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**D.C. Update: NASADAD Participates in SAMHSA Region 3 Meeting in Virginia, SAMHSA Updates 988 Partner Toolkit in Recognition of Women's History Month, New HRSA Funding Opportunities, and More.**

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## Meet The Member

### **Kate Brookins, M.S., CAADC, CCDP, State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) for Delaware**

Kate Brookins, M.S., CAADC, CCDP is the Chief of Addiction and Transition Services at the Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Kate also serves at the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) for Delaware. In her role, Kate oversees all publicly funded substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in the State, many of which are contracted to licensed providers, and some which are State-run. Kate also oversees justice-involved substance use programming with the Delaware Courts and with the Delaware State Police, as well as the DUI compulsory education and treatment programming. In addition, Kate serves on several committees and subcommittees and provides strategic guidance and policy advice on issues of SUD treatment and services needs in Delaware.



Kate has a Master's Degree in Administration of Human Services and Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science from Wilmington University, DE. She has worked in mental health and SUD services since 2002 and has been a committed public servant the entire time. She has worked with mental health outpatient and intensive case management clients, court-mandated substance abuse treatment clients, domestic violence and sexual assault victims, and residential developmental disability clients. Kate enjoyed direct care work but has found her calling in administrative oversight and expertise in grant management and implementation.

## NASADAD's Robert Morrison Attends the Friends of NIAAA's Congressional Briefing on Alcohol Research Issues

NASADAD's Robert Morrison attended an informative Capitol Hill Briefing regarding alcohol research issues on March 20th sponsored by the Addiction Treatment and Recovery (ATR) Caucus in coordination with the [Friends of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIAAA\)](#).



ATR Caucus Co-Chair Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY) and NIAAA Director Dr. George Koob provided introductory remarks while researchers M.J. Paschal, PhD; Melvin Doug Livingston, PhD; and Melissa Lewis, PhD, presented on specific projects. NASADAD is a proud member of the Friends of NIAAA Executive Committee.

(Pictured from left to right: Dr. George Koob, NIAAA; and Rob Morrison, NASADAD)

## NASADAD Participates in SAMHSA Region 3 Meeting in Richmond, Virginia

On March 26, NASADAD Executive Director Robert Morrison joined State leaders and others in a meeting held in Richmond, Virginia sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Region 3 office led by Dr. Jean Bennett and Jeanne Tuono. Region 3 includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.



The meeting included opening remarks by Arnie Owens, former SAMHSA leadership staff and current director of health professions for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The meeting also featured presentations by Cindy Bean (W.V.), President of the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD); Lindsey Browning, Director of Medicaid Programming at NAMD; Dr. Hendree Jones, UNC Horizons; and Region 3 States sharing different initiatives including those related to workforce.

(Pictured from left to right: Dr. Barbara Bazron, Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, District of Columbia; Jen Smith, Deputy Secretary, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services)

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## Around the Agencies

### SAMHSA Awards Grant to Cicatelli Associates Inc to Operate the National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently awarded a five-year grant to Cicatelli Associates Inc. (CAI) to operate the [National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery](#). The National Center for Tobacco-Free Recovery provides technical assistance, training, and other educational resources to key stakeholders, including States, local governments, Tribal communities, and providers, to integrate tobacco treatment in mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) care. The Center also hosts State Leadership Academies for Tobacco-Free Recovery, where numerous stakeholders get together to help States develop and implement state-wide action plans to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use by individuals with a mental health or SUD condition. Additional details on CAI's role and objectives in operating the Center

can be found [here](#).

## SAMHSA Updates the 988 Partner Toolkit with new Resources in Recognition of Women's History Month



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently updated the [988 Partner Toolkit](#) in recognition of Women's History Month with new resources tailored to women. Specifically, the 988 Partner Toolkit was updated with new [988-branded photos](#) celebrating women of diverse backgrounds and Women's History Month as part of 988's efforts to reach audiences of various backgrounds, populations, and abilities. Additionally, SAMHSA released a new video, ["What is 988 and How Does it Work?"](#), that features crisis counselors, professors, and peer specialists who walk viewers through what to expect if they contact 988- by call, text, or chat.

Additional details on the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline can be found [here](#).

## HRSA Funding Opportunity: RCORP - Impact

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently announced a new funding opportunity for the [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\) - Impact](#). RCORP - Impact is a new rural opioid treatment and recovery initiative intended to supplement the work of [RCORP](#) by improving access to integrated and coordinated treatment and recovery services for substance use disorder (SUD), particularly opioid use disorder (OUD), in [HRSA-designated rural areas](#). The program's goals include:

- "Goal 1: Service Delivery: Establish and/or expand coordinated and comprehensive SUD treatment and recovery services.
- Goal 2: Workforce: Develop a responsive SUD workforce, which includes both peers and clinical providers with diverse scopes of practice.
- Goal 3: Supportive Services: Establish and/or enhance coordination with supportive social services to ensure that rural individuals and families affected by SUD have the greatest opportunity possible for sustained, long-term recovery.
- Goal 4: Sustainability: Develop innovative, multi-sectoral approaches to ensure the continued availability of services supported by RCORP - Impact in the target rural service area."

