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D.C. Update: NASADAD Meets with Rep. Miller on Second Chance Act Reauthorization, Save the Date: SAMHSA's Walk for Recovery, HRSA Virtual National Telehealth Conference, and More.

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Meet The Member

Michael Langer (WA) Leaving State Service

Michael Langer is concluding 37 years of service to Washington State on Thursday, June 27. Throughout Michael's service to Washington, he was an active member of NASADAD. In particular, Michael was a member and leader of the NASADAD National Prevention Network (NPN), the NASADAD National Treatment Network (NTN), and, most recently, the NASADAD Board of Directors as Treasurer. He also served on the Executive Committee, Public Policy Committee, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, and much more.

In 2022, Michael was recognized by his peers with the Service to NASADAD Award. During this year's NASADAD Annual Meeting, Sara Goldsby (S.C.) honored Michael with the 2024 NASADAD President's Award, the Association's highest honor. We wish to thank and recognize Michael for his energy, expertise, and leadership!



Thank you, Michael!

NASADAD Executive Director Meets with Rep. Carol Miller on Second Chance Reauthorization Act

On June 25, NASADAD Executive Director Rob Morrison had the honor of meeting with Representative Carol Miller (R-WV-1), sponsor of the [Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2024 \(H.R. 8028\)](#). NASADAD joined other members of the Second Chance Act Working Group to thank Congresswoman Miller for her continued leadership on expanding access to reentry programming in States and communities across the nation.



NASADAD FY 2025 Appropriations Update

Earlier today, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education, and Related Agencies, met to consider or “mark-up” the [Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025](#). This bill outlines Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 proposed funding levels for NASADAD priority programs within HHS, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and others. The Subcommittee mark-up did not release details about each program within each agency at HHS. More details will become available when the Full Committee acts to consider the package.

This was the first step in what promises to be a long process leading to final FY 2025 funding: “It starts here, but it doesn’t end here... Along the way, the bill will get to a place where it can be bipartisan... We will write bills as conservatively as we can... but it will bend toward the middle in the end because you’ve got to get 60 votes in the United States Senate.” - Representative Tom Cole, Chair, Full Committee on Appropriations.

Key takeaways from the markup include the following:

- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant: \$1,575,000,000.00 or level funding compared to FY 2024
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP): \$203,174,000.00 or a proposed cut of \$36.9 million compared to FY 2024
- 5 percent set-aside for crisis work within the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Block Grant
- 10 percent set-aside within CMHS Block Grant for first episode psychosis
- \$385 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- A proposed reorganization of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the proposed merger of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to form a proposed National Institute on Substance Use (NISU)
- The House Subcommittee proposal would eliminate, through a proposed cut of \$500 million, CDC’s Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program.

Next steps: The measure was approved by the Subcommittee to be forwarded to the Full Committee. The Full Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider the measure on July 10. NASADAD will continue to track developments regarding FY 2025 spending decisions and report news to the members.

A summary of the bill can be found [here](#).

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Representative Tom Cole’s (R-OK-4) press

release on the markup can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please reach out to rmorrison@nasadad.org or ddiana@nasadad.org.

Around the Agencies

Save the Date: SAMHSA's Walk for Recovery



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Office of Recovery (OR) announced the Second Annual *Walk for Recovery* will take place on September 5, 2024, from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET. Participants will walk from Freedom Plaza to the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Part of National Recovery Month, the Walk for Recovery is a celebration for the millions of Americans in recovery and the contributions and accomplishments of people in recovery, their loved ones, and allies.

Register for the 2024 Walk for Recovery [here](#).

SAMHSA Accepting Nominations for First SAMHSA Trailblazers in Advancing Recovery (STAR) Awards

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced it is accepting nominations for the inaugural [SAMHSA Trailblazers in Advancing Recovery \(STAR\) Awards](#). The STAR Awards will recognize leaders with lived experience of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD), including youth and family members who have been affected, as well as organizations that have promoted equitable access and raised awareness for recovery supports for individuals with mental health and SUD. STAR Award categories include:

- Equity Champion of the Year
- Young Adult Leader of the Year
- Peer Support Worker of the Year
- Advocate of the Year
- Family Leader of the Year
- Wellness Champion of the Year
- Innovator of the Year

Nominations are open from June 26 to July 18. An awards ceremony will be livestreamed as part of SAMHSA's National Recovery Month on September 24, at 1:00 pm ET.

SAMHSA's press release announcing the STAR Awards can be found [here](#).

