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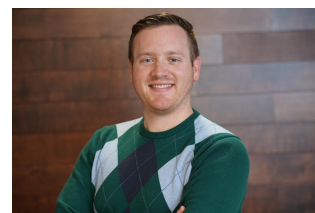
D.C. Update: NASADAD Participates in Event Marking Passage of MAT/MATE Act, President Biden's State of the Union Address, Bipartisan Group of Lawmakers Write Letter to President Asking to Restore Director of ONDCP to Cabinet-level Position, and More.

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Meet the Member

Jordan Knipper, SOTA for Ohio, Office of Treatment Services, Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services



Jordan Knipper is an experienced substance use disorder (SUD) Counselor, Program Administrator, and Clinical Director. Driven by a strong desire to provide open access to treatment services while maintaining effective Patient safety principles and harm reduction initiatives. He takes pride in providing the best administrative support possible across the state. As the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) for the State of Ohio, his goals include maintaining strong collaborative relationships with the Ohio Opioid Treatment Provider (OTP) Provider network and the implementation of effective and modern SUD treatment modalities. He holds a Masters in Mental Health Counseling and is licensed by both the Counselor/Social Work and Chemical Dependency boards of Ohio.

NASADAD News

NASADAD Participates in Event Marking Passage of MAT/MATE Act

On Tuesday, January 24, Robert Morrison participated in an event held at the White House complex celebrating the passage of the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment

(MAT) Act and the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act. These initiatives were included in the year-end “Omnibus” bill (H.R. 2617/P.L. 117-328) approved by Congress and signed by President Biden in December 2022. Speakers at the event included Dr. Rahul Gupta, Director, Office of National Control Policy (ONDCP); Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Assistant Secretary, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); Ann Milgram, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA); Representative Paul Tonko (New York), Senator Maggie Hassan (New Hampshire), and others. Speakers discussed the increased opportunities linked to the legislation. At the same time, speakers noted that much work remains given the state of the opioid crisis. (Pictured: Robert Morrison with Senator Hassan (N.H.), and Robert Morrison with Dr. Gupta, director, ONDCP)



White House Happenings

President Joe Biden’s State of the Union Speech Highlights Drug Overdose Crisis

President Joe Biden delivered his State of the Union address on February 7, 2023. The President’s speech touched on recently passed legislation that makes it easier for healthcare professionals to prescribe medication for opioid use disorder, stigma, recovery from an opioid use disorder, and the deadly impact of fentanyl. The President also talked about drug interdiction and specifically cracking down on fentanyl trafficking.



“That’s why a year ago, I offered a Unity Agenda for the nation. We’ve made real progress. Together, we passed a law making it easier for doctors to prescribe effective treatments for opioid addiction.”

“Let’s launch a major surge to stop fentanyl production, sale, and trafficking, with more drug detection machines to inspect cargo and stop pills and powder at the border. Working with couriers like Fed Ex to inspect more packages for drugs. Strong penalties to crack down on fentanyl trafficking.”

The full text of the President’s speech is available [here](#).

Capitol Hill Happenings

Bipartisan Group of Lawmakers Write Letter to President Asking to Restore the Director of ONDCP to a Cabinet-level Position

Last week, a bipartisan group of 55 lawmakers wrote a [letter](#) to President Joe Biden asking that the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) be restored to a Cabinet-level position. The group of lawmakers urged the President to adopt the change to push ending the drug crisis as a top priority. Re-elevating ONDCP to the cabinet would give it the full resources of the federal government and improve national collaboration efforts. The current Director of ONDCP is Dr. Rahul Gupta.

