

# 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

Thank you to Andrew Saxon, MD, Dominick DePhilippis, PhD, and Sonya Norman, PhD for presenting an **'Introduction to CESATE and NCPTSD'** to over 60 VA post-graduate trainees across VA on December 2. This webinar was Part 1 of the three session *VA SUD Foundational Seminar Series*, co-sponsored by the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment and the CESATE Fellowship. To access the [recording](#) via Webex, you must be connected to the VA network and enter password QrnEXM?7.

**Fellow Update:** Congratulations to Cara Herbitter, PhD on her invitation to join the Editorial Board of Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Herbitter is a first year Interprofessional Addiction Treatment Fellow at the Boston site.

**Fellow Update:** Kristen Serowik PhD will co-present *'Race, Ethnicity, and Clinical Features of Alcohol Use Disorder Among US Military Veterans: Results from the National Health and Resilience in Veterans Study'* at the Medication Assisted Treatment and Substance Use Disorders journal club series on March 24, 2021 Noon ET. Dr. Serowik is a second year Interprofessional Addiction Treatment Fellow at the West Haven site. For more information on the MAT-VA/SUD Journal Club, email [Matthew.Dungan1@va.gov](mailto:Matthew.Dungan1@va.gov).

[Introduction to Health Informatics 101 Course](#) Module 1: *'Overview of Health Informatics'* can be accessed via TMS 2.0 between January 1 and January 31, 2021. A new module will be available monthly through June. Upon successful completion of the 6 modules, participants can access a general education certificate. Relevant accredited certificates are available (ACCME, ACCME-NP, ACPE, ACPE-T, ANCC, APA, NBCC, ASWB, NYSED-SW).

The Health Economics Resource Center (HERC) Econometrics Seminar series occurs weekly on Wednesdays at 2pm EST from January 20 through April 14th. Anyone interested in an introduction to a range of econometric methods used to analyze data in health services research is welcome to join. Knowledge of basic probability and statistics and familiarity with the linear regression model is helpful, but not required. The full schedule of topics can be found [here](#).

The VA Mental Health Lived Experience Community of Practice ([VA MHLE COP](#)) is a group for VA mental health care staff with lived experience of mental illness. The group meets monthly to discuss identified needs from the field, work on ongoing educational and advocacy efforts and offer mutual support. To join their third Friday meetings at 2pm ET or learn more please access the above link.

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. Participants will complete a 4-hour remote training and receive an email link to complete the other 4 hours online. To receive credit, attendees must attend the whole training and have a working webcam. For registration details email [Anissa Danner](#) and [Matthew Dungan](#).

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 in the spring of 2021 for all VA employees interested in early-stage approaches to innovation. More information on iNET and their programming structure can be found on their [website](#).

#### VA SUD COVID-19 Information Links

[COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Health Care Providers](#): a new, on-demand, self-paced module for health care providers who will be administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

- [COVID-19 Management of SUD](#)
- [SUD Sharepoint COVID Folder](#)
- [VHA's official COVID-19 site](#)
- [COVID-19 Comprehensive Education and Resource Catalog](#)
- [ORD Resources on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID training](#) (outside VA firewall)
- [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](#)

## Webinars

**January 5, 11am ET**

[Engaging Veterans Seeking Service-Connection Payments in Pain Treatment](#)

*Co-presented by Steve Martino, PhD, co-director at the West Haven site of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship*

January 7, 1pm ET	<a href="#">Helping Veterans Quit Tobacco Use – Cessation Care in VA</a>
January 11, Noon ET	Contingency Management for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders <a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 872-701-0185</a> Conference ID: 507 587 911#
January 13, 3pm ET	<a href="#">Suicide and Overdose Prevention: Shared Risk Factors and Risk Mitigation Strategies</a>
February 8, Noon ET	Perioperative Management for patients on MAT. Contact: <a href="mailto:Heather.Fries@va.gov">Heather.Fries@va.gov</a>
March – May, 2021	Leadership Webinar: <a href="#">Virtual Aspiring Supervisor Program (vASP)</a>
On Demand (Jan 12-March 9)	<a href="#">Introduction to Health Care Data Analytics</a>
On Demand	<a href="#">Substance Use Disorders in Women</a>
On Demand	<a href="#">Whole Health Nutrition and Pain Management: Tools for Providers</a>
On Demand	PCSS^ webinars <a href="#">Recent webinars now available</a>
Ongoing	<a href="#">Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables</a>

## Important Training Links

[SCOUTT Calendar of Webinars](#)

[SUD Sharepoint Training Resources](#)

## Publications, Presentations, and Conferences

*Featured Article:* [Team-Delivered Intervention for Smoking and Hazardous Drinking for Veterans with CVD Treated in Primary Care](#)

*Management eBrief:* [Chronic Pain in Veterans and Servicemembers with a History of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review](#)

*VAntage Point Blog Post:* [Veterans share how they quit smoking](#)

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

## Funding Opportunities

The Portland OR [VA Office of Rural Health \(ORH\) Rural Health Resource Center](#) is soliciting 1-page concept papers for NEW projects in the area of Pain Management and Opioids that enhance care for rural Veterans. This single-year funding in the \$50,000-\$150,000 range for the initial project year opens the possibility for renewal as a project advances based on findings and meeting key milestones. Submission Deadline: January 15, 2021. Contact Melissent Zumwalt at [melissent.zumwalt@va.gov](mailto:melissent.zumwalt@va.gov) for more information

## Job Opportunities

[Senior Social Worker – Gold Team](#) – Dallas, TX

[Psychologist – Opiate Treatment Program Manager](#) – Portland, OR

[Psychologist \(Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program\)](#) – Boston, MA

[Supervisory Social Worker](#) – San Diego, CA

## Addiction Related Newsletters

[OMHSP<sup>§</sup> Mental Notes](#) (December 2020)

<sup>^</sup>Providers Clinical Support System

<sup>§</sup>Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

[OMHSP<sup>§</sup> Developmental Opps](#) (December 22)

*Includes educational series and resources*

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

*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.*

[Addiction Treatment Fellowship Website](#)

[Addiction Treatment Fellowship Page on OAA Website](#)

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)