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**D.C. Update: the Biden Administration Releases the Budget of the U.S. Government, Bipartisan Fentanyl Prevention Caucus Forms in the House, New SAMHSA Funding Opportunities, and More.**

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## Meet the Member

### James Matney, SOTA for West Virginia, SBIRT Clinical Director, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

Mr. Matney began his career in substance use and recovery working in rural Kentucky. He currently serves as the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Clinical Director at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). He graduated from Murray State University with a degree in Clinical Psychology. Mr. Matney brings not only 35 years of expertise but his own personal experience of living in long-term recovery. He has managed multiple residential and outpatient programs for adolescents and adults. His work also includes administration of programs for patients with complex service needs including trauma and co-occurring mental health disorders. Mr. Matney additionally serves as the West Virginia State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) and provides technical assistance to organizations providing medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorders (OUD).



## NASADAD News

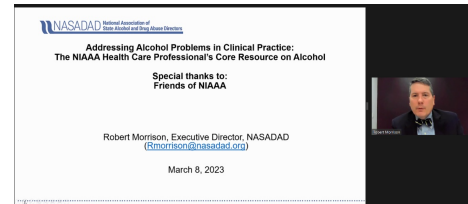
### NASADAD Presents Resolution Honoring Life of Paul Molloy, Oxford House Inc.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, NASADAD Executive Director Robert Morrison attended an Oxford House staff training held in Bethesda, Maryland to present a resolution honoring the life of Paul Molloy, founder of Oxford House, Inc. Mr. Molloy passed



away at the age of 83 last year. The resolution, approved by the NASADAD Board of Directors, was presented to Kathleen Gibson, Chief Executive Officer of Oxford House. Mr. Molloy founded the Oxford House approach in the late 1970's after developing a substance use disorder (SUD) himself. Mr. Molloy worked to enter recovery after becoming homeless. A key part of his journey included living in a group home with others in recovery from substance use disorders. In this group home, residents agreed to not use alcohol or other drugs; made decisions together; and contributed equally to rent and household duties. Over time, Oxford Houses expanded across the country. During the Oxford House event, Mr. Morrison expressed condolences to the Molloy family - along with the Oxford House community - and recognized the incredible contributions Paul Molloy made to the field. In addition, Mr. Morrison thanked the Oxford House staff in attendance for their work and noted the importance of investing in recovery housing. Finally, Mr. Morrison thanked Kathleen Gibson for her work, commitment, and leadership. To learn more about Oxford House, visit <https://oxfordhouse.org/index>.

## Rob Morrison, NASADAD Executive Director, Participates in Webinar to Discuss "The NIAAA Health Care Professional's Core Resource on Alcohol"



On March 8th, Robert Morrison spoke during the Friends of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) co-sponsored *Addressing Alcohol Problems in Clinical Practice: The NIAAA Health Care Professional's Core Resource on Alcohol* webinar. Rob was joined by Robert Huebner, PhD, Chair, Friends of NIAAA; George Kobb, PhD, Director, NIAAA; Laura Kwako, PhD, Chief, Health Services Research Branch, NIAAA; Helen Jack, MD, Acting Instructor, University of Washington; and Tamika Chere' Barkley Zapolski, PhD, Associate Professor, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

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## White House Happenings

### The Biden Administration Releases the Budget of the U.S. Government

On March 9, President Budget released his [Budget for Fiscal Year 2024](#). The President's budget serves as an outline for the Administration's policy and funding priorities for the next fiscal year. Next, the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Appropriations will hold hearings on the President's budget. The Senate Committee on Appropriations is expecting to hold their budget hearing on March 22 at 2:30 p.m. ET.

- The Budget can be found [here](#).
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees can be found [here](#).
- The Department of Health and Human Services FY 2024 Budget in Brief can be found [here](#).

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## Capitol Hill Happenings

### Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing on FY 2024 Budget Justification for HHS



On March 22, the United States Senate Committee will hold a Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on [A Review of the President's FY 2024 Funding Request and Budget Justification for the Department of Health and Human Services](#).

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Time: 02:30 PM

Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building 138 or livestream [here](#).

## Bipartisan Fentanyl Prevention Caucus Forms in the House

On March 9, Representatives Joe Neguse (D-CO), Madeleine Dean (D-PA), Darrell Issa (R-CA), and Ken Calvert (R-CA) announced the Bipartisan Fentanyl Prevention Caucus. A [press release](#) by Rep. Neguse states, “the co-chairs will coordinate with members from both sides of the aisle to combat the nationwide spike in fentanyl-related overdoses and drug poisonings, working with Federal and state law enforcement. Members will also work to educate the public and the Congress, in cooperation with prevention and awareness groups to better understand the ongoing threat of fentanyl in communities across America.

