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D.C. Update: NASADAD Meets with YMCA of the USA National Office Staff, New SAMHSA Funding Opportunities, CDC Study Identifies Association Between Mental Health Conditions and Postpartum Opioid Use, and More.

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Meet the Member

Dan Bizjak, MSW, LCSW, ICS, CSAC, SOTA for Wisconsin, Wisconsin Department of Health Services



Dan started his career at Fox Valley Technical College with an Associate in Substance Use Counseling. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh for a Bachelor of Science in Human Services. Dan completed his Graduate Degree at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Social Work. During his education, he continued to practice in the field of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) by working in group homes, as a case manager, and as a clinician. Dan has worked across the treatment continuum of mental health and SUD in incarcerated populations, inpatient, residential, medically monitored, and outpatient services for the past 20 years. He started at the Department of Health Services for the State of Wisconsin in November 2020 as one of the State Opioid Response (SOR) Coordinators and moved into the position of State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) last year.

Dan has a true passion for being a clinical supervisor and educating the community. He provides humor-filled lectures on SUD, mental health, Medicated-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and leadership to community partners, educational institutions, and professional associations. Dan has worked with mentoring and providing leadership throughout his career. He is actively involved with the National Association of Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) and his State affiliate Recovery & Addiction Professionals of Wisconsin (RAP-WI). Dan currently serves as the NAADAC Student Committee Chair to help support the SUD field workforce and mentor students through programs with the National Board-Certified Counselors (NBCC). When not involved with work, Dan enjoys playing sports, watching cartoons, and hanging poolside.

NASADAD Attends Briefing on the Second Chance Act: Advancing Successful Reentry and Public Safety

On Tuesday, April 25, Lacy Adams, Public Policy Analyst, and Daniel Diana, Legislative Coordinator, attended a briefing on the Second Chance Act: Advancing Successful Reentry and Public Safety, where Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7) and Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-At-large) served as guest speakers. The congressional briefing was sponsored by the Council of State Governments' (CSG) Justice Center and featured a panel with officials from the CSG, the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and leaders of State departments with Second Chance Act-funded reentry programs. The Congressmen praised the importance of the Second Chance Act and reentry programs to advancing successful reintegration and reducing recidivism and thanked participants for their work on it. The panelists expressed appreciation for the Act and highlighted their use of that funding to implement reentry programs to advance public health and safety and rebuild their communities. Dialogue centered around the critical need for reentry services and evidence-based solutions to reduce recidivism, including expanding mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services for reentering populations.

The briefing concluded with CSG announcing [Reentry2030](#), a national effort to improve reentry success by engaging States to commit to a decade-long journey of reforming reentry systems and scaling them to make reintegration possible for all.

NASADAD Meets with YMCA of the USA National Office Staff to Explore Opportunities to Partner

On Wednesday, April 26, Rob Morrison, NASADAD executive director, met with Neil Denton, Executive Vice President/Chief of Government Relations, and Kayla Payne, Specialist, Health Partnerships and Policy, of the YMCA USA national office. The meeting helped NASADAD explain the role of State alcohol and drug agencies. In addition, the meeting allowed the two organizations to identify their respective federal policy and program priorities which in turn led to a conversation about common interests. Neal and Kayla also discussed partnerships that may already at the State and local level that both NASADAD and the YMCA may learn from.



Around the Agencies

LAPPA Announces Development of the Model Substance Use Disorder Treatment In Emergency Settings Act



The Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association (LAPPA) recently [announced](#) the development of the [Model Substance Use Disorder Treatment In Emergency Settings Act](#), which “...establishes and aligns mechanisms for maximizing emergency medical settings as intervention points for people who experience a substance use-related emergency, people with substance use disorders, and their families.” The Act was developed in collaboration with [Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law](#). Specifically, the Act is designed to address “...the barriers to implementing protocols in emergency medical settings that would ensure evidence-based treatment of patients with substance use-related emergencies.” The Act also seeks to develop protocols for emergency medical care delivery to people at risk of death after emergency room discharge to expedite referrals to the appropriate care following discharge. The full text of the Act can be read [here](#).

