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News from NASADAD

NASADAD's Robert Morrison testifies before Senate HELP Committee

On April 11th, NASADAD's Executive Director, Robert Morrison, testified before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee during its seventh bipartisan hearing focused on the opioid crisis. The Committee, which is led by Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA), released a discussion draft of the Opioid Crisis Response Act last week, and during the hearing they sought input from witnesses on the bill, as well as other issues related to substance use disorders.

In addition to responding to certain provisions in the discussion draft, during his verbal testimony Mr. Morrison highlighted: the important role of the State alcohol and drug agencies; the critical role of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant as the cornerstone of the publicly funded system; and the use of State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis grant funds for comprehensive and innovative services.

Other witnesses who testified during the hearing were Jessica Hulsey Nickel, President and CEO of the Addiction Policy Forum (APF), and Jennifer Donahue, Child Abuse Investigation Coordinator for the Delaware Office of the Child Advocate.

Watch the recording of the hearing and read the full written testimony [here](#).

[News from the States](#)

Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Addiction Services releases new online resource for pregnant and parenting women with an SUD

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) has released a new online resource, "The Journey Project," for pregnant and parenting women who have a substance use disorder. The Journey Project is an interactive website that features informational slideshows, video testimonials, and links to resources. It aims to engage women throughout every step of their treatment and recovery and connects them to local services that can assist with all aspects of pregnancy, delivery, early parenting, and managing their substance use disorder.

NASADAD member Allison Bauer serves as the Director of BSAS. Karen Pressman is the State's Women's Services Coordinator.

Access "The Journey Project" [here](#).

OH Governor's Office and Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities host a "Week of Appreciation" to recognize communities' efforts to fight the opioid crisis

Ohio Governor John Kasich, the Office of Ohio's Attorney General, and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) have collaborated to [host a "Week of Appreciation"](#) taking place this week. The goal of this week-long series of activities is to highlight the work being done in communities throughout Ohio to address the opioid crisis and to specifically show appreciation to frontline workers. Activities include individual acknowledgements as well as public events.

Learn more about the Week of Appreciation [here](#).

[Around the Agencies](#)

SAMHSA announces the launch of the Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has launched the Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Resource Center, which aims to provide communities, clinicians, policymakers, and others in the field with the information and tools they need to incorporate evidence-based practices into their communities or clinical settings. The Resource Center contains a collection of science-based resources for a broad range of audiences, including Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs), toolkits, resource guides, and clinical practice guidelines. The Resource Center also includes an opioid-specific resources section. Resource Center users can search by topic area, resource type, target population, and target audience.

Earlier this year, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Dr. Elinore McCance Katz, [announced](#) that SAMHSA would be discontinuing the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) that had been in existence since 1997.

See SAMHSA's new Resource Center [here](#).

Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) announces website updates

The Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS), a project of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), provides detailed information on a wide variety of alcohol-related Policies in the United States at both State and Federal levels, as well as policy information regarding the recreational use of cannabis. Information and resources available on the APIS website are geared towards alcohol policy researchers and others interested in alcohol policy issues. APIS recently completed a major redesign of its website. The design and structure of the site was revised to improve security, enhance usability, and improve access to APIS data. Major improvements include the following.

Access the updated APIS site [here](#).

New CSAP fact sheet on underage drinking

The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has developed a new fact sheet, Underage Drinking: Myths Versus Facts. The document aims to raise awareness of alcohol as the most widely misused substance among youth in the U.S. The fact sheet is specifically written for preteens and teens. It compares common myths about alcohol use with the facts about the prevalence of alcohol use.

Access the fact sheet [here](#).

NIDA seeking Services Research Branch Chief within the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research (DESPR)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has announced its intent to recruit and hire a Services Research Branch Chief within its Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research (DESPR). The DESPR Services Research Branch Chief is responsible for collaborating with and ensuring that the Institute establishes leadership and maintains

relationships with scientists in national, international, state, and municipal organizations who are involved in research efforts related to drug abuse services and associated scientific areas; professional experience with pain management and/or opioid-related research a plus. The Chief incorporates and synthesizes findings by independently leading and directing the development of new methods and approaches that support a national program of health services research to improve the quality of the drug abuse treatment system, making critical decisions to reallocate Institute resources as necessary. The Branch Chief assumes full responsibility for the control, management, and administration of NIDA's research program in the area of services research; plans and directs activities, including formulation and establishment of policies, interpretation of major policies relating to the development of work programs and operating plans, determination of budget requirements, allocating scarce resources among major competitive programs, and integration of this part of the Federal activity with the overall NIDA program and with those of other agencies.

Anyone interested in the position should contact Dr. Bethany Deeds, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research at NIDA: deedsb@nida.nih.gov

In the News

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids releases e-book for families with a teen or young adult struggling with opioid use

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids has created a new eBook, *Heroin, Fentanyl & Other Opioids: A Comprehensive Resource for Families with a Teen or Young Adult Struggling with Opioid Use*. The book aims to help parents and families have the knowledge and skills to identify opioids, spot early use, and take action effectively. Topics covered in the book include: communicating with a teen or young adult about the risks of substance use; non-opioid alternatives to manage a child's pain from any injuries, dental work or other situations requiring pain management; monitoring, securing, and disposing of prescription pain medications; recognizing the signs of opioid misuse; seeking treatment; using naloxone; and self-care for family members.

Download the e-book [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Call for Applications for 2018 National Awards for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs, Practices and Policies

The call for applications is now open for the 2018 National Awards for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs, Practices and Policies (2018 Innovative Practices Awards). The Innovative Practices program continues to identify and honor outstanding achievements in substance abuse prevention throughout the United States that were formerly recognized under the Exemplary Awards Program. The awards aim to recognize organizations and providers that have implemented

innovative substance use disorder prevention programs, policies, or practices that have resulted in specific changes or outcomes at the individual, program, or community levels. The 2018 Innovative Practices Awards recipient(s) will be recognized at the [National Prevention Network \(NPN\) Conference](#) in Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-30, 2018.

Learn more and access the application [here](#). The application deadline is Friday, May 25, 2018.

DEA's Drug Take Back Day on April 28th

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has announced locations for their National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The DEA's Diversion Control Division website has a search tool to find a local collection site. During the last DEA take back day in October, 912,305 lbs. (456 tons) of pills were collected across 5,321 collection sites.

Access the location search tool [here](#).

SAMHSA-HRSA webinar on Impact of ACEs and Adoption of Trauma-Informed Approaches in Integrated Settings

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) will be holding a webinar on the Impact of (Adverse Childhood Experiences) ACEs and Adoption of Trauma-Informed Approaches in Integrated Settings. The webinar will focus on the impact of trauma, the adoption of trauma-informed approaches, and a methodology for implementing trauma-informed care.

The webinar will be held on April 18th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm EST.

Register [here](#).

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Morrison, Executive Director, or Shalini Wickramatilake-Templeman, Federal Affairs Manager, at (202) 293-0090.