

President
Sara Goldsby
South Carolina

First Vice President
Valerie Mielke
New Jersey

*Vice President
for Internal Affairs*
Lori Criss
Ohio

*Vice President
for Treatment*
Dr. Jared Yurow
Hawaii

*Vice President
for Prevention*
Sarah Mariani
Washington

*Immediate
Past President*
Cassandra Price
Georgia

Secretary
DeAnn Decker
Iowa

Treasurer
Michael Langer
Washington

Regional Directors

Dierdre Calvert, MA
Region I
Dr. Chinazo Cunningham, NY
Region II
Elliott Birkhead, WV
Region III
Vacant
Region IV
Laura Garcia, IL
Region V
Carrie Slatton-Hodges, OK
Region VI
DeAnn Decker, IA
Region VII
Eric Tadehara, UT
Region VIII
Stephanie Woodard, NV
Region IX
Michael Langer, WA
Region X

Executive Director
Robert I. L. Morrison

July 12, 2023

The Hon. Brett Guthrie, Chairman
Subcommittee on Health
Committee on Energy and Commerce
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Health
Committee on Energy and Commerce
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Eshoo:

On behalf of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), I am writing in support of H.R. 4092, "The Protecting Moms and Infants Reauthorization Act," sponsored by Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA) and Rep. Young Kim (R-CA). As you know, H.R. 4092 reauthorizes the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's (CSAT) Pregnant and Postpartum Women's (PPW) program for an additional five-years.

NASADAD is the national association representing State alcohol and drug agencies from the fifty States, the District of Columbia, and Territories. These leaders, also known as Single State Agencies (SSAs), ensure public dollars are dedicated to effective and efficient substance use disorder (SUD) services across the continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery.


The PPW Residential Services Program (PPW-R) was created by SAMHSA/CSAT in 1993. The program directs funding to support a comprehensive, family-centered approach to residential substance use disorder treatment and recovery services to pregnant and postpartum women, their minor children, and other family members. In FY 2022, the PPW-R program helped 1,288 women with increased access to comprehensive residential substance use disorder services. These services included counseling, medications for SUD, peer recovery support services, prenatal and postpartum care, therapeutic services for children, employment support, and much more.

In addition, NASADAD was privileged to support work done by this Committee to develop Section 501 of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) that established the PPW State Pilot (PPW-PLT) program. The PPW-PLT program works to increase the accessibility and availability of comprehensive, family centered services for pregnant and postpartum women in non-residential settings. In 2022, the program served 935 women with a substance use disorder. As a result, more pregnant and postpartum women have access to comprehensive SUD services in outpatient settings.

As noted above, we respectfully urge the Committee to consider and pass H.R. 4092, "The Protecting Moms and Infants Reauthorization Act." We believe this bill will help more pregnant and postpartum women and their families gain access to comprehensive, family-centered substance use disorder services. We look forward to working with you and other members of the Committee on this initiative and others as the legislative process moved forward.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me (202-292-4862; rmorrison@nasadad.org).

Sincerely,



Robert I.L. Morrison
Executive Director
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)