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**D.C. Update: NASADAD's Jen Smith Wins AATOD's Nyswander/Dole Award, SAMHSA Announces CAPT Jennifer Fan as Acting Director of CSAP, NASADAD Hiring, and More**

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## Meet the Member

### **Alisa Randall, State Opioid Treatment Authority for Arizona, Assistant Director, Division of Grants Administration, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System**



Alisa Randall, Assistant Director for the Division of Grants Administration for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Arizona's Medicaid program, oversees a team of 33 staff who administer more than \$300 million in grant funding on an annual basis. Under her leadership, AHCCCS pursues, implements, and administers multiple grants annually including Block Grants, State Opioid Response (SOR), the 988 Planning Grant, and various discretionary grants. With grant funding, AHCCCS has been able to create additional programs and resources that provide services for its 2.4 million Medicaid members as well as uninsured and underinsured Arizonans in need of health care services.

Ms. Randall oversaw Arizona's successful implementation of the national 988 crisis number and manages all aspects of the State's robust crisis system. She serves as the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA), supporting the Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) and overseeing legislative initiatives regarding OTP reporting.

To her State service, Ms. Randall brings over 20 years of experience working in Arizona's behavioral health system, providing direct care, operational management within

Arizona's behavioral health provider network, and as an Administrative leader within a Regional Behavioral Health Authority that managed the behavioral health and integration health care needs of adults in the community.

She holds a Masters in Educational Counseling from Northern Arizona University.

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## NASADAD News

### Surgeon General's Office Provides Briefing on Workplace Mental Health and Well-Being Framework

On October 31st, Rob Morrison, NASADAD Executive Director, participated in a briefing sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Office of the Surgeon General regarding the Surgeon General's recently released Framework for Workplace Mental Health and Well-Being. The briefing reviewed each component of the Framework, which includes:

- Connection and Community
- Work-life harmony
- Opportunity for Growth
- Protection from Harm
- Mattering at Work

These components, according to the Framework, should be viewed through the lens of worker voice and equity. The Framework, which was released last week, can be accessed [here](#).

This web page includes A graphic of the framework, available [here](#), and a 30-page document that goes deeper into each component and includes some specific case examples, available [here](#).

### NASADAD's Jen Smith Receives AATOD's Nyswander/Dole Award

On November 2, 2022, Jennifer (Jen) Smith, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) and Secretary of NASADAD's Board of Directors and Regional III Director, received the [Nyswander/Dole Award](#) at the [2022 American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence \(AATOD\) Conference](#). This award was presented for her

outstanding contributions to opioid treatment in Pennsylvania. The Award honored a total of nine individuals, nominated and selected by their peers, for their extraordinary work and service

in the opioid treatment community. Please join us in congratulating Jen! (Pictured: L to R: Jared Yurow, NTN, Hawaii, Vice President for Treatment on the NASADAD Board of Directors, and Jen Smith, SSA, Pennsylvania, Secretary of the NASADAD Board of Directors).



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## State Spotlight

### Arizona Department of Health Services' Unvape Generation Campaign Keeps Growing

The Arizona Department of Health Services' (ADHS) [Unvape Generation campaign](#), launched in April 2022, seeks to end nicotine dependence by celebrating the talents, passions, and interests of youth who choose to refrain from vaping. The campaign recognizes that vaping affects teens, particularly as tobacco companies target them, and aims to inspire a new generation of teens to put an end to nicotine use forever. The Unvape Generation campaign highlights the youths who refrain from vaping and tells their stories both on



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their website and in videos on social media.

Search for #Unvape to view these videos on social media.