HRSA Virtual National Telehealth Conference: July 16, 2024



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently announced it is hosting the virtual [National Telehealth Conference](#) on July 16, from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm ET. The National Telehealth Conference seeks to bring together public and private sector leaders and telehealth experts to discuss best telehealth practices from across the nation. The Conference will have a focus on using telehealth to increase access to mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) care and will feature Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) leadership, including HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson, experts, and other industry stakeholders. Conference topics include:

- "Licensing across state lines to increase access to behavioral health care
- Implications of health policy to inform telehealth's future
- Expanding access to services for underserved and low-income communities
- Exploring health care innovations and future telehealth technologies
- Improving health equity through expansion of broadband connectivity and

Registration is required.

SAMHSA Announces New Website for Ordering 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Print Materials

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) announced a new website dedicated to ordering [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Print Materials](#). This new website is designed to simplify the ordering process for 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline print materials by enabling people to order multiple types of products or multiple packages of products from a single page. Products available for print include 988 stickers, magnets, posters, wallet cards, and the [988 Partner Toolkit](#), among others. Orders are expected to take up to three weeks to arrive. Each item on the website can also be downloaded into a printer-ready file for personal use.

SAMHSA will regularly update the new website as more products are released, including a soon-to-be-released modernized logo and branding and marketing materials.

Research Roundup

GAO Report: Activities of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a Q&A report on the [Activities of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory](#). The Q&A report reviews the work of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory (Policy Lab), a support office within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that works to coordinate SAMHSA’s programs, implement policy change, and publish evidence-based information around mental health and substance use disorder (SUD). Ultimately, the report found that the Policy Lab successfully performs a range of activities aligned with its statutory responsibilities, including facilitating the implementation of policy changes across SAMHSA’s centers and offices, coordinating cross-center and inter-agency collaboration, promoting training and technical assistance, and working with SAMHSA’s Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ) to evaluate evidence-based practices. Other key takeaways from the report include:

- “The Policy Lab supports SAMHSA’s efforts to implement policy changes, coordinate its programs, and disseminate information regarding evidence-based practices.
- We found that the Policy Lab performs activities that generally align with its statutory responsibilities. For example, according to agency officials, the Policy Lab facilitates SAMHSA’s implementation of policy changes from multiple sources such as the White House, Congress, and HHS, including SAMHSA leadership. The Policy Lab also coordinates cross-SAMHSA and inter-agency policy efforts, and promotes coordination and collaboration of SAMHSA programs.
- The Policy Lab collaborates with entities within and outside of SAMHSA on various activities, including efforts to develop evidence-based practice written products and implementing laws.
- The Policy Lab assesses progress toward meeting its goals through its performance management activities.”

The report can be downloaded, in full, [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

SAMHSA’s GAINS Center Webinar: Continuous and Collaborative: Best Practices for Family Treatment Court Screening and Assessment

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Gather, Assess, Integrate, Network, and Stimulate (GAINS) Center is hosting a webinar on [Continuous and Collaborative: Best Practices for Family Treatment Court Screening and Assessment](#). This no-cost webinar is on July 16, at 1:30 pm ET. This webinar is designed to encourage family treatment courts to ensure screening and assessment processes are collaborative and continuous to respond to the evolving needs of parents and children over time. Specifically, the webinar will offer strategies to integrate regular assessment inventories throughout various phases of the family treatment court that evaluate the tools being used to ensure parents and children are receiving the supports and services to prepare them for successful case closure and recovery. Two panelists will also share examples of their family treatment courts' continuous and collaborative assessments.

Registration is required.

HRSA BPHC-BH TA Webinar Series: Pediatric Behavioral Health



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funded Bureau of Primary Health Care Behavioral Health Technical Assistance (BPHC-BA TA) is hosting a no-cost, two-part webinar series on *Pediatric Behavioral Health*. The series will feature speakers from JBS International who will highlight pediatric mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) conditions, the impact of maternal mental health and SUD conditions on their children, and strategies and programs to support the integration of pediatric mental health and SUD care. The webinar topics and times can be found below:

[Pediatric Behavioral Health Session 1: Overview](#)

- July 15, at 1:00 pm ET
- “The first session will explore prevalent diagnoses in children, the impact of maternal behavioral health conditions during the perinatal period, and various risk and protective factors influencing child wellbeing. Discussion will span childhood development, from early childhood through adolescence, highlighting key milestones and challenges.”

[Pediatric Behavioral Health Session 2: Strategies, Practices, Programs](#)

- July 22, at 1:00 pm ET
- “Actionable strategies for implementing pediatric integrated care related to screening, referral, and care coordination. Additionally, it will highlight treatment best practices, emphasizing culturally relevant patient, family-centered, and trauma informed approaches. Through examples of evidence-based programs, effective interventions tailored to different developmental stages will be showcased, from early childhood to adolescence.”

Both sessions are eligible for Behavioral Health continuing education credits (CEUs).

Registration is required for both sessions within the series.

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