The caucus members include: Angie Craig (D-MN), Chris Pappas (D-NH), Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Melanie Stansbury (D-NM), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Ruben Gallego (D-TX), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Marc Veasey (D-TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Raúl Grijalva (D-NM), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Sharice Davids (D-KS), Don Bacon (R-NE), Claudia Tenney (R-NY), Andre Carson (D-IN), Ralph Norman (R-SC), Chris Smith (R-NJ), Lance Gooden (R-TX), Bob Latta (R-OH), Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Jake LaTurner (R-KS), Barry Moore (R-AL), David Valadeo (R-CA), and Robert Aderholt (R-AL).”

## New CRS Brief on Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder

On March 16, the Congressional Research Service released a new In Focus brief on [Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder](#). The brief covers topics such as medication assisted treatment (MAT), federal regulatory framework for MAT, opioid treatment programs, and office-based opioid treatment.

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## Around the Agencies

### SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Provider's Clinical Support System - Medications for Opioid Use Disorder



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced a \$1.5 million funding opportunity for the [Provider's Clinical Support System - Medications for Opioid Disorder](#). This program aims to “provide training, guidance, and mentoring on the use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).” The Provider's Clinical Support System - MOUD program is offering one award up to the full \$1.5 million per year and is ultimately designed to “enhance the capacity of healthcare and counseling professionals to identify and treat opioid use disorder (OUD).” Applications are due May 8, 2023.

### SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Minority Fellowship Program

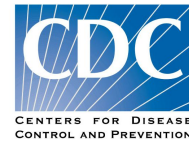
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced a \$15.7 million funding opportunity for the [Minority Fellowship Program](#). This program aims to “recruit, train, and support master's and doctoral level students in behavioral health care professions by:

1. increasing the knowledge of mental and/or substance use disorder behavioral health professionals on issues related to prevention, treatment, and recovery support for individuals who are from racial and ethnic minority populations and have a mental or substance use disorder;
2. increasing the number of culturally competent mental and substance use disorders professionals who teach, administer services, conduct research, and provide direct mental and/or substance use disorder services to racial and ethnic minority populations; and

3. improving the quality of mental and substance use disorder prevention and treatment services delivered to racial and ethnic minority populations.”

The Minority Fellowship Program will offer 8 awards of up to \$1.96 million per year and aims to reduce substance use disorder and mental health service "... disparities, advance the quality of mental and substance use disorder prevention and treatment services, and improve health care outcomes for racial and ethnic minority populations.” Applications are due May 9, 2023.

## CDC Publishes National and State Data Briefs on Monitoring E-Cigarette Use Among Youth



The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Foundation](#) recently published two new [National and State data briefs on Monitoring E-Cigarette Use Among Youth](#) from January 2018 through December 25, 2022. These briefs, with the most recent data on e-cigarettes, provide an update on trends in sales of e-cigarettes in the United States by product and flavor. These briefs do not include online sales or vape store sales and will be updated as new data comes out. The two briefs can be found below:

- [Monitoring U.S. E-Cigarette Sales: National Trends](#)
- [Monitoring U.S. E-Cigarette Sales: State Trends](#)

Archives of previous data briefs on e-cigarettes in the United States and supporting documents can be found [here](#).

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## Research Round-Up

### Researchers Characterize Alcohol Use Disorder Profiles to Predict Treatment Outcomes

Researchers from the University of New Mexico, the University of Washington, and Syracuse University published a report in the *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors Journal* on [alcohol use disorder profiles as predictors for alcohol use disorder treatment outcomes and recovery](#). The study found that “assessing patients based on biological and psychological domains of addiction could be a good way to predict treatment outcomes.” Specifically, the researchers found that alcohol use disorder (AUD) profiles determined which individuals were more likely to maintain a non-abstinent recovery, had the lowest overall functioning at three years post-treatment, and had a higher intensity and frequency of drinking at one and three years after treatment. They call for future research to establish whether individualized AUD profiles can help guide the use of specifically-tailored behavioral or medication treatment approaches for AUD.

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## Webinars to Watch

### SAMHSA Webinar: Tribal Listening Session: Updating the National Tribal Agenda Regarding Substance Use and Mental Health Issues

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting a [webinar](#) on the Tribal Listening Session: Updating the National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda. This no-cost webinar is being offered on March 23, 2023, at 2:00 pm (ET). The webinar will discuss the [National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda \(TBHA\)](#), incorporating new changes, such as COVID-19 flexibilities, and exploring new ways to leverage the TBHA to improve collaboration. Registration is required.

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