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D.C. Update: NASADAD releases summary of Biden-Harris Administration's FY 2022 Budget Proposal, HRSA accepting applications for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program, and more



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Meet the Member

Dr. John McIlveen, SOTA from the State of Oregon

Dr. John McIlveen is the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Health Systems Division and the President of the NASADAD State Opioid Treatment Authority Component Group. He is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, has several years of direct clinical experience in treating patients with alcohol and drug disorders, and was the former Director of Assessment and Education and Associate Director of Research at a large substance use treatment facility. Dr. McIlveen has coordinated research studies on addiction, co-morbid disorders, family systems, spirituality and mood disorders, has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and has been a frequent presenter at national conferences and symposiums.



News from NASADAD

NASADAD releases summary of Biden-Harris Administration's FY 2022 Budget Proposal

On May 28, 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration released their proposed budget for fiscal year (FY) 2022 (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022). 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 Programs (ONDCP). The document compares the President's FY 2022 proposal to the final FY 2021 funding levels and provides language from the Administration's Congressional Justifications.

Capitol Hill Happenings



HELP Committee votes to advance nomination of Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon as Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

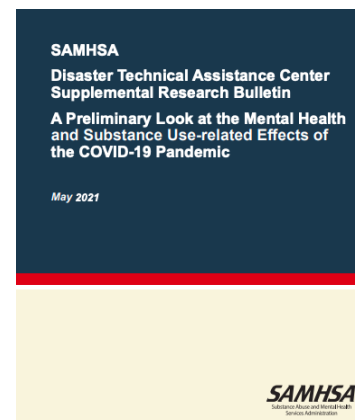
Yesterday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee voted to advance Miriam Delphin-Rittmon to Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use by a vote of 20-2. The process will now move to the Senate floor for a vote by all members. Since 2015, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon has served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS),

managing the State's publicly funded substance use and mental health service delivery system. In her role as Commissioner, she has been a member of NASADAD and has served on the Association's Public Policy Committee, providing guidance on federal legislative and regulatory efforts to address addiction. In addition, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon received the NASADAD State Service Award in 2019 for her dedication to effective and equitable substance use services in Connecticut.

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA releases new research on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health and substance use disorders

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a [new edition](#) of their *Supplemental Research Bulletin* that reviews research through November 2020 on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected mental health and substance use. It also includes research on special populations that are experiencing greater impacts such as youth, women, ethnic minorities, and health workers. Research suggests the pandemic-related stressors have posed serious threats to mental health including increases in substance use. The bulletin concludes with suggested interventions and approaches to support mental health and substance use disorders during and after the pandemic by supporting communities and improving systems of care.



HRSA accepting applications for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP). The program is offering up to \$250,000 in loan

repayment for eligible applicants who are fully licensed, credentialed in an eligible discipline, or a registered SUD professional, and will require awardees to be employed at a STAR LRP approved facility. HRSA will be hosting upcoming STAR LRP Q&A sessions and released [STAR LRP Application Video Tutorials](#) in order to

help with the application process. For more information on eligibility, Q&A sessions, and how to apply, click [here](#).

In the News

Registration open for 2021 PTACC Training Summit

The Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC), of which NASADAD is a member, is opening registration for its 2021 Deflection and Pre-Arrest Diversion Training Summit that will take place from October 12th through the 15th in Chicago, Illinois. As described on their website, the training summit will “provide opportunities to network with your peers, learn about deflection and pre-arrest diversion programs, and to honor the leadership and legacy of

Chicago’s Black Community in our nation’s civil rights movement.” The summit aims to provide information on deflection and pre-arrest diversion through plenary sessions and 25 breakout and workshop sessions. In addition, the summit plans to train multidisciplinary teams from city, county, and tribal jurisdictions that want to start or enhance deflection or pre-arrest diversion programs. To register for the summit click [here](#) or for more information click [here](#).



LAPPA releases new fact sheet on fentanyl test strips

The Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association (LAPPA), a recipient of the Office of National Drug Control

Policy's (ONDCP) Model Acts grant, released a [new fact sheet](#) with information on fentanyl test strips. The release of the fact sheet coincides with a new policy to allow certain federal grantees funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to purchase fentanyl test strips with certain federal grant dollars. The fact sheet describes the technology behind test strips, research on the impact of utilizing fentanyl on the behavior of people using drugs, legal issues and more.