the administration's funding request for all parts of the federal government. Under the President's Request:

- SAMHSA would be reduced by \$141.9 million from \$3,564.7 million in FY 12 to \$3,422.8 million in FY 13.
- The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is proposed to be reduced by \$120.1 million from \$186 million in FY 12 to \$65.8 million in FY 13.
- The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is proposed to be reduced by \$61.7 million from \$400.8 million in FY 12 to \$354.1 million in FY 12

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant is proposed to be "tapped" or 3.2 percent of funds appropriated to the SAPT Block Grant would be redirected to other Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) programs. In FY 12 the SAPT Block Grant was "tapped" by 1.25 percent or \$17.5 million.

For the second year the President proposes to:

- Separate the 20 percent set-aside of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant required by statute through a one-year waiver.
- Eliminate \$49.5 million of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPFSIG)/Partnerships for Success and combine the 20 percent set-aside with the remaining \$60 million from the (SPF SIG)/Partnerships for Success Program.
- This would create a Substance Abuse-State Prevention Grant that would be awarded to States and Territories by a formula to be developed by SAMHSA based, in part, on high need.

Congress opposed the proposal last year and kept the SAPT Block Grant whole. Congress also appropriated \$109.8 million to SPFSIG/Partnerships in FY 2012.

Department of Justice:

For FY 2013, the President's Department of Justice (DOJ) Budget Request for FY 2013 proposed the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program is "To Be Determined (TBD)", which indicates DOJ is deferring to Congress regarding how much funding to provide for the program. The President's FY 2013 Budget request proposed that the Title V Program (Local Delinquency Incentive Grants) budget line, which houses EUDL, be funded at \$40 million, a \$20 million increase from FY 2012, but does not specify how the money would be divided amongst the programs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAMHSA Prevention Week
May 20-26, 2012

NASADAD/NPN/NTN Annual Meeting
June 26-28, 2012
Savannah, GA

Prevention Leadership Academy
July 17-19, 2012
Rockville, MD

State Systems Development Program (SSDP)
July 30, 2012, - August 1, 2012
Baltimore, MD 21202

NPN Research Conference
September 19-21, 2012
Pittsburgh, PA

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