

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

Half & Half Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Trainings will be held on [January 9, 2021](#) from 11am to 3:15pm ET and [February 12, 2021](#) from 2pm to 6:30pm ET. To receive credit, attendees must attend the whole training and have a working webcam. For registration details email [Anissa Danner](#) and [Matthew Dungan](#).

The Stepped Care for Opioid Use Disorder Train the Trainer (SCOUTT) initiative is moving into phase 2, administering SCOUTT at more VA systems across the US. See the recent [publication](#) in *Substance Abuse* for details. For clinical and educational resources from SCOUTT, access their [HSR&D website](#) and their [University of Utah school of Medicine website](#).

The VA [Substance Use Disorder Resource Directory](#) has been updated. It includes key Sharepoint sites, points of contact, mail groups, conference calls, and clinical and training resources.

The Veteran's Health Administration Innovation Ecosystem's Innovators Network (iNET) is hosting a six-week virtual experience for all VA employees interested in early-stage approaches to innovation in the spring of 2021. More information on iNET and their programming structure can be found on their [website](#).

The VBA Office of Talent Management and Human Capital Services Center Distinguished Speaker Series is offering 2 professional development calls in early 2021.

- December 16, 1pm ET - [Perfecting Your Resume with Kathryn Troutman](#)
- January 14, 2021, 1pm ET – [The Power of Habit with Charles Duhigg](#)

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
- [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

December 9, 1pm ET	Buprenorphine for OUD, Buprenorphine for Pain, and OEND Guidance Updates
December 14, 3pm ET	Expanding Veteran Access to Tobacco Treatment
December 17, 1pm ET	Opioid Use Disorder Treatment, Naloxone, and Overdose and Suicide Prevention
March – May, 2021	Leadership Webinar: Virtual Aspiring Supervisor Program (vASP)
On Demand	Mentoring Skills
On Demand	Gambling Among Veterans: Screening, Treatment, and its Association with Homelessness
On Demand	PCSS webinars Recent webinars now available
Ongoing	Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables

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

The VISN 1 VA Buprenorphine ECHO provides clinically-focused, didactic and case-presentations on Opioid Use Disorder and treatment available to all VA staff from **12-1**

ET on the second Monday of the month. For access please contact Heather.Fries@va.gov. Upcoming sessions:

- December 14th 2020 - Microdosing for Buprenorphine Induction - Audrey Abelleira, PharmD, Rosanne Schipani, MD (Case presentation)
- January 11th 2021 - Contingency Management for OUD -Dominick DePhilippis, PhD
- February 8th 2021 - Perioperative Management for patients on MAT – William Becker, MD

OMHSP National Mental Health Quality Improvement and Implementation Consultants hold monthly office hours the 3rd Friday of the month at 2pm ET. [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 872-701-0185](#) Conference ID: 455 765 606#

[Practice-Based Implementation \(PBI\) Network](#) monthly CE Lecture Series on VA Mobile Mental Health is held the 2nd 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 providing reinforcement of analytic, improvements and leadership skills within VHA, occurring on the 4th Thursday of each month (2-3pm ET). For information about upcoming talks, email [Marie Pressley](mailto:Marie.Pressley).

The monthly VHA STORM and OEND Calls are now combined into one monthly accredited call, VHA Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation, held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3-4pm ET. The next call is December 9
[Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation Series](#)

The SCOUTT EES webinars occur on the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm ET. A [calendar](#) with links to their calls can be found on the SUD SharePoint site.

- December 9 - [Buprenorphine for OUD, Buprenorphine for Pain, and OEND Guidance Updates](#)

The Monthly MBC Check-In Call is for anyone interested Measurement Based Care along with MBC Champions/Leads, clinic leads and internal champions. The call takes place the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm ET. [Join Webex Meeting](#)

Publications, Presentations, and Conferences

Kaye JT*, Baker TB, Beckham JC, & Cook JW* (*in press*). Tobacco withdrawal symptoms before and after nicotine withdrawal in veteran smokers with posttraumatic stress disorder and with major depressive disorder. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntaa242; PMID: [33245346](#)

**Dr. Jesse Kaye is a third year Addiction Treatment fellow and Dr. Jessica Cook is Fellowship Co-Director, both from the Madison site.*

Cook, J. W.*, Kaye, J. T.*, Beckham, J. C., Messina, M., Baker, T. B. (2021, February). Feasibility and preliminary efficacy of behavioral activation for smoking cessation in veterans with PTSD: a randomized controlled trial. Oral paper presented at the 27th annual convention of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), Baltimore, MD.

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Access this JGIM [article](#) for a summary of research priorities from the VA's September 2019 [State of the Art \(SOTA\) Conference](#) on opioid safety.

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 83rd Annual Scientific Virtual Meeting. The deadline to submit is January 4, 2021.

Job Opportunities

[Interim ACOS for Behavioral Health](#) – Wilkes-Barre, PA

[Psychologist \(Addiction Recovery Treatment Services \(ARTS\)\)](#) – Northern California

[Senior Social Worker \(Addiction Recovery Treatment Services \(ARTS\)\)](#) – Northern California

[LPMHC \(Addiction Recovery Treatment Services \(ARTS\)\)](#) – Northern California

[Psychologist \(Substance Use Disorder\)](#) – Colorado Springs, CO

Addiction Related Newsletters

[VHA Tobacco & Health Newsletter](#) (December 2020)

[^]Providers Clinical Support System

[%]National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

[VAntage Point Blog Update](#) on Opioid Use
Disorder Treatment (December 8)

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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. 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

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)