Awardees are required to provide medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD). Funds can only be used to support activities in HRSA-designated rural areas.

Additional details on program requirements can be found in the program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under "Related Documents," [here](#).

HRSA will offer up to 16 awards of up to \$750,000 per award per year for up to 4 years for total program funding of \$12,000,000. Applications are due May 6, 2024.

Additional information on eligibility and how to apply can be found [here](#).

## HRSA Funding Opportunity: Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program



The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce announced a new funding opportunity for the [Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program](#). This program provides grants to support training programs to enhance the expertise and number of peer support specialists and other mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) paraprofessionals who provide services to families impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD). The program emphasizes supporting children and adolescents within high-need, high-demand areas who have or are at risk for developing mental health and SUD issues. Awardees are required to develop a Level I pre-service and Level II in-service training curriculum as part of their certificate training program for OUD paraprofessionals.

Additional details on program requirements can be found in the program's Notice of

Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under "Related Documents," [here](#).

HRSA will offer up to 28 awards of up to \$600,000 per award per year for up to 4 years for total program funding of \$16,800,000. Applications are due May 6, 2024.

Additional information on eligibility and how to apply can be found [here](#).

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## Research Roundup

### CDC Study Suggests Limiting Alcohol Use can Reduce Cancer Deaths

Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a new study in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* on [Reducing Alcohol Use to Prevent Cancer Deaths: Estimated Effects Among U.S. Adults](#). The study utilized data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to estimate mean annual alcohol-attributable cancer deaths in the United States and the number of those deaths that could be prevented if the adults who drank in excess of the [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#) reduced their use to recommended limits. Specifically, the study found that of the estimated 20,216 cancer deaths attributed to alcohol during 2020-2021, an estimated 16,800 deaths (83% of all alcohol-attributable cancer deaths) could have been prevented per year if the adults who drank in excess of the Dietary Guidelines reduced their consumption to less than 2 drinks per day for men or less than 1 drink per day for women. The study also noted that an estimated 650 additional deaths could have been prevented if men consumed 1 drink per day instead of 2.

The researchers call for additional studies to confirm that implementing evidence-based alcohol policies to decrease drinking can reduce alcohol-attributable cancer deaths.

Additional details on the relationship between alcohol and cancer can be found on CDC's webpage, [here](#).

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## Webinars to Watch

### BJA Webinar Series: Practice Sessions on the Organizational Readiness for Peer Recovery Support Services



The Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Access and Recovery Peer Support Services Training and Technical Assistance Center, Altarum, is hosting a webinar series on [Practice Sessions on the Organizational Readiness for Peer Recovery Support Services](#). This no-cost webinar series will run from March through June 2024 and will highlight key considerations for organizations to implement peer recovery support services (PRSS). Specifically, the series will examine the core elements and benefits of PRSS services, specific models for implementing PRSS services, and best practices and challenges related to PRSS services' implementation in various settings.

The dates and times for the remaining sessions can be found below:

- PRSS Best Practices Webinar 3: April 25, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET
- PRSS Best Practices Webinar 4: May 30, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET
- PRSS Best Practices Webinar 5: June 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET

Registration is required.

### SAMHSA-Funded MHTTCs Webinar Series: Person-Centered Recovery Planning: Consultation Corner

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded New England and South Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTCs) are hosting a monthly webinar series on [Person-Centered Recovery Planning: Consultation Corner](#). This no-cost webinar series will run from March through August 2024 and will feature a range of stakeholders, including providers, State leaders, peer providers, and

those with lived experience who will offer tools and resources to support quality person-centered recovery planning (PCRP). Follow-up "office hours" will be available to interested participants. Topics for each session will be determined based on feedback from Webinar 1 on March 27. The dates and times for each session can be found below:

- PCRP Consultation Corner Webinar 2: April 17, 2024, 2 p.m. ET
- PCRP Consultation Corner Webinar 3: May 15, 2024, 2 p.m. ET
- PCRP Consultation Corner Webinar 4: June 19, 2024, 2 p.m. ET
- PCRP Consultation Corner Webinar 5: July 17, 2024, 2 p.m. ET
- PCRP Consultation Corner Webinar 6: August 21, 2024, 2 p.m. ET

[Registration](#) is required for each session.

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