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D.C. Update: Annual Meeting recap, new SAMHSA grants, and more



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Recap of CSAT/CSAP and NASADAD Annual Meetings

Plenary session presentations now available online

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Annual Meeting and the NASADAD Annual Meeting were held June 4-6, 2019 in Bethesda, MD. Approximately 280 Single State Authority (SSA) directors, 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.

The event began with a keynote presentation by Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, on June 4th. The following day, the CSAT/CSAP Annual Meeting featured plenary sessions covering an array of topics: culturally competent services; collaboration across the continuum of care to address the opioid crisis; prevention through the educational system; and more.

The NASADAD Annual Meeting on June 6th featured two plenary sessions: 1) Capitol Hill Happenings: Life after CARA, CURES, and SUPPORT; and 2) Recent Court Actions Impacting the Substance Use Disorder Field.

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 2019 award winners are:

- **NASADAD Service:** Mellie Randall (SSA, VA)
- **State Service:** Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, PhD (SSA, CT)
- **Henrick J. Harwood and Robert E. Anderson Service Award in Recognition of an Individual's Distinguished Service in the Field of Addiction Research, Training, and Evaluation:** Alison Insinger Knopf

(Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Weekly [ADAW])

- **Friend of NASADAD:** Mark Parrino (American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence [AATOD])
- **President's Award:** Joyce Starr (TC, OH)
- **Treatment Coordinators (TC) Champion:** Rosie Andueza (SSA, ID)
- **TC Representative of the Year:** Ken Saucier (TC, LA)
- **Women's Services Achievement Award:** Suzette Tucker (WSC, MD)
- **Women's Services Champion:** Martha Kurgans (former WSC, VA)
- **Prevention Coordinators (PC) Ketty Award:** Michelle Nienhius (PC, SC)
- **PC Award of Excellence:** Washington State University
- **PC Alumni Award:** Larry Scott (former PC and current SSA, MI)

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



President's Award winner Joyce Starr (TC, OH) with NASADAD President Cassandra Price (SSA, GA)



Doug Thomas (SSA, UT), NASADAD Awards Committee Chair, with State Service Award winner Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon (SSA, CT), and NASADAD Executive Director Robert Morrison



Alison Knopf, editor of ADAW, with NASADAD's Robert Morrison

Sara Goldsby (SC) receives annual Ramstad-Kennedy Award



Award winner Sara Goldsby (SSA, SC) with Marie Dyak (EIC)

At the Annual Meeting, Sara Goldsby, Director of the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), was presented with the twelfth Annual Ramstad-Kennedy Award for Outstanding Leadership by a Single State Authority (SSA). Director Goldsby received this honor because of her leadership in recovery support programs across South Carolina and nationally. Director Goldsby serves on the NASADAD Board of Directors representing Region IV.

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

Within the State of South Carolina, Director Goldsby provided the leadership in

supporting strategic promotion of Family Recovery Programs designed to support families dealing with addiction and those whose loved ones are in recovery. Additionally, she finalized arrangements for the South Carolina State Peer Support Program (CPSS) to enhance the quality and effectiveness of recovery for individuals and families. CPSS offers hope, support, and advocacy to others through sharing one's own experiences of living in recovery with mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

NASADAD wishes to congratulate Director Goldsby on this award, and thanks her for her continued commitment to expanding and improving services across the continuum of care, including recovery.

NASADAD also 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. Additionally, NASADAD recognizes Congressmen Ramstad and Kennedy for their continued commitment to recovery.

In the News

Study finds American dentists prescribe opioids at rates nearly 40 times higher than English dentists

According to a new [study](#), American dentists prescribe opioids at rates nearly 40 times higher than English dentists. The study, published in *JAMA Network Open*, states that dentists are “one of the most frequent U.S. prescribers of opioids despite data suggesting that nonopioid analgesics are similarly effective for oral pain”. The similarities of both countries in oral health and dentistry use allowed researchers to conduct a cross-sectional study examining prescriptions written from outpatient pharmacies and health care settings. Results from the 2016 study found that American dentists wrote 11.4 million prescriptions for opioids compared to 28,000 in England. American dentists also prescribed a range of opioids, including long-acting opioids and those with a high potential for abuse, that were not ever prescribed by English dentists. The study concludes by suggesting the United States adopt national guidelines similar to England for the treatment of dental pain with limited use of opioids.