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## Around the Agencies

### SAMHSA Announces CAPT Jennifer Fan as New Acting Director of CSAP

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced today that [CAPT Jennifer Fan, PharmD, JD](#), is the new Acting Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

CAPT Fan served many different roles at SAMHSA from 2007-2021, including Acting CSAP Deputy Director; Special Assistant for the CSAP Director; Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Liaison for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grants; CSAP Subject Matter Expert on Opioids and Prescription Drug Misuse; and Public Health Advisor/Pharmacist for SAMHSA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, CSAP Division of Workplace Programs, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Division of Pharmacologic Therapies. The SAMHSA press release can be found [here](#).

CAPT Jeff Coady is returning to his position as the Region 5 Administrator.

### CDC Best Practices User Guide Supplement: Tobacco Where You Live: Mapping Techniques



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Office on Smoking and Health \(OSH\)](#), in partnership with the Center for Public Health Systems Science at Washington University in St. Louis, published a new supplement to the Best Practices User Guides [Tobacco Where You Live: Mapping Techniques](#). The Tobacco Where You Live supplement intends to help State and local programs understand how commercial tobacco use varies within their communities and actions to reduce tobacco use in those with the highest prevalence. These maps will enable programs to focus their efforts and identify tobacco-related disparities, possible approaches, and educate the public. Specifically, the Tobacco Where You Live: Mapping Techniques supplement helps:

- “Prepare to begin a mapping project;
- Create an effective tobacco control map in six easy steps;
- Learn how state programs have used maps to support tobacco prevention and control goals; and
- Identify the best resources and tools to get started.”

The guide can be downloaded [here](#).

### HRSA Funding Opportunities: Rural Community Opioid Response Program Initiative



The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) recently announced two funding opportunities as part of the [Rural Community Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\)](#). First, the multi-year [RCORP - Overdose Response](#) grant program allocates \$12 million across 40 grants towards addressing immediate community-level needs related to the overdose crisis. Applicants must implement services from a list of allowable prevention, treatment, and recovery activities and support the need for them and their ability to implement them in a one-year period. Applicants can be located in an urban or rural area but all activities supported by the program must occur exclusively within [HRSA-designated rural areas](#). The second program, [RCORP - Evaluation](#), is a cooperative agreement of \$5 million per year for a four-year period to evaluate the impact of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) strategies utilized in RCORP programs. The awarded organization will develop evaluation tools and resources for rural communities to inform future health initiatives at the community level.

For applicants interested in applying for the RCORP Overdose Response grant program, a [no-cost webinar](#) will be held on November 10, 2022 and 1:00 p.m. ET. The deadline to



apply is January 19, 2023.

For applicants interested in the RCORP-Evaluation grant program, [a no-cost webinar](#) is on November 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. ET. The deadline to apply is January 27, 2023.

## CDC Releases the Suicide Prevention Resource for Action

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) recently released the [Suicide Prevention Resource for Action](#), an updated version of the [Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices](#), to help States and communities develop suicide prevention activities. The new Suicide Prevention Resource expands on past strategies with the best available evidence to provide a roadmap for action under [CDC's Comprehensive Suicide Prevention program](#). This program currently funds 15 States and 2 universities to implement a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention by using strategies from CDC's new Suicide Prevention Resource. These strategies focus on activities with the highest potential to reduce the risk for suicide and lessen the harms of suicidal behavior among populations disproportionately impacted by suicide. The Suicide Prevention Resource's three components include:

1. **“Strategies** are the collection of actions to achieve the goal of preventing suicide.
2. **Approaches** are the specific ways to advance each strategy.
3. **Policies, programs, and practices** show evidence of impact on suicide, suicide attempts, or risk and protective factors.”

CDC also recently released [Program Profiles](#) with success stories for how these programs have been implemented. More information on CDC's suicide prevention strategies can be found [here](#).

## Ryan Whites HIV/AIDS AIDS Education and Training Center Releases Substance Use Disorder Toolkit



The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program National Coordinating Resource Center recently released the [Implementing Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Services in HIV Care Settings Toolkit](#). The toolkit contains linked resources intended for use by multidisciplinary health care teams to improve SUD-related health outcomes for people with HIV and SUD in all stages of recovery. The toolkit is divided into five components to assist with implementation of evidence-based SUD interventions across the full continuum of care and emphasizes the importance of clinic-wide non-stigmatizing and supportive messaging.

