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## The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors D.C. Update

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### NASADAD/CSAT/CSAP Annual Meeting Recap

#### Plenary Session Presentations Now Available Online

The NASADAD Annual Meeting in Conjunction and Featuring Sessions with the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) was held May 21-24, 2018 in Bethesda, MD. Approximately 250 NASADAD members, prevention coordinators, treatment coordinators, women's services coordinators, other State and Territorial alcohol and drug agency staff, federal officials, and other stakeholders attended the meeting.

On May 23rd, the Annual Meeting featured plenary sessions covering an array of topics: updates from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), primary prevention efforts, recovery housing, women's treatment services, workforce issues, and more. [Check out presentations from the plenary sessions on the NASADAD website.](#)

#### State & Territorial Directors and NASADAD Learning Communities Honor Colleagues with Annual Awards

Each year the State and Territorial alcohol and drug agency directors, as well as the treatment coordinators, women's services coordinators, and prevention coordinators vote to honor their colleagues with service and leadership awards at the Annual Meeting. The [2018 award winners](#) are:

- **NASADAD Service:** Becky Boss (SSA, RI) and Eddie Mersereau (SSA, HI)
- **State Service:** Doug Thomas (SSA, UT)
- **Robert E. Anderson Service Award in Recognition of an Individual's Distinguished Service in the Field of Addiction Research, Training, and Evaluation:** Sis Wenger (NACoA) and Marie Dyak (EIC)
- **Friend of NASADAD:** Paul Samuels (Legal Action Center)

#### Arlene González-Sánchez (NY) Receives Annual Ramstad-Kennedy Award



**Back row:** Mark Stringer (MO), NASADAD Awards Committee Chair; Mary Dyak (EIC), Rob Morrison (NASADAD), Sis Wenger (NACoA); **Front:** Cassandra Price (GA), NASADAD President; and award winner Arlene González-Sánchez (NY)

At the Annual Meeting, Arlene González-Sánchez, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), received the eleventh Annual Ramstad-Kennedy Award for Outstanding Leadership by a Single State Authority (SSA). In particular, the Commissioner was honored for her leadership in recovery support programs across the State of New York. Arlene González-Sánchez serves on the NASADAD Board of Directors as First Vice President of the Association.

The Ramstad-Kennedy Award was established in 2008 to recognize an SSA

- **President's Award:** Fran Harding (Director, CSAP) and Rick Harwood (Director of Research and Program Applications, NASADAD)
- **Treatment Coordinators (TC) Champion:** Rob Morrison (Executive Director, NASADAD)
- **TC Representative of the Year:** Jared Yurow (TC, HI)
- **Women's Services Leadership Award:** Lori Dorsey (WSC, RI)
- **Women's Services Champion:** Dr. Hendrée Jones (Director, UNC Horizons)
- **Prevention Coordinators (PC) Ketty Award:** Renee Faber (former PC, NE)
- **PC Award of Excellence:** Tracy Flinn (Senior Research Analyst, NASADAD)
- **PC Alumni Award:** Steve Keel (former PC, MA)

NASADAD congratulates all of this year's award winners, and thanks them for their ongoing commitment to prevention, treatment, and recovery services.



NASADAD Service Award winners, Eddie Mersereau (HI) and Becky Boss (RI)

Director who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in support of recovery and National Recovery Month, and to acknowledge Congressmen Jim Ramstad (R-MN) and Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) for their commitment to recovery and recovery-oriented policies. This year's Ramstad-Kennedy award was presented at the NASADAD Annual Meeting in Bethesda, MD. Commissioner González-Sánchez received the award because of her leadership and innovation in promoting the goals of National Recovery Month in her State of New York; expansion of Recovery Month activities within NY OASAS and throughout local communities; and support for recovery organizations in her State.

NASADAD recognizes Marie Dyak, President & CEO of the Entertainment Industries Council (EIC), and Sis Wenger, President & CEO of the National Association for Children of Addiction (NACoA), who have served as co-chairs of the Recovery Month Planning Partners group since its inception. In recognition of their longtime leadership of the Ramstad-Kennedy Award program, at the Annual Meeting both Ms. Dyak and Ms. Wenger were awarded the Robert E. Anderson Service Award in Recognition of an Individual's Distinguished Service in the Field of Addiction Research, Training, and Evaluation. We thank them for their leadership on this award. Additionally, NASADAD recognizes Congressmen Ramstad and Kennedy for their continued commitment to recovery.

## In the News

### **AAP publishes State-specific fact sheets on impact of opioid crisis on child welfare**

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in partnership with Casey Family Programs, has released new national and State fact sheets that include data related to the impact of substance use disorders--in particular the opioid crisis--on child welfare systems, Medicaid, and children's health.

[Click here to access the fact sheets.](#)

### **Hospira announces naloxone recall**

The pharmaceutical company Hospira is voluntarily recalling two lots of its naloxone injection, because they may contain hazardous particulate matter on the syringe plunger. The lots of naloxone were distributed to hospitals, wholesalers, and others in the U.S., as well as Puerto Rico and Guam. No adverse events have been reported to date as a result of these recalled lots of the overdose reversal injection.

[Learn more about the recall here.](#)

## Around the Agencies

### **CDC announces project on use of best practices for opioid prescribing**

### **SAMHSA accepting applications for MAT-PDOA grant program**

SAMHSA is accepting applications for its Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication-Assisted

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a new project that aims to estimate best practice opioid prescribing in the United States. The project will address questions such as: What would the opioid prescribing rate be in the U.S. if best practices were followed? How much should prescribing change to bring prescribing rates in line with best practices?

The CDC will use large health insurance claims data to estimate current opioid prescribing rates for various conditions and procedures. Then, using clinical guidelines and related research, CDC will estimate what the prescribing rates would be for those conditions and procedures if best practices were followed. Based on this information, CDC will calculate how much the current prescribing rates for acute and chronic pain would need to change across the US population to be consistent with best practices.

[Click here for the CDC's current guidelines for prescribing opioids.](#)

Treatment-Prescription Drug Opioid Addiction Program (MAT-PDOA), totaling up to \$196 million over 3 years. The funding aims to expand access to medication-assisted treatment for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD). As described in SAMHSA's funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the desired outcomes of the grant include: 1) an increase in the number of individuals with OUD who receive MAT; and 2) a decrease in illicit opioid drug use and prescription opioid misuse at six-month follow-up. Applications are due July 9, 2018.

[Access the FOA here.](#)

#### **SAMHSA releases FOA for SPF-PFS**

SAMHSA has released its funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for the Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) grants. The purpose of this program is to address underage drinking among 9- to 20-year-olds. The SPF-PFS grant program is intended to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance use disorders and related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State, tribal, and community levels. The application due date is July 6, 2018.

[Access the FOA here.](#)