

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

The **San Diego** site of the *VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment* has an opening for a [physician fellow](#). Interested applicants can apply anytime. Contact scott.matthews@va.gov to learn more. Find more information at the [fellowship website](#).

The Center of Excellence in Substance Addiction Treatment and Education (CESATE) at the VA **Puget Sound** Health Care System has openings for **2 social work fellows** for their 1 year full-time [Interprofessional Fellowship in Substance Use Treatment](#). Applications are due March 15, 2021.

West Haven Interprofessional Advanced Addiction Fellow **Caroline Falker MD** is co-author on a recent publication in *Hepatology Communications* that found patients with compensated cirrhosis complicated by portosystemic collaterals experience more sleep disturbance than those without collaterals. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hep4.1636>

The American Academy of Family Physicians National Research Network is partnering with the University of Colorado Department of Family Medicine on a research project about Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD) "**Home vs. Office vs. Telehealth of Medication Enhanced Recovery (The HOMER Study)**". VA sites interested in participating in this Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funded clinical trial comparing approaches to initiating buprenorphine (clinic vs. home/telehealth observed vs. home unobserved) in primary care can find more information about the study [here](#).

Half & Half Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Trainings will be held on [February 12, 2021](#) from 1pm to 5:30pm ET, [March 1, 2021](#) from 11am to 3:15pm ET and [March 26, 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 X-WaiverTraining@va.gov. Registration Link - <https://vhacdwwweb05.vha.med.va.gov/surveys/?s=CYE9NLNHJL>

A [VA Health Services Research & Development Management e-Brief](#) outlines key policy recommendations from the 2019 state-of-the-art (SOTA) conference – ***“Effective Management of Pain and Addiction: Strategies to Improve Opioid Safety”*** and links to a [special supplement](#) to the Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM) that presents recommendations from the SOTA and original research papers on opioid safety across the VA healthcare system.

A January 2021 **VA National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans Research Brief** reported key findings of the VA research study [Unsheltered Homelessness: Health, Social Integration, and Utilization of Novel VA Programs](#). Included among the many findings reported was that severe chronic pain and concerns of an alcohol and/or drug use problem were individual risk factors that influenced the likelihood of being unsheltered. Access this Research Brief at the above link.

SAMHSA’s [series of Advisories](#) summarize updated guidance and recommendations on topics in the substance use disorder treatment field. These Advisories are based on existing Treatment Improvement Protocols and Technical Assistance Publications.

VA SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- OMHSP Developmental Opportunities newsletter editions for [February 2](#) and [February 9](#)
- [February 2021 VHA Tobacco & Health Newsletter](#)

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

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](#)

Upcoming Trainings

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| February 18, Noon ET | Pain(less) Pain Management (audience: Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians) |
| February 22, 3pm ET | Evidence Based Elements of Behavioral Counseling for Smoking Cessation |
| February 25, 1pm ET | PARTNER-MH, A Peer-led Patient Navigation Intervention in VA Outpatient Mental Healthcare Settings |
| February 28, 2pm ET | Data Visualization & Story Telling: How to Pick the Right Chart or Graph Type |
| March – May, 2021 | Leadership Webinar: Virtual Aspiring Supervisor Program (vASP) |
| Enduring | Treating Pain and Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19 |
| On Demand | PCSS webinars Recent webinars now available |
| On Demand | Opioid Use Disorder Treatment, Naloxone, and Overdose and Suicide Prevention |
| On Demand | Scientific Writing Training |
| On Demand | Addressing the Opioid Overdose Epidemic in the Emergency Department (Web Based) |
| Other | The Best SUD Care Anywhere! Series SCOUTT Calendar of Webinars SUD Sharepoint Training Resources |

Funding Opportunities

[The Pain/Opioid CORE 2021 Rapid Start Funding](#); will fund projects of up to one year that are consistent with CORE priorities and are likely to meaningfully inform future applications for funding as a VA study, or answer priority questions. Submission deadline: March 15, 2021

Job Opportunities

[Clinical Psychologist \(STAR Program Manager\)](#) – Charleston, SC

[Physician – Addiction Psychiatrist – Substance Use Disorder Program](#) – Danville, IL

[Senior Social Worker – ARTS](#) – Mather AFB, CA

[Social Worker – Program Coordinator and Supervisor – Opiate Treatment Program](#) – San Francisco, CA

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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.

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