The toolkit can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Webinars to Watch

### FDA/NIH Joint Public Workshops on Medical Devices for Opioid Use

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are hosting [two joint public workshops on medical devices for opioid use](#). These workshops aim to promote medical device innovation through discussions with stakeholders about factors informing clinical studies of medical devices to diagnose, monitor, and support those who use opioids. Patients, caregivers, providers, and other stakeholders will share their perspectives on opioid use and opioid use disorder (OUD), with the goal to foster safe use of opioids and prevent overdose. The first workshop, [Diagnostic and Monitoring Medical Devices for Opioid Use](#), will be held on November 7, 2022, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm (ET), and will discuss the development, commercialization, and adoption of monitoring and diagnostic devices for patients using opioids. The second workshop, [Risk Prediction Devices of Opioid Use and OUD - Opportunities and Challenges](#), will be held on November 8, 2022, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm (ET), and will highlight opportunities and challenges of the development, commercialization, and adoption of devices to predict the risk of developing OUD. These workshops' priorities are:

- “To obtain patients’ perspectives on opioid use and OUD and the impact on their daily lives;
- To provide a forum for device manufacturers and researchers to discuss challenges they may encounter along the total product life cycle (TPLC) of medical devices related to opioid use;
- To promote medical device innovation by fostering necessary and productive discussions amongst stakeholders who provide services to people experiencing OUD, develop medical devices and research interventions for the prediction, prevention and diagnosis of OUD as well as monitoring in people using opioids; and
- To foster informative discussions around health equity, perceived stigma, and digital inequalities that affect people using opioids or living with OUD.”

These two workshops are no-cost but registration is required. The FDA will provide background materials at least 48 hours in advance of these workshops.

## SAMHSA Webinar: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Criteria Update Kick-Off



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting a [webinar](#) on updates to the [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\) Certification Criteria](#). This no-cost webinar will be held on November 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm (ET). The webinar will provide background on CCBHCs, describe key aspects of the new Certification Criteria and SAMHSA’s process for soliciting input from the field, and discuss how the public can give input. SAMHSA seeks to make revisions to the Criteria to respond to new developments and lessons learned in the past 7 years while maintaining the overarching requirements for program areas and scope of services outlined in the [2014 Protecting Access to Medicare Act \(PAMA\)](#).

Future updates on this revision process can be found [here](#).

## PTTC, SAMHSA Webinar: Implementing Community-Level Policies to Prevent Alcohol Misuse

The Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will host a [webinar](#) highlighting findings from [SAMHSA’s guide, Implementing Community-Level Policies to Prevent Alcohol Misuse](#). This no-cost webinar will be offered on November 10, 2022, at 2:00 pm (ET). The guide focuses on evidence-based, community-level policies to prevent alcohol misuse by changing community conditions, systems, and behaviors. The webinar will provide an overview of effective prevention policies that can be implemented at the local, State, tribal, and/or territorial levels, as well as key considerations and strategies for implementing and evaluating these policies while considering equity throughout. The webinar is designed for policymakers, health departments, coalitions, prevention practitioners, communities, and other stakeholders. Registration is required.

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## We're Hiring!

### NASADAD Hiring for Alcohol and Other Drug Research Associates



The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) is hiring for an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Research Associate I and II. See the job listing and links to apply below:

#### Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Research Associate

NASADAD seeks a team-oriented person interested in substance use disorder (SUD) issues and systems. The candidate should: possess an understanding of substance use issues, have excellent writing and communication skills, and demonstrate strong research and analytic capabilities.

More information on the positions, including qualifications, benefits, and how to apply, can be found below:

[AOD Research Associate I](#)

[AOD Research Associate II](#)

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