

# 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**

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## Updates & Resources

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

VA Primary Care and Mental Health clinic providers are invited to attend the **VA Addiction Mini-Residency: Interprofessional Training to Help Your Patients Thrive** on November 17-18, 2020, January 12-13, 2021, and June 8-9, 2021, sponsored by VISN1 VA Mental Health Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO). For more information, contact [Heather Fries](#).

VA employees are invited to participate virtually in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) [2020 National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#). There is no charge to employees for participation thanks to the VA Office of Quality and Patient Safety. This virtual program will consist of a combination of pre-recorded and live events from December 6th through December 9th. [Employees MUST register](#), before Friday November 27th 4:00pm ET, to access the training either live or on-demand.

PCSS is offering [free implementation assistance](#) to integrate evidence-based practices for the treatment of substance use disorders and opioid use disorder into clinical practice.

November 19, 2020 is the [Great American Smokeout \(GASO\)](#). A toolkit with VA's 2020 GASO messaging materials (e.g., templates, press releases) can be found on the [Tobacco & Health website](#).

The PHCoE (Psychological Health Center of Excellence) has resources on [Substance Misuse](#) available on their website. It contains information on Alcohol, Opioid, and Other Substance Misuse.

With funding from SAMHSA and the PCSS, VISN1 is offering 4 upcoming Half & Half waiver trainings! 4.25 hours guided virtual training via Skype\* + 3.75 hours online on your own. The

trainings are being offered on January 19, 2021, March 1, 2021, and July 22, 2021 from 11am to 3:15pm ET. 4.25 hours AMA PRA Category 1 CME will be given. For more information or if interested, contact [Matthew Dungan](#).

#### VA SUD COVID-19 Information Links

- VHA Office of Health Equity has [published new research](#) on Covid-19 by race/ethnicity and perceived racial bias among veterans in VA Mental Health.
- [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

October 14, Noon ET [Stay Quit Coach](#)

October 14, Noon ET [Closing the Gate: Using VA Mobile Mental Health Apps to Manage Pain](#)

October 14, 1pm ET [Addressing the Relations between Opioid Use Disorder, Suicide Risk, and Overdose](#)

October 15, 1pm ET [Translating the Evidence in Addiction to Improve Minority Patient Care in a Culturally-Informed Manner](#)

October 19, Noon ET The VHA's SCOUTT Initiative: Progress and Opportunities

Contact [Heather Fries](#) for more information

*Dr. Adam Gordon, Co-Director of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship Coordinating Center, will be presenting*

October 22, Noon ET Tobacco Cessation Community of Practice Call; VANTS: 1-800-767-1750; Access Code: 17538#

October 26, 3pm ET [Tobacco Cessation for Women Veterans](#)

On Demand [VA Video Connect to Home \(VVC\): Integrated Training](#)

On Demand [A VISN-Level Approach to Tobacco Cessation](#)

On Demand [Shared Decision Making](#)

*Shared Decision Making is a model for clinical care encouraged throughout the VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guidelines for SUD*

<https://www.healthquality.va.gov/guidelines/MH/sud/VADoDSUDCPGRevised22216.pdf>

Ongoing [Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables](#)

### Save the Date:

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

- October 26, Noon ET– Suicide Postvention
- 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 on VA Mobile Mental Health is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon ET. See the link for a complete list of future and past calls.

## Publications of Interest

Hill, M.L.\*, Nichter, B.M., Norman, S.B., Loflin, M., & Pietrzak, R.H. (2020). [Burden of cannabis use and disorder in the U.S. veteran population: Psychiatric comorbidity, suicidality, and service utilization](#). Journal of Affective Disorders.

*\*Dr. Melanie Hill is a first year Addiction Treatment Fellow from the San Diego site*

## Funding Opportunities

[Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health \(PATH\) Study Biospecimen Access \(X01\)](#);  
National Institute on Drug Abuse; April 30, 2021

## Job Opportunities

[Social Worker Services Outpatient Addiction Recovery \(SOAR\)](#) – Salt Lake City, UT\*

[Psychologist Services Outpatient Addiction Recovery \(SOAR\)](#) – Salt Lake City, UT\*

*\*Dr. Gordon, Co-Director of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship Coordinating Center, is located at the VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System*

[Social Worker – Addiction Recovery Services](#) – Minneapolis, MN

[Psychiatry Physician \(Addiction Psychiatrist\)](#) – Durham, NC and Raleigh, NC

# Addiction Related Newsletters

<a href="#">VHA Tobacco &amp; Health Newsletter</a> (October 2020)	#Institute for Research, Education & Training for Addictions
<a href="#">NAADAC* Professional eUpdate</a> (September 30)	*National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
<a href="#">NAADAC* Professional eUpdate</a> (October 7)	+American Society of Addiction Medicine
<a href="#">NAADAC* Addiction &amp; Recovery eNews</a> (October 9)	^Providers Clinical Support System
<a href="#">IRETA# Social Media Mashup</a> (October 2)	%National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
<a href="#">IRETA# Social Media Mashup</a> (October 9)	To subscribe to Simulation Exchange Newsletters, <a href="#">click here</a>
<a href="#">IRETA# Current</a> (October 2020)	To subscribe to NAADAC newsletters, <a href="#">click here</a>
<a href="#">ASAM+ Weekly</a> (October 6)	To subscribe to IRETA newsletters, <a href="#">click here</a>
<a href="#">ASAM+ Weekly</a> (October 13)	To subscribe to ORN newsletters, <a href="#">click here</a>

## **VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment**

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[Local Training Sites](#)

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)