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## Meet the Member

### Randee Peterson BA CAC, Substance Use Disorder Program Manager, South Dakota Department of Social Services

Randee Peterson is a Substance Use Disorder Program Manager for the Department of Social Services Division of Behavioral Health. She received her Bachelor of Arts through the University of South Dakota in Criminal Justice. She started her career as a chemical dependency counselor for the Department of Social Services at Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD where she worked for nearly three years. Randee worked for a community agency in Sioux Falls, SD as a chemical dependency counselor for 2 years before finding her current position.

Randee is a Certified Addiction Counselor through the Board of Addiction Prevention and Professionals. She is a Motivational Interviewing Trainer and a Cognitive Behavioral Interventions in Substance Abuse Trainer. Randee is trained in several evidenced based practices. She oversees the publicly funded programs for substance use disorder treatment services across the State of South Dakota.



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## Capitol Hill Happenings

### President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

President Biden released his [proposed budget](#) for FY 2023 on March 28, 2022. As a reminder, the Administration submits a budget annually to Congress that contains

estimates of federal government income and spending for the upcoming fiscal year and also recommends funding levels for the federal government. Congress then works to pass an appropriations bill based on the President's recommendations and Congressional priorities. Below are select agencies' Congressional Justifications who are involved in the prevention, treatment, and recovery of substance use.

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)
- [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)
- [Administration of Children and Families \(ACF\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)
- [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIAA\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)
- [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)
- [Office of National Drug Control Policy \(ONDCP\)](#)
- [Department of Justice \(DOJ\) FY 2023 Congressional Justification](#)

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## Capitol Hill Happenings

### Hearing On "Communities In Need: Legislation To Support Mental Health And Well-Being"

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON **ENERGY & COMMERCE**

CHAIRMAN FRANK PALLONE, JR.

On April 5, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce will host a [legislative hearing](#)

to discuss legislation related to mental health and substance use.

Cassandra Price, Immediate Past President on the NASADAD Board of Directors and Director of the Office of Addictive Diseases within the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) will testify on behalf of NASADAD. Bills to be discussed include:

- [H.R. 7235](#), the "Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7241](#), the "Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act"
- [H.R. 2376](#), the "Excellence in Recovery Housing Act"
- [H.R. 2929](#), the "Virtual Peer Support Act"
- [H.R. 4251](#), "Native Behavioral Health Access Improvement Act of 2021"
- [H.R. 4944](#), "Helping Kids Cope Act of 2021"
- [H.R. 5218](#), the "Collaborate in an Orderly and Cohesive Manner"
- [H.R. 7073](#), the "Into the Light for Maternal Mental Health Act"
- [H.R. 7076](#), the "Supporting Children's Mental Health Care Access Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7232](#), the "9-8-8 and Parity Assistance Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7233](#), the "Keeping Incarceration Discharges Streamlined for Children and Accommodating Resources in Education Act" or the "KIDS CARES Act"
- [H.R. 7234](#), the "Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act"
- [H.R. 7236](#), the "Strengthen Kids' Mental Health Now Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7237](#), the "Reauthorizing Evidence-based and Crisis Help Initiatives Needed to Generate Improved Mental Health Outcomes for Patients Act of 2022" or the "REACHING Improved Mental Health Outcomes for Patients Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7238](#), the "Timely Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7248](#), the "Continuing Systems of Care for Children Act"
- [H.R. 7249](#), the "Anna Westin Legacy Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7254](#), the "Mental Health Justice and Parity Act of 2022"
- [H.R. 7255](#), the "Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Reauthorization Act"

The hearing will begin at 10:15am and will be available via live stream [here](#).

## The Senate Committee on Finance Report on Mental Health Care

This week, the Senate Committee on Finance released a report on [Mental Health Care In The United States: The Case For Federal Action](#). The report discusses mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) barriers in the U.S related to spending; workforce; children, adolescents, and young adults; access integration and coordination; mental health and SUD parity; and telehealth. Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) said, "this report marks the Finance Committee's next step in the bipartisan effort to understand the mental health care crisis in the U.S. and, further, to craft a legislative package, which the Committee intends to consider this summer."



