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Meet the Member
Ute Gazioch, NASADAD Member
Ute Gazioch currently serves as the Director of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for the Florida Department of Children and Families. Her office serves as the State’s mental health and substance use authority, responsible for related policy development and funding the public system of care. Prior to joining the Department in 2012, Ms. Gazioch spent 16 years working with adults, children, and families in the child welfare, substance use, and mental health fields. Ms. Gazioch has extensive experience with direct care provision as well as program development, management and evaluation. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology with a minor in Social Work from Florida State University.

White House Happenings
Administration releases FY 2021 proposed budget
On February 10th, the Administration released “A Budget for America’s Future,” the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021). NASADAD developed an overview of the Administration’s proposed funding levels for the Association’s priority programs within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), as well as select programs within the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The document compares the President’s FY 2021 proposal to the final FY 2020 funding levels and offers language from the Administration’s Congressional Budget Justifications. Some programs included in the overview include:
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant: $1,858,000,000 (level funding compared to FY 2020)
- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant: $1,585,000,000 (+$85 million)
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP): $97 million (-$109 million compared to FY 2020)
- Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS): $10 million, specifically for SPF-Rx program ($109 million compared to FY 2020)
  - SPF-Rx: $10 million (level)
- STOP Act: $9 million (level)
- Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT): $7.5 million (level)
- Tribal Behavioral Health Grants: $20 million (level)
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT): $364,677,000 (-$115 million compared to FY 2020)
- Targeted Capacity Expansion: $11,192,000 (-$89 million)
  - MAT-PDOA Program: Not funded (-$89 million)
  - SBIRT Program: Not funded (-$30 million)
- Pregnant & Postpartum Women Program: $32 million (level)
- Drug Courts: $70 million (level)
- Building Communities of Recovery: $8 million (level)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA): $497 million (-$49 million)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA): $1.431 billion (-$26 million)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Drug-Free Communities: $100 million (+$100 million within CDC; historically funded within ONDCP)
- Injury Prevention and Control: $730 million (+$52 million)
- America’s Health Block Grant: $350 million (+$350 million; would fund Chronic Disease Prevention programs)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Community Health Centers: $5.7 billion (+$102 million)
- Rural Health: $247 million (-$71 million)
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS: $2.5 billion (+$95 million)

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
- Regional Partnership Grants (mandatory funding): $40 million (+$30 million)
- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grants: $90 million (level)
- Child Welfare Services: $268 million (level)

Department of Justice (DOJ)
- High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas: $254 million (+$254 million within DOJ; historically funded within ONDCP)
- Byrne JAG: $278 million (-$70 million)
- Drug Courts: $77 million (-$3 million)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT): $30 million (-$1.16 million)
- Veterans Treatment Courts: $22 million (-$1 million)

Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
- Drug-Free Communities: Not funded; proposed to be moved to CDC
- High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs): Not funded; proposed to be moved to DEA within Department of Justice

Around the Agencies
FDA releases guidance on electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released a guidance document addressing the agency’s enforcement priorities for electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS). The FDA will focus on enforcement of any flavored, cartridge-based ENDS product (other than tobacco or menthol flavors); all other ENDS products for which the manufacturer has failed to take (or is failing to take) adequate measures to prevent minors’ access; and any ENDS product that is targeted to minors or whose marketing is likely to promote the use of ENDS by minors. In addition, the FDA will prioritize enforcement of any ENDS product that is offered for sale after May 12, 2020, and for which the manufacturer has not submitted a premarket application. The FDA will also be initiating inspections and surveillance and will issue enforcement actions ranging from warning letters to injunction, seizure, and/or civil money penalty actions to manufacturers and retailers that are out of compliance.

Videocasts now available for NIH HEAL Initiative Investigator Meeting
The National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative (HEAL) recently held an Investigator Meeting, bringing together more than 350 researchers that are working to provide scientific solutions to the opioid crisis. The meeting gives researchers the opportunity to learn from the group’s collective experience and bring that information back to their respective programs. Although the meeting was not open to the public, videocasts and slide decks for plenary panels are now available for both days of the program. Links to all of the materials can be found here.

Upcoming Events
NIDA to hold webinar in preparation for National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week
The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced a webinar that will be held prior to their annual National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW) that is taking place from March 30-April 5, 2020. The webinar, "New Data on Vaping and Teen Drug Use", will be hosted by NIDA’s Dr. Emily Einstein who will provide an overview of the latest trends in teen vaping from the newly released Monitoring the Future 2019 survey. This webinar will also include NIDA resources that can be used by K-12 educators participating in NDAFW. The webinar will be held on February 18, 2020 at 4:00pm EST. Click here to register.

Upcoming webinar on physical health integration in SUD and mental health settings
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions announced an upcoming webinar on the integration of physical health care in substance use and mental health treatment settings. Due to challenges in care planning, coordination, and data sharing, patients with substance use and/or mental health disorders often face barriers to care. As described in the announcement, The Physical Health Integration in Behavioral Health framework is a promising approach to enhance community behavioral health clinic planning, integration priorities, team-based care, and information-sharing. The webinar will provide a high-level overview of the evidence-based policies and practices that support integrated care, strategies to improve planning and outcomes-based quality improvement, and core components to developing and implementing the
Webinar for organizations new to employing peer support workers

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) is holding a Recovery Live! virtual event regarding the employment of peer support workers. The event will include a panel of experts who will discuss how organizations new to providing peer support services can effectively supervise and support those employees. The speakers will address best practices for implementation and how to apply practical supervision strategies that support peer workers' professional development in various settings. The event will be held on February 27, 2020 from 2:00-3:00pm EST and registration can be found here.

In the News

The National Council for Behavioral Health releases resource guide on MAT in correctional settings

The National Council for Behavioral Health and Vital Strategies, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Bloomberg Philanthropies, recently released a new resource guide titled, "Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Jails and Prisons: A Planning and Implementation Toolkit." The guide is intended for correctional administrators and health care providers and offers recommendations, tools, and strategies for overcoming challenges in the implementation of MAT in correctional settings. Some of the tools and resources in the toolkit include screening and assessment tools, a calculator to estimate the costs of providing buprenorphine, a list of no-cost training resources, and sample policies and operating procedures. A webinar providing further information on the toolkit will be held on February 25, 2020 at 2:00pm EST. Register here.

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids releases resource for parents of youth in need of treatment

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids announced the release of a new resource, "Your Child's Treatment Roadmap", that provides guidance for parents and caregivers of youth struggling with a substance use disorder. The resource provides a step-by-step pathway through the continuum of care to educate parents on the options available for their children. Various levels of care are explained, and parents are encouraged to schedule an assessment for their child through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) directory, or Psychology Today to determine the appropriate next step. Information is also provided on insurance coverage, what to expect when a child enters treatment, and a guide to continuing care.