Around the Agencies

New CoE-PHI Spanish Language Resource Available: Understanding HIPAA: What Parents Need to Know About Privacy & Their Adult Child’s Health Information

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI), in partnership with the [National Latino Behavioral Health Association \(NLBHA\)](#), the [National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(ATTC\)](#), and the [National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center \(PTTC\)](#), released a Spanish Language resource on [Understanding HIPAA: What Parents Need to Know About Privacy & Their Adult Child's Health Information](#). The resource, available in English and Spanish, answers frequently asked questions about when parents can access their adult child's protected health information per Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) law. Key points include:

- “The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) is a federal law that sets national privacy standards limiting the use and disclosure of individuals' health information (known as “protected health information” or “PHI”).
- As your child grows into adulthood, both your rights and the rights of your child under HIPAA change.
- HIPAA sets limits and conditions on when and what information healthcare providers may disclose about your adult child.”

The resource can be downloaded in English [here](#), and in Spanish [here](#).

Research Roundup

Congressional Research Service Releases Resource On Recent Developments in Opioid Regulations Under The Controlled Substance Act



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) recently released a [Legal Sidebar on Recent Developments in Opioid Regulation Under the Controlled Substances Act](#) (CSA). The comprehensive resource provides background on opioid regulation as well as examines current issues and proposed legislation surrounding the topic. These key issues include the regulation and scheduling of fentanyl analogues, supervised consumption sites, and opioid treatment programs. Other legislative proposals cover proposed changes to regulatory obligations of CSA registrants authorized to handle opioids, amendments to the CSA's criminal provisions that apply to unauthorized activities involving opioids, and whether to apply CSA controls to certain drugs.

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

National Health Interview Survey Finds an Increase in Usage of Telemedicine With Age

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released an evaluation of a portion of the results of the [2021 National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#). The question posed was whether, in the past 12 months, the survey participant or their child has had an appointment with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional by video or by phone? The results of the survey demonstrated that the percentage of those who utilize telemedicine increased with age. In 2021, approximately one-third (32.8%) of persons of all ages had a telemedicine appointment with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional during the past 12 months. The percentage with a telemedicine appointment increased with age, from 17.2% among children under 10 to 45.5% among adults aged 70-79 years. The percentage then decreased to 39.3% among adults aged ≥80 years. The CDC's comments on these findings can be found [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

DEA Webinar: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in

Preventing Drug Use and Misuse



The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is hosting a [webinar](#) on Considering Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Preventing Drug Use and Misuse. This no-cost webinar is being offered on February 15, 2023, at 2:00 pm (ET). The webinar will feature panelists from State government, higher education, community-based prevention, and the DEA to discuss the importance of cultural competence and cultural humility in preventing drug use and misuse. Registration is not required - simply join the session day of.

NCSACW Webinar: Mitigating Safety and Risk for Children Affected by Parental Substance Use Disorders Involved in the Child Welfare System



The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) is hosting a [webinar](#) on Mitigating Safety and Risk for Children Affected by Parental Substance Use Disorders Involved in the Child Welfare System. This no-cost webinar is being offered on February 16, 2023, at 1:00 pm (ET). The webinar will feature NCSACW's Kim Bishop and Elizabeth Bullock and review a collaborative approach to child welfare assessment of parental substance use as a safety or risk factor for substance use disorder (SUD) through standardized screening, examination of behavioral indicators, observations of the physical environment, and contact with other service providers. The webinar will also highlight opportunities for substance use treatment professionals to partner with child welfare on safety planning with families affected by parental SUDs and collaborative strategies to support families' efforts to overcome barriers to child safety and permanency while building parental capacities. Registration is required.

Georgetown University's M.S. in Addiction Policy & Practice Informational Webinar

Georgetown University will host an [informational webinar](#) on its [Master of Science in Addiction Policy & Practice Program](#), featuring Regina LaBelle, J.D., Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute. This no-cost webinar will be offered on February 15, 2023, at 1:30 pm (ET). Georgetown University's Master's Program in Addiction Policy and Practice offers an interdisciplinary course of study designed to enhance the national policy workforce to build an evidence-based approach to substance use disorder (SUD) issues. Registration is required.