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D.C. Update: NASADAD Meets with HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy, HHS Releases New Report on National Guidelines for Child and Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Care, New SAMHSA, HRSA, and NIAA Webinars, and More.

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Meet the Member

Janelle Ito-Orille, State Opioid Treatment Authority for California, Division Chief, Licensing and Certification Division, California Department of Health Care Services

Janelle has over 13 years of State of California experience and is currently serving as the Division Chief of the Licensing and Certification Division (LCD) for the California Department of Health Care Services. As the Division Chief, Janelle serves as the central point for planning, implementing, and evaluating program policy on all matters related to behavioral health licensing and certification. Her division focuses on compliance with State and Federal statute, regulations, and other governing requirements as well as oversee licensing and certification functions, monitoring, and complaints for Driving-Under-the-Influence Programs, Narcotic Treatment Programs, outpatient and residential SUD providers, and registered or certified SUD counselors. LCD is also responsible for the licensing, monitoring, unusual occurrence reviews, and complaints for Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers and Psychiatric Health Facilities, as well as the approvals of 5150 facilities designated by the counties for the purpose of 72-hour treatment and evaluation under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and the Children's Civil Commitment and Mental Health Treatment Act.



Additionally, in this capacity, she is responsible for engaging with various stakeholders on local issues brought forward by constituents; implementing licensing policy and clinical behavioral health changes; monitoring budgets and expenditures; and serving in partnership with Crystal Sanchez as the California SOTA.

NASADAD Meets with HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy

On Tuesday, November 10, NASADAD staff Robert Morrison, Executive Director, Melanie Whitter, Deputy Executive Director, Daniel Diana, Legislative Coordinator, and Lacy Adams, Public Policy Analyst met with staff members from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy led by Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy. The meeting was designed to increase collaboration with HRSA in general, and to help promote coordination with certain grants within HRSA that are supporting substance use disorder service delivery in particular. The focus of this particular meeting was HRSA's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP). NASADAD promoted increased coordination between the RCORP program and SSAs. This will include future events and sharing of information about opportunities at HRSA. In addition, we include information below about active and forecasted opportunities where SSAs are eligible to apply but services must be provided in [HRSA-designated rural areas](#).

[HRSA-23-038](#): RCORP-Overdose Response (due date: Jan 19)---ACTIVE

- i. Technical assistance webinar for applicants on Jan 10 (link in NOFO)
- ii. 1-yr program designed to fill rural communities' immediate needs related to the overdose crisis.

[HRSA-23-045](#): RCORP-Evaluation (due date: Jan 27)---ACTIVE

- iii. Technical assistance webinar for applicants on Jan 8 (link in NOFO)

[HRSA-23-039](#): RCORP-Rural Tribal Support---FORECASTED

- iv. 4-yr program designed to support behavioral health needs of AI/AN populations

[HRSA-23-041](#): RCORP-Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health---FORECASTED

- v. 4-yr program designed to support behavioral health needs of children and adolescents

[HRSA-23-094](#): RCORP-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (re-compete)---FORECASTED

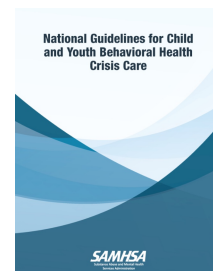
- vi. 3-yr program supporting behavioral health (particularly OUD) needs of pregnant and postpartum individuals and their families

Around the Agencies

HHS Releases New Report on National Guidelines for Child and Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a new report on the [National Guidelines for Child and Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Care](#), which provides guidance for communities to improve crisis response services for children and youth in particular. The report offers best practices, implementation strategies, and practical guidelines for the development of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services for children, youth, and their families experiencing a mental health and/or SUD crisis. This report is part of a 10-paper compendium "From Crisis to Care" that is expected to be released in the coming weeks. Additional technical guidance is available in the [A Safe Place to Be: Crisis Stabilization Services and Other Supports for Children and Youth](#) companion report, designed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in conjunction with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. These guidelines recommend that mental health and SUD crisis services for children and youth ensure that youth and families have:

- **"Someone to Talk To: Crisis Call Centers**, including the new national 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, offering 24/7/365 access to counselors with specialized



training to respond to youth and families

- **Someone to Respond: Mobile Response Teams**, to respond to crises at homes, schools and elsewhere in the community, keeping youth in their homes when safe to do so
- **A Safe Place to Be: Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Services**, including in-home services, at crisis care facilities, emergency departments and hospital settings.”

SAMHSA Officially Launches New Disparity Impact Statement for Discretionary Grantees



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) launched the new [SAMHSA Disparity Impact Statement \(DIS 2.0\)](#) to provide clarity to the DIS expectation for grant recipients. SAMHSA’s Office of Behavioral Health Equity (OBHE) collaborated with Government Project Officers (GPOs) and Grants Management staff through the SAMHSA Equity Workgroup- DIS Action Team over the past year to create an updated DIS in alignment with the [Presidential Executive Order 13985](#). DIS 2.0 is designed to provide a better understanding of how SAMHSA funding is being used to reduce mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) disparities and enables more consistency in format across grant recipients, facilitating GPO’s capacity to review and monitor the DIS. The DIS 2.0:

- “more clearly describes the framework of disparities in access, use and outcomes;
- provides guidance on how to complete the demographic table of persons/populations served by the grant;
- how to address social determinants of health; and
- how to develop and implement a quality improvement plan to reduce identified disparities.”

