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D.C. Update: NASADAD Celebrates 50 Years of Service, PTACC to Kick Off First-Ever National Deflection Week: July 16-22, 2023, One Year Anniversary - 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and More.

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Meet the Member

Mary Wise, MA, MFA, BSN, RN, WSC for Delaware, Chief of Maternal Health Services, Delaware Health and Social Services' Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Mary Wise serves as the Chief of Maternal Health Services for Delaware Health and Social Services' (DHSS) Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH). In this role, she develops, leads, and supports initiatives to meet the mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needs of birthing people in the state of Delaware. She also provides subject-matter expertise to inform policy and standards and to support the Division's grant-funded projects. In addition to this role, Mary serves as a Commissioner for Delaware's Maternal and Child Death Review Commission (MCDRC) and is an active member of the Commission's Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRc), the Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative (DPQC), the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium (DHMIC), and multiple workgroups that stem from these collaborative bodies. She also serves as the Women's Services Coordinator (WSC) for Delaware. Mary Wise is a Maternal Mental Health Policy Fellow and is a participating member of the core faculty for the Nation's first ever Peer Recovery Specialist ECHO series, created in partnership between the Weitzman Institute, DSAMH, Help is Here Delaware, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Mary is a guest blogger on the Mental Health Association in Delaware, was on this year's panel for the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' (ACOG) Annual Mental Health Awareness Day, and co-lead a breakout session at the 2023 Annual Maternal Mental health FORUM on integrating mental health into services for birthing people with SUD.

NASADAD Sends Letter Supporting Proposal to Reauthorize SAMHSA's PPW Program

On Wednesday, July 12, NASADAD wrote a letter to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health Chairman Representative Brett Guthrie (R-KY-2) and Ranking Member Anna Eshoo (D-CA-16) in support of [H.R. 4092, "The Protecting Moms and Infants Reauthorization Act."](#) The legislation would reauthorize the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center of Substance Abuse Treatment's (CSAT) Pregnant and Postpartum Women's (PPW) program for an additional five years.

The PPW program consists of the PPW Residential Services Program (PPW-R) and the PPW State Pilot (PPW-PLT) program. The PPW-R directs funding to support a comprehensive, family-centered approach to residential substance use disorder treatment and recovery services to pregnant and post-partum women, their minor children, and other family members. The PPW State Pilot (PPW-PLT) works to increase the accessibility and availability of comprehensive, family-centered services for pregnant women in non-residential settings.

The bill is sponsored by Representatives Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3) and Young Kim (R-CA-40).

The letter can be found on the NASADAD site, [here](#).

NASADAD Celebrates 50 Years of Service

On June 27th, to kick off the NASADAD portion of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/NASADAD Annual Meetings, NASADAD hosted a reception celebrating the organization's 50 years of service. The reception featured a panel of speakers including Flo Stein, former State director in North Carolina; Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, former State director in Louisiana; and Michael Botticelli, former State director in Massachusetts and Former Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Barbara Cimaglio, former State director in Oregon and Vermont, was also part of the panel but was delayed due to travel disruptions.



It was great to bring current members, alumni, and staff together to reconnect and celebrate the work of NASADAD throughout the years. Thank you to all who attended. Here's to 50 more years!

Capitol Hill Happenings

Reauthorization of the Support Act

On Thursday, July 13, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health considered 17 bills. The Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act ([HR 4531](#)), a bill to reauthorize key substance use-related programs, cleared the Subcommittee unanimously. This bill will now move to the full Committee.

Around the Agencies

Christopher Jones Announced as the New Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced that CAPT Christopher Jones will serve as the new Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

(CSAP) starting on August 21. CAPT Jones brings over a decade of experience leading substance use, mental health, and injury and violence prevention policy, program, and research activities to his new role at SAMHSA. Prior to becoming Director of CSAP, CAPT Jones served as the director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and before that Deputy Director of the Injury Center and as Associate Director for Strategy and Innovation. CAPT Jones also served as the first director of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory at SAMHSA, the acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Data Policy, and director of the Division of Science Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).



SAMHSA's press release announcing CAPT Jones' appointment can be found [here](#).

FTC Sends Cease and Desist Letters to Companies Selling Edible Products Containing Delta-8 THC in Packaging Nearly Identical to Food

Last week, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sent six cease and desist letters, jointly with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to companies that sell edible products containing Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). After reviewing online marketing for these products, the agencies determined that their advertising and packaging, which is almost identical to many snacks children consume, including Doritos, Cheetos, and Nerds, may violate [Section 5 of the FTC Act](#). This section "...prohibits unfair or deceptive acts in or affecting commerce, including practices that present unwarranted health or safety risks." The FTC has asked each contacted company to contact agency staff within 15 days to detail specific actions it has taken to address the concerns.

To read more about this letter and the agencies' concerns, visit the FTC website [here](#).

PTACC to Kick Off First-Ever National Deflection Week: July 16-22, 2023



The Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC) will kick off the first-ever National Deflection Week next week, July 16-22, 2023. Celebrated globally, PTACC's National Deflection Week seeks to create awareness and understanding in the general public of the deflection field, educate specific targeted audiences on the value of deflection, and showcase deflection efforts in communities around the world. Deflection is a critical community-driven preventive movement at the intersection of public health and safety to save lives, promote recovery, reduce substance use, and secure equity before waiting for an arrest or crisis to arise to act. NASADAD is thrilled to be a PTACC partner and member of PTACC's National Leadership Council. We look forward to celebrating the meaningful deflection work going on in communities across the globe.

One Year Anniversary - 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

July marks the one year-anniversary since the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline was launched by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA). In honor of one-year in service, SAMHSA's 988 Lifeline team has updated the [988 Partner Toolkit](#) to include [new social media shareables](#) and resources. Some additional updates include shareables available in Spanish, as well as shareables which focus on the wide-range of reasons to connect with the service.

Webinars to Watch

BPHC-BH TA Webinar: Treating Alcohol Use Disorder in Primary Care - Discussion Session

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health

Care Behavioral Health Technical Assistance (BPHC-BH TA) is hosting a webinar on [Treating Alcohol Use Disorder in Primary Care - Discussion Session](#). This no-cost webinar will be offered on July 17, at 1:00 pm (ET). The webinar will allow participants to “...problem-solve cases and engage in interactive discussion about strategies and best practices to assess and treat patients with risky alcohol use and alcohol use disorder in a primary care setting.” [Registration](#) is required.

ACF and SAMHSA Webinar: Family and Caregiver Access to Resources on Anxiety and Depression in Children and Youth



The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are hosting a virtual training on [Family and Caregiver Access to Resources on Anxiety and Depression in Children and Youth](#). This no-cost webinar is being offered on July 19, at 6:00 pm (ET). The virtual training, co-designed by youth, parents, and caregivers, will feature information and resources to educate parents and caregivers on anxiety and depression in children and adolescents. Specifically, the training will provide:

- “Information on anxiety and depression in children and youth from parents, caregivers, and behavioral health professionals;
- Useful skills to recognize and respond to children and youth managing anxiety and depression;
- Information on how to access mental health resources and guidance to help children and families;
- An overview of resources available to support parents and caregivers.”

[Registration](#) is required.

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