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## Bi-Weekly eblast

A collection of addiction related news, links, and resources

*Congratulations to **Dr. Karen Drexler** on her upcoming retirement in February, 2020! Dr. Drexler, your leadership as the Program Director of the National SUD Program in the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (OMHSP), has been key in advancing the quality of evidence-based substance use disorder prevention and treatment for Veterans, and we thank you for your commitment to training of interdisciplinary addiction treatment professionals. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!*

### Webinars and Trainings

- ❖ Registration is now open for a training titled, "[Medical Cannabis for Symptom Management: Known and Unknown](#)." The training will take place on **January 14 at 12:30pm ET** through VHA TRAIN. Registration can be completed at the link.
- ❖ A webinar titled, "[The Use of Incentives in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders \(SUD\)](#)" will be held on **January 28 from 2:00-3:00pm ET**. Registration can be completed at the link through TMS.

### Addiction Related Resources

- ❖ The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has released their most downloaded titles of 2019. A few to note are:
  - [Medications for Opioid Use Disorders Save Lives](#)
  - [The Role of Nonpharmacological Approaches to Pain Management: Proceedings of a Workshop](#)
  - [Pain Management for People with Serious Illness in the Context of the Opioid Use Disorder Epidemic: Proceedings of a Workshop](#)
- ❖ The November-December 2019 issue of [Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Health: Current Evidence](#) is now available. Downloadable and modifiable teaching slide presentations are available with each issue.
- ❖ The following funding opportunity is now available through NIH: [Improving Management of Opioids and Opioid Use Disorder \(OUD\) in Older Adults \(R18\)](#). Application due date is February 20, 2020

- ❖ Addiction Related Job Opportunities that may be of interest. Links go to USAJobs posting.
  - [Supervisory Social Worker](#) – Palo Alto, CA
  - [Physician – Staff Psychiatrist](#) – Amarillo, TX and Lubbock, TX
  - [Staff Psychologist Addiction Recovery Services \(ARTS\)](#) – Martinez, CA
- ❖ A list of [national conferences](#) that may be of interest to addiction professionals has been compiled including abstract due dates, conference dates and locations. The list of conferences can only be accessed on a VA computer.

## Addiction Related News

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- ❖ [NAADAC\\* Addiction & Recovery eNews](#) (January 3)
- ❖ [ASAM Weekly](#) (January 7)

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## VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment

*This 2-year fellowship provides interdisciplinary research, clinical, and educational training to prepare physician, post-doctoral, and post-masters level fellows as leaders in the field of addiction treatment*

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