

# Bi-Weekly eblast

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment  
National Coordinating Center

A Collection of Addiction Related News, Links, and Resources

April 22, 2020

## Resources and Articles of Interest

### Resources:

The topic for this month's Spotlight on HSR&D Research is [Alcohol Use Disorders](#).

[A New MAT Waiver Course for Medical Students Launched](#). Medical students who wish to apply for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder can take the course now and apply for their waiver when they obtain their full DEA license.

[PCSS Exchange \(PCSS-X\)](#) is a six-session course focused on the implementation of prescribing medication for treating opioid use disorder in a variety of healthcare settings. This pilot will be launched in May.

The April Medcom [course list](#) is now available. Click [here](#) to visit the Medcom page on myEES for more information and course lists by healthcare topic and area.

The [Working Virtually Collection](#), available through TMS, consists of courses, books, and videos that provides content ranging from contributing as a virtual team member, leading effectively in a virtual environment, and facing virtual team challenges.

### Article of Interest:

Volkow ND. [Stigma and the Toll of Addiction](#). N Engl J Med 2020; 382:1289-1290.  
Audio interview with Dr. Volkow. [Stigma Reduction to Combat the Addiction Crisis – Developing an Evidence Base](#)

### COVID-19 Resources:

The SUD Sharepoint has a COVID-19 folder: <https://vaww.portal.va.gov/sites/OMHS/SUD/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx> (only accessible from a VA computer)

[VHA's official COVID-19 site](#) includes all guidance (clinical, HR, public affairs, etc.) going on in the field, links to some top notch external sites, and many other applicable resources. (only accessible from a VA computer)

[Ask the Expert](#) is expanding capacity during COVID-19 to answer questions about Substance Use Disorder. Thanks to West Haven Fellowship Co-Director **Dr. Ellen Edens**, for sharing her expertise in SUD treatment with all of VA.

[Important Update from ABPM on Maintaining Certification](#) – Reduced Transitional MOC Requirements in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

[Coping with the Collision of Public Health Crises: COVID-19 and Substance Use Disorders](#) from the NIH Director's Blog.

[COVID Training](#) is available by topic area and role available outside the VA firewall and does not require a PIV card to access.

A comprehensive list is available of CDC training for health care professionals: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Training Site](#)

## Webinars

<b>April 23, 1pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Screening and Addressing for Alcohol Misuse if You Are Not an Addiction Provider</a>
<b>April 27, 5pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Teletherapy for Patients with OUD During COVID-19 and Beyond</a>
<b>May 13, 1pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Managing Pain in the Setting of Co-Morbid Substance Use Disorder</a>
<b>On-Demand</b>	<a href="#">Skills Training for Evaluation and Management of Suicide</a>
<b>On-Demand</b>	<a href="#">Recovery Oriented Systems of Care 101 for Prescribers</a>
<b>On-Demand</b>	<a href="#">OUD Patient Withdrawal Management and Initiating Relapse Prevention with XR-naltrexone</a>
<b>Ongoing (Begins April 22)</b>	<a href="#">Listening Session and Strategic Discussion Series: Emerging Issues Around COVID-19 and Social Detriments of Health for the Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Workforces</a>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<a href="#">Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables</a>

## Funding Opportunities

[Rapid Start Funding Opportunity](#); HSR&D Pain/Opioid CORE; July 1, 2020

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Sleep and Substance Use Disorders](#); NIDA; June 5, 2020

## Job Opportunities

[Physician \(Director of Addiction Treatment Services\)](#) – Palo Alto, CA

[Psychologist Program Manager](#) – Martinez, CA

[Physician – Primary Care Pain Clinic Section Chief](#) – Bay Pines, FL

## Conference Presentations

*\*sharing the good work of our fellows, while understanding that many conferences are now virtual or cancelled*

**Gannon S**, Hulse G. “Enhancing Spiritual Care in an Outpatient SUD Setting: Development and Evaluation of a Self-Compassion & Spirituality Group.” Poster presentation at the 2020 Spiritual Care Association’s Caring for the Human Spirit (Virtual) Conference, April 20, 2020. *\*Chaplain Gannon is a second year Addiction Treatment fellow at the Pittsburgh site.*

[National addiction conferences](#) including abstract due dates, conference dates and locations. *Can only be accessed on a VA computer.*

## Addiction Related Newsletters

[NAADAC\\* Addiction & Recovery eNews](#) (April 10)

[NAADAC\\* Professional eUpdate](#) (April 15)

#Institute for Research, Education & Training for Addictions

\*National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

\*American Society of Addiction Medicine

[IRETA# Social Media Mashup](#) (April 10)

^Providers Clinical Support System

[IRETA# Social Media Mashup](#) (April 17)

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[Local Training Sites](#)

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)