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D.C. Update: House Appropriations Committee approves FY22 Financial Services bill, CMS Announces Director of Center for Medicaid and CHIP Service, and more

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Meet the Member

Dr. Stephanie Woodard, SSA for State of Nevada

Dr. Stephanie Woodard is the Senior Advisor on Behavioral Health for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services and is the State Mental Health Authority and the Single State Authority for substance use. She provides oversight and quality assurance to mental health and addiction providers statewide; designs, plans, funds, and implements systems of care, including mental health and substance use prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery support services; establishes funding priorities for services and supports through close collaboration with communities and stakeholders; evaluates outcomes of interventions; and guides policy and financing options across the Department of Health and Human Services.



News from NASADAD

Carrie Morrison joins NASADAD as summer Public Policy Intern

Carrie Morrison has joined NASADAD as a Public Policy Intern where she will report to Emily Diehl within the Policy Department. Carrie is a rising second year student at the University of Virginia (UVA) where she has not yet declared her major. She is most interested in work moving forward to address disparities, including criminal justice reform issues. Carrie served the Association in the same role last December-January during



an extended school break due to COVID-19. In her role as Public Policy Intern, Carrie helps draft stories for the D.C. Update, conducts research on various policy issues, contributes content appearing in Fact Sheets, monitors events and hearings on Capitol Hill, and more. Carrie will be with NASADAD through the end of July into early August. In general, she will be working for NASADAD 4 days per week from 9am to 1pm. Her email is cmorrison@nasadad.org.

Capitol Hill Happenings

House Appropriations Committee approves FY22 Financial Services bill

The House Appropriations Committee recently voted on its fiscal year (FY) 2022 Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) [appropriations bill](#), which includes funding for several NASADAD priority programs. The Committee recommends the following appropriations:

- \$21.3 million for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) - an increase of \$2.9 million compared to FY 2021
- \$110 million for the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grant program - an increase of \$8 million compared to FY 2021
- \$300 million for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) - an increase of \$10 million compared to FY 2021
- \$5.2 million for the Community-Based Coalition Enhancement (CARA) Grants - an increase of \$200k compared to FY 2021

The House noted in their report language that, "The Committee supports the President's fiscal year 2022 budget proposal to keep operational control over these programs [High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and DFC] within ONDCP [Office of National Drug Control Policy] to maintain the interagency benefits needed to address the opioid crisis." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently manage the day-to-day operations of the DFC program. The appropriations bill will now move the full House for a vote.

Around the Agencies

CMS Announces Director of Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced Daniel Tsai as Deputy Administrator and Director of Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) in their recent [press release](#). As director, Mr. Tsai will help focus the Center's efforts on addressing disparities in health equity and helping people who rely on these programs like children, pregnant women, parents, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Mr. Tsai formerly served as the Assistant Secretary for MassHealth and Medicaid Director where he focused on ensuring equitable coverage for families in the State of Massachusetts.



OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

Funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Overdose Response Strategy to expand nationally

The Overdose Response Strategy (ORS), funded collaboratively by the Office of

National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will expand over the next year to reach all 50 States as well as Washington, D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The ORS is an initiative that includes State teams made up of Drug Intelligence Officers and Public Health Analysts, who work together on drug overdose issues across their respective States. Previously, the ORS has only been able to support 50 Drug Intelligence Officers and 30 Public Health Analysts. The expansion of this initiative will allow for a national

public health and public safety program, ensuring that each State has both a Drug Intelligence Officer and Public Health Analyst. For more information about the ORS click [here](#).

In the News

New info brief on social determinants of health in SUD prevention

Carnevale Associates, LLC released a new [Info Brief](#) titled, "Addressing the Social Determinants of Health in Substance Use Prevention." The brief discusses social determinants of health including economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context and their associations with an increased risk of substance use. The brief also maps the concept of social determinants of health onto traditional prevention frameworks and explains how substance use prevention can play a role.



Webinars to Watch

Upcoming Webinar: Innovations in Treating Stress and Trauma in Women with Alcohol Use Disorder

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) will be hosting an interactive webinar discussing the treatment of stress and trauma in women with alcohol use disorder (AUD). Prompted by recent increases in rates of alcohol use disorder in women and their link to stress and trauma, conversations will focus on vulnerable populations, such as women living with HIV and female veterans with sexual trauma. In addition, community partnerships and medication development targeting stress will be discussed, along with other advancements in treatment modalities. To RSVP for the webinar contact dana.west@icf.com or to view the webinar on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Videocast click [here](#).