## Congressional Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus host a Discussion with Michael Keaton, RAND Corporation, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Congressman Tim Ryan, with the Congressional Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery (ATR) Caucus, recently hosted a discussion on the changing landscape of the opioid epidemic with Dr. Beau Kilmer, RAND Corporation, Dr. Arnold Alier Martinez, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Bureau of Public Health and Preparedness, and special guest and award-winning actor Michael Keaton. Mr. Keaton talked about his role in Hulu's limited series, Dopesick, a television show that explores the epicenter of America's struggles with opioid addiction. He also shared how acting and executive producing this series was influenced by the real-life experiences of people in communities like the one he grew up in Western Pennsylvania. Dr. Kilmer provided insight on finding innovative solutions to reduce the spread of substances like fentanyl. Dr. Martinez highlighted how first responder communities have been impacted by the epidemic and how they can better respond to substance use related emergencies.

The presentation is available: [here](#).

The conversation with Michael Keaton is available: [here](#).

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## Around the Agencies

### SAMHSA Webinar: How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application

The Office of Financial Resources at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will conduct a [webinar](#) on how to develop a competitive grant application. The webinar will be offered on April 14, 2022 and May 3, 2022 at 2 pm (ET). The webinar will address:

- The three registration processes that need to be completed;
- Preparing to apply for a grant;
- Key components of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
- Responding effectively to the evaluation criteria;
- Resources and technical assistance that are available.



### DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grants

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will make [45 awards of up to \\$2 million each](#)

to integrate substance use treatment into judicially-supervised court settings through the Adult Drug Court (ADC) Discretionary Grant Program. As described in the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), drug courts integrate evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services in judicially supervised criminal court settings in order to reduce recidivism. Priority consideration will be given to applications that provide resources to rural and tribal jurisdictions. The deadline to apply is May 20, 2022.

## Public Safety and Public Health Partnerships to Address Stimulants: Virtual Workshop Report



The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) within the Department of Justice (DOJ) (supported by the Police Executive Research Forum and RTI International) hosted a 2-day virtual workshop in 2021 that brought together law enforcement leaders, public health practitioners, and researchers to discuss partnerships and strategies designed to address the recent rise in stimulant use. The workshop report features five recommendations, from encouraging the adoption of first responder deflection and pre-arrest diversion programs to supporting more research and training on the stigma associated with substance use. Key recommendations and more information can be found in the recently released brief, [Public Safety and Public Health Partnerships to Address Stimulants](#).

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## Research Roundup

### GAO: Older Workers: Opioid Misuse and Employment Outcomes



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released a new report on [Older Workers: Opioid Misuse and Employment Outcomes](#).

According to GAO's analysis of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health data from 2015 through 2019, GAO found that older adults (ages 50 and older) who reported having misused opioids were more likely to be unemployed or experience employment instability. Higher percentages of those who misused opioids were male, unmarried, and did not have a college degree, compared with older adults who did not misuse opioids. Additionally, the report found that older adults who misused opioids were an estimated 22 percent less likely to be in the labor force (either employed or actively seeking work); older adults in the labor force who misused opioids were an estimated 40 percent less likely to be employed; and employed older workers who misused opioids were twice as likely to have experienced periods of unemployment.

### NIH: Law enforcement seizures of pills containing fentanyl increased dramatically between 2018-2021

A recent National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded [research study](#) found that law enforcement seizures of pills containing illicit fentanyl increased dramatically between January 2018 and December 2021. Individual pills seized by law enforcement increased nearly 50-fold from the first quarter of 2018 to the last quarter of 2021. Comparing data from the first quarter of 2018 with the last quarter of 2021, the team found that the number of seizures of pills containing fentanyl increased from 68 to 635, and the total number of individual pills seized by law enforcement increased from 42,202 to 2,089,186.