

# 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

*Dr. Ellen Edens, Co-Director of the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment's West Haven site, will be co-facilitating a workshop at the [American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium](#) titled "My Brain Seeking Reward: Neuroscience Applications in Clinical Practice" on December 11 at 2:15pm ET.*

The VA Pain/Opioid Core is looking for investigators and stakeholders to **join the VA MOUD Workgroup** which will: 1) catalog VA research and operational initiatives to improve access and quality of care for MOUD; 2) identify gaps in the literature; 3) suggest a research and operational strategy for VA moving forward. To participate in this process please contact Dr. Adam Gordon at [Adam.Gordon@va.gov](mailto:Adam.Gordon@va.gov) by December 1, 2020.

An upcoming [Half & Half Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Training](#) will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:30pm ET. To receive credit, attendees must attend the whole training and have a working webcam. For registration details email [Anissa Danner](#) and [Matthew Dungan](#). *Dr. Caroline Falker, second year Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment Fellow at the West Haven site, will be co-presenting this training.*

NIAAA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Science Symposium "Alcohol Across the Lifespan: 50 years of Evidence-Based Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment Research" will be held on November 30 and December 1, 2020. The full agenda and NIH Videocast link for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) can be found at the links.

### 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
- [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.*
- [COVID-19 Comprehensive Education and Resource Catalog](#), PDF catalog of all approved and available internal and external education and resources with links and other important information
- [COVID training](#): Training by topic area and role available outside VA firewall and does not require a PIV card to access
- [COVID-19 training for Mental Health](#)
  - [Managing Substance Use During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
  - [Smoking and the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) training site](#): comprehensive list of CDC training for health care professionals

## Webinars

<b>November 24, 2pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Minimal Services Methadone Maintenance Treatment</a>
<b>December 1, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">Tech into Care Community of Practice Call: VetChange App for PTSD and Problem Drinking</a>
<b>December 2, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">PCSS: Waiver Trainings, Mentoring and More</a>
<b>December 2, 1pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Geriatric Scholars Toolkit Webinar Series – Assessing and Treating Pain in Older Adults</a>
<b>December 3, 1pm ET</b>	<a href="#">PDSI: Phase 5: Stimulant Safety Initiative &amp; SUD Transitions of Care – Medication Management</a>
<b>December 8, 11am ET</b>	<a href="#">Opioid SOTA and the JGIM Supplement</a>
<b>December 9, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">Opportunities for Investigators to Implement an Electronic Health Record Modernization Research Agenda</a>
<b>December 14, 3pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Expanding Veteran Access to Tobacco Treatment</a>
<b>December 17, 1pm ET</b>	<a href="#">Opioid Use Disorder Treatment, Naloxone, and Overdose and Suicide Prevention</a>
<b>March – May, 2021</b>	Leadership Webinar: <a href="#">Virtual Aspiring Supervisor Program (vASP)</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	Leadership Webinar: <a href="#">Transition from Management to Leadership</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	All PCSS webinars <a href="#">Recent webinars now available</a>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<a href="#">Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables</a>

**Save the Date:**

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

- December 21 – Engaging Families & Support Systems in changing mental health outcomes
- January 25, 2021 – ADHD & Stimulants

Email [Heather Fries](#) for more information

OMHSP National Mental Health Quality Improvement and Implementation Consultants hold their monthly office hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 2pm ET. Call in information is the same each month.

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 872-701-0185](#) United States, Chicago (Toll)

Conference ID: 455 765 606#

[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.

NED Talks are an extension of NOLA U educational opportunities to provide ongoing education that provides reinforcement of analytic, improvements and leadership skills on a variety of topics within the VHA. They are recurring on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (2-3pm ET). To sign to receive information about upcoming talks, email [Marie Pressley](#).

The monthly VHA STORM and OEND Calls have been combined into one monthly accredited call, VHA Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3-4pm ET.

Registration for December Call

- [Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation Series](#) (December 9)

## Funding Opportunities

[NIAAA Resource Related Research Projects \(R24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; January 25, 2021

[Multi-Site Studies for System-Level Implementation of Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#); National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Cancer Institute, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; July 19, 2021

[Multi-Site Studies for System-Level Implementation of Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services \(R34 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#); National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; July 19, 2021

## Job Opportunities

[Social Worker – Outpatient Addictions](#) – Marion, IN

[Addiction Psychiatrist](#) – Los Angeles, CA

[Clinical Psychologist \(SUD/PTSD\)](#) – Chicago, IL

## Addiction Conferences

The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry is holding their [Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium](#) virtually this year from December 10-13, 2020. The registration deadline is December 9, 2020.

The [call for Posters/Orals](#) is now open for the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Virtual Meeting. The deadline to submit is January 4, 2021.

## Addiction Related Newsletters

[NIAAA% Spectrum](#) (Fall 2020)

[OMHSP\\$ Mental Notes](#) (November 2020)

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\*National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

\*American Society of Addiction Medicine

^Providers Clinical Support System

%National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

§Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

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*addiction treatment. Mentors of national stature provide guidance to fellows in rich learning environments at one of seven VA sites (Boston, MA; Madison, WI; Dallas, TX; Pittsburgh, PA; San Antonio, TX; San Diego, CA; West Haven, CT). Visit our websites to learn more.*

<https://medicine.utah.edu/internalmedicine/epidemiology/parcka/education-training/iafat.php>  
[https://www.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/programs/sf\\_advaddictiontreatment.asp?p=17](https://www.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/programs/sf_advaddictiontreatment.asp?p=17)

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)