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D.C. Update: House Members introduce CARA 3.0, DEA publishes final rule governing mobile vans, and more

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Meet the Member

Dr. Jared Yurow, Treatment Coordinator and State Opioid Treatment Authority for State of Hawaii, to serve as National Treatment Network (NTN) President on NASADAD Board of Directors

Jared Yurow, Psy.D., is a graduate of United States International (now Alliant) University, completed his M.Ed. at Columbia University, and received his M.A. at the California School of Professional Psychology—San Diego. He is a licensed psychologist who has worked for the Hawaii Department of Health for over twenty-seven years. Since 2002 he has worked for the Hawaii State Director, where he serves as Chief Clinical Officer and Clinical Psychologist Supervisor. He holds professional memberships with several associations and is an initiate of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. A NASADAD member since 2002, he is a founding member of the National Treatment Network (NTN) (2005) and has served as the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) since the creation of the Opioid Treatment Network (OTN) (2002). He has served as Region IX Representative to the NTN Executive Committee and as Region IX Representative to the OTN Executive Committee for many years. He is the recipient of two NASADAD awards: The Opioid Treatment Network State Representative of the Year Award (2015) and the National Treatment Network State Representative of the Year Award (2018). He has presented locally, nationally and internationally on culture and its application to addiction recovery and its service system, including at the 2019 NASADAD Annual Meeting and Lū'au reception.



Capitol Hill Happenings

House Members introduce CARA 3.0

Last week, Representatives David Trone (D-MD), Ann Kuster (D-NH), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Tim Ryan (D-OH), David McKinley (R-WV), Paul Tonko (D-NY), and Dave Joyce (R-OH) introduced the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 3.0., which aims to further bolster efforts to address substance disorders, primarily by increasing federal funding authorization levels for programs across various federal agencies. Similar to the Senate companion bill (S. 987) introduced in March, the House version includes several provisions supported by NASADAD including:

- Improving Treatment for Pregnant, Postpartum, and Parenting Women (Sec. 202) which would reauthorize the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) pregnant and postpartum women (PPW) program and proposes giving preference to grant applicants that: 1) allow clients to receive medication-assisted treatment (MAT); 2) provide culturally competent care; 3) ensure flexible lengths of stay in the treatment program; and 4) use peer recovery advocates.
- Improving Substance Use Disorder Prevention Workforce Act (Sec. 211), which would create a grant program within SAMHSA that would address a large unmet need: supporting our nation's primary prevention workforce. In particular, the grant program would help State alcohol and drug agencies support recruitment, professional development, and training to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion in the substance use disorder (SUD) workforce; enhance or establish initiatives related to credentialing or other certification processes for prevention; and partner with elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, or institutions of higher education to generate interest in careers in SUD prevention and more.

A summary of the bill can be found [here](#). A section-by-section of the bill can be found [here](#) and the bill text can be accessed [here](#).

Around the Agencies



SAMHSA releases new webpage: The Case for Screening and Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a new resource to help reduce substance use disorders including a new

webpage, [The Case for Screening and Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders](#). The new site includes evidenced-based resources to help providers care for patients with co-occurring disorders and is intended to help providers screen, diagnose, and deliver integrated treatments for these patients. Some of the resources include a video detailing screening and treatment for patients with co-occurring disorders, as well as the newly updated SAMHSA [Treatment Improvement Protocol for Co-Occurring Disorders \(TIP\)](#).

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) publishes final rule governing mobile vans

On Monday, June 28th, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) published their [final rule](#) "Registration Requirements for Narcotic Treatment Programs with Mobile Components" in the Federal Register. According to the Rule's summary, *"The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is publishing this final rule to revise existing regulations for narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) to allow the operation of a mobile component associated with a DEA registered NTP to be considered a coincident activity permitted under the NTP's registration. Based on these revisions, NTP registrants that operate or wish to operate mobile components (in the State in which the registrant is registered) to dispense narcotic drugs in schedules II–V at remote location(s) for the purpose of maintenance or detoxification treatment do not need a separate registration for such mobile component. This final rule waives the requirement of a separate registration at each principal place of business or professional practice where controlled substances are dispensed for those NTPs with mobile components that fully comply with the requirements of this rule. These revisions to the regulations are intended to make maintenance or detoxification*

treatments more widely available, while ensuring that safeguards are in place to reduce the likelihood of diversion."

New report reveals large increases in drug and alcohol related deaths in local jails

The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) recently released a [report](#) examining mortality rates in local jails from 2000-2018. The report found that, from 2017 to 2018, the number of deaths in local jails increased 1.9%. In addition, findings from the report indicate large increases in drug or alcohol intoxication related deaths. For example, deaths in local jails due to drug or alcohol intoxication have increased almost 19% from 2017 to 2018, and 381% since 2000. The report also includes detailed tables of mortality rates by sex, race or ethnicity, and age.

In the News



New Study: Self-Reported and Documented Substance Use Among Hospitalized Adolescents

The *American Academy of Pediatrics* recently published a [study](#) examining substance use among hospitalized adolescents. Researchers conducted a

survey of adolescents aged 14 to 18 years old who were admitted to two pediatric hospitals between 2019 and 2020. Results of the study indicated that the most frequently reported substances ever used were alcohol (39%), marijuana (33%), and electronic cigarettes (31%). Researchers noted that substance use was rarely documented in hospital records when compared to rates of self-reported substance use by adolescents. The study suggests there are missed opportunities for systematic screening in hospital settings.

NIH study suggests cannabis use may be associated with suicidality in young adults

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently published a [study](#) suggesting a link between cannabis use and increased risk of suicidal ideation, plans, and attempts. Researchers examined data from more than 280,000 young adults aged 18-35 using the 2018-2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). As described in the [press release](#), results of the study indicated that even people who use cannabis non-daily, fewer than 300 days a year, were more likely to have suicidal ideation and to plan or attempt suicide than those who did not use cannabis at all. These associations remained regardless of whether someone was also experiencing depression. Additionally, the study found that women who used cannabis at any level were more likely than men with the same levels of cannabis use to have suicidal ideation and to plan or attempt suicide.



Webinars to Watch

Ohio announces Recovery is Beautiful video series

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) will premiere a new video series, "Recovery is Beautiful," this week. The series will feature two recovery videos each month and will share stories of Ohio's recovery community as well as provide viewers the opportunity to chat. The video series will aim to change the conversation around mental illness and addiction as well as celebrating recovery. The premiere of the first video in the series, "Fahria's Recovery Story," will air on Thursday, July 8th at 3:30 PM. The live chat will be available at 3:00 PM. Click [here](#) for the link to watch live or click [here](#) to watch a video trailer. The NASADAD Member from Ohio is Lori Criss, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Vice President of Internal Affairs on the NASADAD Board of Directors.