New study on socioeconomic differences in cigarette smoking among sociodemographic groups

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the publication of a [study](#) titled, “Socioeconomic Differences in Cigarette Smoking Among Sociodemographic Groups” in the journal *Preventing Chronic Disease*. The authors note that while extensive research has been conducted on cigarette smoking based on socioeconomic status, few studies have examined the relationship to sociodemographic characteristics. Using data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), the study found that low socioeconomic status was associated with increased cigarette use based on sociodemographic characteristics including age, race/ethnicity, and region. The study has implications that suggest tobacco control strategies could be targeted towards smokers of low socioeconomic status in order to reduce disparities.

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA releases FOA for Mental and Substance Use Disorder Practitioner Data grant

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health

SAMHSA accepting applications for Tribal Opioid Response Grants

The Substance Abuse and Mental

Services Administration (SAMHSA) [announced](#) on Tuesday that they are accepting applications for the Mental and Substance Use Disorder Practitioner Data (Prac-Data) grant. The announcement states, “the purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive data and analysis on individuals who compromise the prevention and treatment fields to address mental and substance use disorders.” The goal of the grant program is to collect data on existing practitioners to be used for policy and planning decisions. SAMHSA will be issuing one grant up to \$1,000,000 for up to 3 years and applications are due August 12, 2019.

Interagency Task Force releases Final Report on Best Practices for Pain Treatment

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services issued a [press release](#) stating that a federal advisory committee released its [final report](#) on best practices for acute and chronic pain management. The [Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force](#) calls “for a balanced, individualized, patient-centered approach”. The report lists five important categories for pain treatment: medications, interventional procedures, restorative therapies, behavioral health, and complementary and integrative health approaches. Specifically, the report recommends clinicians allocate more time with patients to establish rapport and set clear goals. It is also recommended that more time is spent on history-taking, screening tools, and lab tests. The report also addresses disparities and challenges within special populations including women, youth, American Indians and Alaska Natives, cancer patients, and those in palliative care.

Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the Tribal Opioid Response Grants (TOR). According to the [announcement](#), the program aims to address the opioid crisis by “increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT)”. The goal of the grant program is to address unmet treatment need and reduce opioid overdose-related deaths by improving prevention, treatment, and recovery services. The length of the project is 2 years and SAMHSA anticipates 163 awards with total available funding at \$35,985,372. Applications are due August 6, 2019.

SAMHSA grant announcement for Expansion of Practitioner Training grant

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is currently accepting applications for the Expansion of Practitioner Training (Prac-Ed) grant. The [announcement](#) states that the intent of the grant program is to “expand the integration of substance use disorder (SUD) education into the standard curriculum of relevant healthcare and health services education programs”. By continuing to integrate SUD education into the mainstream, SAMHSA’s goal is to expand the number of practitioners trained to provide SUD treatment. The agency plans to issue 10 grants of up to \$250,000 per year for up to 2 years and applications are due August 2, 2019.

Upcoming Events

OJJDP webinar on Improving Your Local Juvenile Justice System Through Cross System Collaboration

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) within the Department of Justice, in collaboration with Georgetown University’s Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, is holding a webinar titled, “Improving Your Local Juvenile Justice System Through Cross System Collaboration”. The webinar will focus on collaboration between state State or local jurisdictions and across systems to improve juvenile justice systems. Joined by OJJDP grantees and

training and technical assistance providers, the webinar will also address best practices and speakers will share their experiences with implementation of system improvements. The webinar will be held Monday, June 17th from 1-2:30 pm. [Register here.](#)

CMS webinar on new Medicaid measures to improve quality of care for SUDs

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program is holding a webinar to discuss new Medicaid measures to improve the quality of care for substance and opioid use disorder. The three measures include: Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder; Continuity of Care After Medically Managed Withdrawal from Alcohol and/or Drugs; and Continuity of Care After Inpatient or Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder. Staff from Brandeis University and measure developers from Mathematica will discuss the purpose of the measures and provide direction on how to calculate each measure. They will also discuss potential issues that states should consider during implementation. The webinar will be held Thursday, June 20th from 2:30-4:00 pm. [Register here.](#)