New SAMHSA Funding Opportunities: Minority AIDS Initiative

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced two funding opportunities through the Minority AIDS Initiative:

- The [Minority AIDS Initiative: Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High Risk for HIV/AIDS](#) is a \$20.9 million funding opportunity that is designed “...to increase engagement in care for racial and ethnic medically underserved individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) and/or co-occurring SUDs and mental health conditions (COD) who are at risk for or living with HIV.” This program will offer up to 42 awards of up to \$500,000 per year per award, for up to five years. Applications are due May 22nd, 2023.
- The [Minority AIDS Initiative: The Substance Use and Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities](#) is a \$10.3 million funding opportunity that aims “...to provide substance use and HIV prevention services to racial and ethnic minority populations at high-risk for substance use disorders (SUDs) and HIV infection.” This program will provide 34 awards, with at least two going to Tribes/Tribal organizations, of up to \$300,000 per award for up to five years. Applications are due June 20th, 2023.

New HRSA Funding Opportunity: Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently announced an \$8.75 million funding opportunity for [Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#). This grant program is open to States, Tribes, and Tribal organizations, and aims to “... expand health care providers’ capacity to screen, assess, treat, and refer pregnant and postpartum people for maternal mental health and substance use disorders (SUD). This will be accomplished by establishing, improving, and/or maintaining statewide or regional1 networks that provide real-time psychiatric consultation, care coordination support services, and culturally and linguistically appropriate training to maternity care providers and clinical practices.” This program will offer up to 14 awards of up to \$750 thousand per award. Applications are due June 2nd, 2023.

Research Round-Up

CDC Study Identifies Association Between Certain Mental Health Conditions and Postpartum Opioid Use



Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a [study](#) on the association between certain mental health conditions and postpartum opioid use. The study was based on the results of a 2019 [Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System \(PRAMS\)](#) survey of individuals’ substance use habits 9-10 months after giving birth, and found that over 25% reported postpartum substance use and nearly 7% reported polysubstance use. Further, the data indicates that “...individuals with depressive symptoms, depression, anxiety, more than four household dysfunction experiences in childhood, or more than six stressful experiences in the year before giving birth were twice as likely to use opioids postpartum.” Based on the findings, the group of researchers urge more robust prenatal and postpartum care, especially screening and treatment for mental health, substance use disorder (SUD), and co-occurring disorders. The study can be read in full [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

HRSA’s BPHC-BH TA Community of Practice Webinar Series: Behavioral Health Integration Skills and Practices for Community Health Centers

The Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care Behavioral Health Technical Assistance (BPHC-BH TA) will host an eight 1.5 hour-session webinar series as part of its Community of Practice Special Sessions series on [Behavioral Health Integration Skills and Practices for Community Health Centers](#). These

no-cost webinars will highlight best practices and opportunities for new strategies for effective integrated mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) care in primary care settings. Each session will feature subject matter experts and health center peers and will provide opportunities for discussion with stakeholders. The eight sessions begin on May 2, at 2:00 pm (ET) and run through August 8, at 2:00 pm (ET). Participants may earn 1.5 CEs per session, for a total of 12. For details on registration and the topics and times of each session, visit the BHPC-BH TA site [here](#).

Central East ATTC Webinar: Supporting LGBTQ Elders With SUD



Central East (HHS Region 3)

ATTC

Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The [Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(ATTC\)](#) is hosting a webinar on [Supporting LGBTQ Elders With Substance Use Disorders](#). This no-cost webinar is being offered on May 3, at 1:00 pm (ET). The webinar will discuss strategies to “...address the prevalence and underlying reasons for elevated rates of substance use within the population, and offer practical strategies to support older LGBTQ adults who wish to address their substance use.” Specifically, the webinar will:

- “Explore the dynamics of substance use within Older LGBTQ Adult communities.
- Examine the risk of substance use disorder among LGBTQ Elders with their heterosexual, cisgender peers.
- Identify effective, Elder and LGBTQ-friendly interventions to prevent, assess, and treat substance use disorders within this population.”

Registration is required.

PCSS Webinar: MOUD Treatment and Challenges for PAs

The Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) is hosting a Clinical Roundtable webinar on [MOUD Treatment and Challenges for PAs](#). This no-cost webinar will be held on May 4, at 12:00 pm (ET). The roundtable is intended for Physician Associates (PA), physicians, and professional healthcare providers to support collaboration between substance use disorder (SUD) experts and other health professionals. Two credit designations are available for attending this webinar: *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, and Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit. Registration is required.

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