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D.C. Update: DEA publishes proposed rule regarding mobile methadone vans, ONDCP opens applications for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, and more

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Meet the Member

Lori Criss, NASADAD Member

A native of eastern Ohio, Lori Criss has been engaged in the substance use and mental health field since 1992. Her experience includes working for the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and Amethyst, Inc. Prior to joining the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) in February 2019, Lori served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers.



Ms. Criss holds bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from The Ohio State University. She graduated from SAMHSA's 2010-2011 Women's Addiction Services Leadership Institute, a year-long nationally-selective, intensive program designed to build leaders for the nation's substance use and mental health field. Lori has most recently served on the Advisory Board to Ohio's Criminal Sentencing Commission, the National Council for Behavioral Health's Addiction Policy Committee, and Ohio's Housing and Homeless Collaborative. She is a former board member for the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) and served as the Principal Advisor for Ohio Recovery Housing

News from NASADAD
NPN Planning Committee seeking workshop proposals for annual conference



The National Prevention Network (NPN), which is a component group of NASADAD, will hold its annual conference from August 25-27, 2020 in Birmingham, Alabama. The NPN Planning Committee is now accepting workshop proposals to present at the 2020 NPN Conference. The proposals should address the conference theme, *Advancing Prevention Science Through the Lens of Change: How Sweet It Is!*, and fit into one of the following six topics: evidence-based programs and strategies to prevent or reduce substance use; innovative

evidence-informed approaches to prevent or reduce substance use; prevention workforce development; community empowerment and capacity building; drug trends and emerging issues; or cross-sector collaboration for substance use prevention. For more information and to submit workshop proposals, click [here](#).

Around the Agencies

Proposed rule published regarding mobile methadone units

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently published a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) in the *Federal Register* regarding the establishment of new mobile units to expand access to opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment with methadone. The proposed rule would revise existing regulations and allow registered narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) to use a mobile component without obtaining a separate registration. As described in the announcement, under the proposed rule, an NTP would be permitted to dispense narcotic drugs in schedules II-V at a location remote from, but within the same State as, the NTPs registered location, for the purpose of maintenance or detoxification treatment. The DEA noted that the revisions are intended to make maintenance and detoxification treatments more widely available. Electronic comments must be submitted, and written comments must be postmarked, on or before April 27, 2020.

NIAAA releases Director's Report

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) recently released their [Director's Report](#) to the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The report begins with a review of the Institute's budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2019 and 2020, including key funding actions that were taken in FY 2019. Recently issued funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) and highlights from NIAAA research are also included. Additionally, the report contains updates on the Director's activities, staff transitions, honors and awards, notable NIAAA staff activities, upcoming events, and communications activities.

Applications open for HRSA loan repayment programs

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is now accepting [applications](#) for three loan repayment programs: the NHSC Loan Repayment Program, the NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program, and the NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program. Applicants are required to work for 2-3 years at NHSC-approved sites in order to be eligible for loan repayment. A webinar will be held on March 5th from 1:00-3:00pm EST to review program requirements and eligibility criteria. Additionally, online Q&A sessions will take place on several dates throughout March and April to assist applicants with questions about the program and the



application process.

[ONDCP opens applications for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program](#)

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recently [announced](#) the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program's Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). As described in the press release, ONDCP Director Jim Carroll also announced that the day-to-day management of the DFC program will transition from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). New coalitions can find the FOA [here](#) and competing continuations can access the FOA [here](#). Applications are due April 3, 2020.

[SAMHSA now accepting applications for PPW grants](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is now accepting applications for the [State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment of Pregnant and Postpartum Women](#) (PPW-PLT) and the [Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women \(PPW\) grant](#).

The purpose the Residential Treatment for PPW grant is to provide pregnant and postpartum women with treatment for substance use disorders (SUDs) through programs in which the women reside in or receive outpatient treatment services, the minor children of the women reside with them in facilities, and the services are available to or on behalf of the women. SAMHSA plans to issue 3 grants of up to \$525,000 per year for up to 5 years and applications are due March 30, 2020.

The purpose of the PPW-PLT program is to enhance flexibility in the use of funds designed to support family-based services for pregnant and postpartum women, help State substance use agencies address the continuum of care, and encouraging State alcohol and drug agencies to utilize new approaches and models of service delivery. SAMHSA plans to issue 5 grants of up to \$900,000 per year for up to 3 years and applications are due April 20, 2020.



[National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week to be held March 30-April 5](#)

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW), coordinated by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), will be held from March 30-April 5, 2020. NDAFW, now in its 10th year, is a national health observance designed to equip schools and communities

with the materials and tools they need to educate young people about the effects of substance use on their brain, body, and behavior. Organizations that educate teens about healthy living including schools, local non-profits or other community-based organizations, and State or local health departments are encouraged to host an NDAFW event. NIDA will also provide a variety of resources to help plan and promote the event. For more information or to register an event click [here](#).

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[Webinar series on using SBIRT with adolescents](#)

The Adolescent SBIRT Project, in partnership with NORC at the University of Chicago, the BIG Initiative, and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, announced a four-part webinar series on using Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to

Treatment (SBIRT) to talk to adolescents about substance use. The first webinar will discuss the value of using the SBIRT model with adolescents and other screening

tools to determine the recommended level of intervention based on level of risk. The second and third webinar will demonstrate how to deliver brief interventions using the Brief Negotiated Interview (BNI) informed by motivational interviewing (MI) and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). The final webinar will outline how to provide referrals to treatment, where appropriate, and follow-up for adolescents who screen at-risk. The webinars will be held on several dates throughout March and April and registration can be found [here](#).

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