

Bi-Weekly eblast

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment
National Coordinating Center

A collection of addiction related news, links, and resources compiled by the
VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment Coordinating Center

September 23, 2020

Updates & Resources

A [Half & Half Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Training](#) will be offered for VA providers on **October 16th from 12pm – 4:30pm ET**. Details can be found at the link. Please email [Anissa Danner](#) to register for the training.

The [Catalog of Substance Use Disorder and Pain Webinars](#) can be found at the link.

The Measurement Based Care (MBC) Initiative has released an [MBC in Mental Health Quick Resource List](#).

VA SUD COVID-19 Information Links

- [COVID-19 Management of SUD](#), updated June 12, 2020
- [Continuity in Mental Health Services and Suicide Prevention Activities During Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Substance Use Services](#), June 25, 2020
- [Guidance for VA Opioid Treatment Programs \(OTP\)](#), updated July 13, 2020
- [SUD Sharepoint COVID Folder](#) *Can only be accessed on a VA computer.*
- [VHA's official COVID-19 site](#) includes all guidance (clinical, HR, public affairs, etc.) going to the field, links to relevant external sites, and other applicable resources. *Can only be accessed on a VA computer.*

Webinars

September 24, 11am ET [New HSR&D RFA: Opioid Safety and Opioid Use Disorder](#)
This new funding opportunity will support focused research related to strategies to improve pain management, opioid safety, and management of OUD.

September 24, 2pm ET [Strategies for Handling Difficult & Complex OUD Patients](#)

September 28, 12pm ET	Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder: Effective but Underutilized Clinical Case Discussions Email Heather Fries for more information <i>Presented by Caroline Falker, MD, an Advanced Fellow in Addiction Treatment at our West Haven site</i>
September 28, 2pm ET	Rise of Methamphetamine: New Risks, Current Treatments
September 28, 5pm PT	Half and Half MAT Waiver Training Includes 4-Hour Live, Interactive Webinar
September 30, 12pm ET	Recovery from Alcohol Use Disorder: A Virtual Roundtable Discussion of a New NIAAA Research Definition
September 30, 4pm ET	16andRecovering Film Discussion for Medical Educators <i>Sign up by emailing CurricularInnovation@aamc.org and you will receive full details for joining the interactive Webex video session</i>
October 2, Noon ET	Virtual Care Skills in Mental Health
October 2, 2pm ET	SUD-MBC Community of Practice (CoP)
October 8, 1pm ET	The Intersection of the Pandemic and the Opioid Epidemic <i>Interview with Sam Quinones, author of "Dreamland"</i>
October 14, Noon ET	Stay Quit Coach
On Demand	Cultural Competence and Integrated Care for Substance Use Disorders (Enduring)
On Demand	The 2020 U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Smoking Cessation: Findings and Future Directions
Ongoing	Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables

Save the Date:

VISN1 VA Mental Health Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)

- October 26 – Post-vention
- November 23 – Ketamine
- December 21 – Engaging Families & Support Systems in changing mental health outcomes
- January 25, 2021 – ADHD & Stimulants

Email [Heather Fries](#) for more information

[Practice-Based Implementation \(PBI\) Network](#) monthly CE Lecture Series is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon ET. See the link for a complete list of future and past calls.

Publications of Interest

Creswell KG & **Bachrach RL*** (in press). A commentary on drinking to cope during the

COVID-19 pandemic: The role of external and internal factors in coping motive pathways to alcohol use, solitary drinking, and alcohol problems. *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*

**Dr. Bachrach is a third year fellow in the Addiction Treatment Fellowship in Pittsburgh*

Rosenblum, MS, Engle JL, Piper ME, **Kaye JT***, & Cook JW (2020). Motives for smoking in those with PTSD, depression, and no psychiatric disorder. *Journal of Dual Diagnosis*, 16, 285-291. doi: 10.1080/15504263.2020.1759846; [PMID: 32393117](#).

**Dr. Kaye is a third year fellows in the Addiction Treatment Fellowship in Madison*

Gordon AJ*, Drexler K, Hawkins EJ, Burden J, Codell N, Mhatre-Owens A, Dungan MT, Hagedorn H. Stepped Care for Opioid Use Disorder Train the Trainer (SCOUTT) Initiative: Expanding Access to Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder within Veteran Health Administration Facilities. *Subst abus.* 2020;41(3):275-282. [PMID: 32697170](#)

**Dr. Gordon is Co-Director for the Coordinating Center of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship*

Job Opportunities

[Staff Psychologist - Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery \(STAR\) Program](#) – Oklahoma City, OK

[Staff Psychologist – Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program \(SAR RTP\)](#) – Jackson, MS

[Social Worker](#) – Pueblo, CO

[Psychologist](#) – Pueblo, CO

[Psychologist – Addiction Treatment Center](#) – VA Puget Sound, Seattle

Addiction Related Newsletters

[IRETA# Social Media Mashup](#) (September 18)

#Institute for Research, Education & Training for Addictions

[NAADAC* Professional eUpdate](#) (September 9)

*National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

[NAADAC* Professional eUpdate](#) (September 16)

+American Society of Addiction Medicine

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