DIS 2.0 is provided as a worksheet to be completed by grant recipients and will be requested for all new discretionary grant awards issued as of September 30, 2022. Previously awarded grantees can complete either the original DIS or the DIS 2.0 version.

SAMHSA’s SMVF TA Center Seeks Applicants for Crisis Intercept Mapping Workshops



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center is seeking applicants from communities to participate in [Crisis Intercept Mapping \(CIM\) Workshops](#). [CIM](#) is designed to bring together an interagency group of community stakeholders to identify gaps in community crisis systems serving SMVF and best practices and partnerships to close gaps and reduce service member and Veteran suicide. The Workshops strive to integrate evidence-based local strategic action plans addressing the needs of SMVF at risk for suicide into key community organization’s protocols. The SMVF TA Center will offer these no-cost Workshops either virtually or in person to selected applicants between January and August 2023. CIM teams will be drawn across local mental health and substance use disorder (SUD), crisis care, and Veteran service organizations. The SMVF TA Center will cover all costs associated with the CIM Workshops. To apply, applicants must provide all information in the [solicitation](#) and submit the applications no later than November 30, 2022.

CDC/NACCHO Funding Opportunity: Reducing Overdose through Community Approaches Mentorship Program

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recently announced a funding opportunity for the [Reducing Overdose through Community Approaches \(ROCA\) Mentorship Program](#). This funding opportunity pairs “mentor” local health departments (LHDs) with experience in overdose prevention with “mentee” LHDs to enhance their capacity. Selected LHDs will work one-on-one with their mentee/mentor to share experiences and develop connections with a diverse group of peer LHDs within the cohort. The program offers two tracks:

1. Overdose Prevention and Response and
2. The Intersection of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Use.

Up to 25 mentee and mentor LHDs will be awarded up to \$150,000 to support project activities. [Mentors](#) applying to support one [mentee](#) may request up to \$70,000 and those applying to support two mentees may request up to \$125,000. The project period runs from February through July, 2023. The online submission platform for the applications can be found [here](#). Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, December 5, 2022, at 11:59 pm ET.

New JCOIN Course: Reentry Best Practices for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders



The National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) released a new course on [Reentry Best Practices for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders \(SUD\)](#), developed in partnership with the Addiction Policy Forum and the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center. This free, evidence-based course will provide best practices in criminal justice settings that correctional, community-based mental health and SUD, and probation and parole agencies can implement to ensure successful reentry for people with SUD. The course takes approximately 40 minutes to complete and participants will learn about:

- Screening and assessment for SUD;
- Evidence-based medications and behavioral interventions for SUD, including medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD);
- Withdrawal management and recovery capital; and
- Essential components of reentry planning, including relapse prevention plans

Interested parties can enroll [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Webinar: Black Robes & White Coats: Using Project ECHO to Increase Judiciary Knowledge About SUD

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Gather, Assess, Integrate, Network, and Stimulate (GAINS) Center is hosting a [webinar](#) on the use of the Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model to address opioid use disorder (OUD) within the criminal justice system. This no-cost webinar is being offered on November 21, 2022, at 2:30 pm (ET). The webinar will provide an overview of the pilot of project ECHO for the Judiciary and the components needed to effectively respond to OUD from a judicial perspective, including treatments for OUD, understanding substance use disorder (SUD) to inform decisions in the courtroom, and long-term recovery strategies. The presentation will also include speakers that will share their experience as a judge and physician participating in the program, as well as one State that will provide information on early efforts to retain Project ECHO for their Judiciary. Registration is required.

HRSA Webinar: Recommendations and Guidance for Implementing Oral and Behavioral Health Integration



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hosting a [webinar](#) on the National Network for Oral Health Access's (NNOHA) systems-level framework for implementing mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) care and oral health integration. This no-cost webinar is being offered November 22, 2022, at 11:00 am (ET). The webinar will share lessons from the field of their work supporting health centers' efforts to integrate oral and mental health and SUD services within clinical settings. Attendees can earn 1.0 continuing education credit. Registration is required.

NIAAA Webinar: Using New Definitions and Tools to Support Alcohol Recovery

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) will host a webinar on

[Using New Definitions and Tools to Support Alcohol Recovery](#). This no-cost webinar will be offered on December 6, 2022, at 12:00 pm (ET). The webinar will provide updates on NIAAA's research on recovery from alcohol use disorder (AUD) and advances made from NIAAA-supported efforts to treat AUD and support individual recovery. The webinar will cover NIAAA's work on two critical areas:

1. "NIAAA's new definition of recovery as both a process and an outcome.
2. The Healthcare Professional's Core Resource on Alcohol (HPCR), NIAAA's one-stop resource on evidence-based tools to treat alcohol problems—including components on how to support people in recovery from AUD."

Registration is required. To register, participants must send an RSVP to dana.west@icf.com by Friday, December 1, 2022.