

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**

April 14, 2021

Updates & Resources

The fellows of the [VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment](#) will present their work in a two-part series on May 5 and 19 at 2pm ET. Please see above link for presentation topics and call information.

ICYMI: You can access recordings of the **FY21 SUD Foundational Seminar Series**, co-sponsored by the VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment and CESATE Fellowship.

Missions and Activities of the CESATE and NCPTSD

Presented by Andrew Saxon MD, Dom DePhilippis PhD, and Sonya Norman PhD on December 2, 2020

[Recording Link](#) Password: QrnEXM?7

Introduction to OMHSP-SUD

Presented by Joseph Liberto, MD on February 17, 2021

[Recording link](#) Password: 9aKip3n?

Addiction Treatment Fellow **Jason Flake, PhD** will be presenting at the Texas Association of Specialty Courts (TASC) Annual Conference on April 22, 2021. His workshop is titled, "The Impact of a Veteran Identity Among Treatment Teams on Successful Outcomes." Dr. Flake is a second year fellow from the Dallas site.

VetChange 2.0 is a recent redesign of a VA app that supports quitting/cutting back on alcohol use and managing PTSD symptoms without alcohol. It includes new tools, additional self-assessments, and personalized feedback about drinking patterns. Access information about VetChange 2.0 [here](#). Watch a YouTube demo video [here](#). Access a powerpoint overview [here](#).

VA HSR&D Article of Interest: Fairley M, Humphreys K, Joyce V, Bounthavong M, Trafton J, Combs A, Oliva E, Goldhaber-Fiebert J, Asch S, Brandeau M, and Owens D. *Cost-Effectiveness of Treatments for Opioid Use Disorder*. JAMA Psychiatry. March 31, 2021 [Link](#)

VA HSR&D Article of Interest: Fernandez AC, Guetterman TC, Borsari B, Mello MJ, Mellinger J, Tonnesen H, Hosanagar A, Morris AM, Blow FC. *Gaps in Alcohol Screening and Intervention Practices in Surgical Healthcare: A Qualitative Study*. Journal of addiction medicine. 2021 Apr 1; 15(2):113-119. [Link](#)

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine has released “**Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in the Era of COVID-19: The Impact of the Pandemic on Communities of Color**: Proceedings of a Workshop – in Brief.” The free PDF can be [downloaded here](#).

VA SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- [March 30](#), [April 6](#) and [April 13](#) OMHSP Developmental Opportunities newsletter
- [Winter 2021](#) VA Health Services Research & Development Service Investigator Quarterly
- [April 2021](#) VHA Tobacco & Health Newsletter
- [April 2021](#) OMHSP Mental Notes

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](#)

In the News

News Release: [VA seeks feedback to guide new suicide prevention grant program](#). The public comment period ends April 22, 2021.

NIH Director's Blog: [Lessons Learned About Substance Use Disorders During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released a [letter](#) on April 1, 2021 outlining the [Biden-Harris Administration's Statement of Drug Policy Priorities](#).

Upcoming Trainings

PCSS's **X-Waiver Training for Medical Students** has been updated. Click the [link](#) for more information on this free 8-hour MAT Waiver Training. Medical students can take the course during their educational program and apply for their waiver when they obtain their full DEA license. The course certificate of completion does not expire.

VA Half & Half Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Training will be held on [May 28, 2021](#) 2- 6:30pm ET led by Dr. Adam Gordon and [July 22, 2021](#) 11am-3:15pm ET led by Dr. Ellen Edens. Participants complete a 4-hour remote training and receive an email link to complete an additional 4 hours online. To receive credit, attendees must attend the entire 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>

March – May, 2021	Leadership Webinar: Virtual Aspiring Supervisor Program (vASP)
April 2021, Noon ET	National Pain VA-Extension of Community Health Outcomes: Part II April 8: Perioperative Naltrexone Pathways April 15: Opioid Use Disorder: Surgery and Acute Pain Management April 22: Reiki and Healing Touch April 29: Sleep Care
April 14, 3pm ET	Successful Strategies for Working on Opioid Safety with Community Providers (#42884)
April 15, 1pm	Clearing the Smoke: Cannabis and Mental Health (Part 2)

April 22, 1pm CT	Brief and More Intensive Evidence-Based Treatment Approaches for Older Adults Who Misuse Alcohol and Other Drugs
April 26, 3pm ET	Treating Tobacco Use in Patients with Mental Illness
May 12, Noon ET	Being Culturally Responsive in Selecting Digital Health Technology
July 8, Noon ET	National Pain VA-Extension of Community of Health Outcomes: Part III
Enduring	Treating Pain and Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19
On Demand	Digital Delivery of Treatment Protocols
On Demand	Mental Health Suite User Training
On Demand	Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution
On Demand	Racial Inequities in Substance Use
On Demand	Recent PCSS webinars now available
On Demand	The Best SUD Care Anywhere! Series
Other	SCOUTT Calendar of Webinars SUD Sharepoint Training Resources

Conference and Publication Opportunities

The [Stigma of Addiction Summit](#) is accepting innovation abstracts showcasing programs, initiatives, strategies, research, courses, products or solutions about reducing stigma of people who use drugs. Abstracts are due on April 23, 2021.

The [AMERSA 2021 conference](#) will be hosted virtually from November 3-5, 2021. Submissions for abstracts, workshops, award nominations and conference registration awards being accepted now until May 14, 2021.

Addictive Behaviors has issued a [Call for Papers](#) for their Special Issue on The Alcohol Hangover: Biobehavioral Correlates and Functional Consequences. Deadline is August 1, 2021.

The College of Problems in Drug Dependence's journal, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, is offering an [Editorial Fellowship position](#). This 4-hour per week commitment begins June 2021 and runs for 2 years. It provides hands-on experience in managing a range of aspects of the journal review process.

Funding Opportunities

[Notice of Pre-Application Information Webinar for PAR-21-092, “NIDA Translational Avant-Garde Award for Development of Medication to Treat Substance Use Disorders \(UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Optional\)”](#); National Institute on Drug Abuse; Webinar Date: May 28, 2021 at 1pm ET.

[Developing Digital Therapeutics for Substance Use Disorders \(UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial optional\)](#); National Institute on Drug Abuse; Next Application Receipt Date: July 4, 2021

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Deciphering the Mosaic of Glia in the Addicted Brain](#); National Institute on Drug Abuse; First Available Due Date: June 5, 2021

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Identification of Biomarkers of HIV Pathogenesis and Substance Use Disorder Comorbidity](#); National Institute on Drug Abuse; First Available Due Date: June 5, 2021

[Specialized Alcohol Research Center \(P50 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Earliest Submission Date: October 15, 2021

[Comprehensive Alcohol Research Centers \(P60 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Earliest Submission Date: October 15, 2021

[Provider’s Clinical Support System – Universities](#); SAMHSA; Application Due Date: April 20, 2021

[Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment](#); SAMHSA; Application Due Date: April 19, 2021

Job and Fellowship Opportunities

The Mental Health Gold Team at VA North Texas Healthcare System in Dallas, TX has announced two openings for [Post-Masters Social Work Fellows](#). The application deadline is May 3, 2021.

The Journal of Addiction Medicine is accepting applicants for the role of [Statistical Editor](#). The application deadline is April 30, 2021.

[Social Worker – Addiction Treatment Center](#) – Seattle, WA

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

[Psychologist \(ATP\)](#) – Columbia, MO

[Social Work Program Coordinator \(SUD-IOP \(Lead\)\)](#) – Ann Arbor, MI

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

[Addiction Treatment Fellowship Twitter Profile @SUDTxFellowship](#)

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)