

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 28, 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.

May 5th Fellow Scholarly Presentations (all times ET):

2:00pm	Adam Gordon, MD	Opening Remarks
2:15pm	Jason Flake, PhD	Identifying and Exploring Arrest Behaviors Among Veterans with Histories of Incarceration: Methods and Findings from a Pilot Study
2:30pm	Edward Liebmann, PhD	Associations between Patient Experience and Clinical Outcomes in Substance Use Disorder Clinics: Findings from the Veterans Outcomes Assessment Survey
2:45pm	Kaitlyn Panza, PhD	Developmental Trajectories of High-Risk Sexual Behavior and Substance Use During Young Adulthood
3:00pm	Melanie Hill, PhD	Comparative Associations of Problematic Alcohol and Cannabis Use with Suicidal Behavior in U.S. Military Veterans
3:15pm	Cara Herbitter, PhD, MPH	Exploring the Association between Discrimination and Substance Use among Sexual and Gender Minorities

ICYMI: You can now access the most recent recording of the FY21 SUD Foundational Seminar Series, **SUD Dashboard and Metrics**, presented by Jodie Trafton PhD, Ann Combs MHA, Elizabeth Oliva PhD, and Chad Kay PharmD on April 21, 2021 [Recording link](#) Password: 27hMPwZ*. To access earlier seminars, please contact [Andrea Confer](#).

Article of Interest: Collins SE, Duncan MH, Saxon AJ, Taylor EM, Mayberry N, Merrill JO, Hoffmann GE, Clifasefi SL, Ries RK. Combining behavioral harm-reduction treatment and extended-release naltrexone for people experiencing homelessness and alcohol use disorder in the USA: a randomised clinical trial. *The Lancet Psychiatry*. 2021 Apr 1;8(4):287-300. [Link](#)

In the News: Blakey SM, Tsai J, Elbogen EB. Drinking to cope with posttraumatic stress: a nationally representative study of men with and without military combat experience. Journal of dual diagnosis. 2021 Feb 17:1-2. Featured in VAntage Point, the official blog of the VA. [Blog Post](#); [Abstract](#)

VA SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- [April 20](#) and [April 27](#) 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](#)

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: 4-hour remote training followed by 4 hours online training. 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>

- [May 28, 2021](#) 2- 6:30pm ET led by Dr. Adam Gordon,
- [June 11, 2021](#) noon – 4:30pm ET led by Dr. Andy Saxon,
- [July 16, 2021](#) 2-6:30pm ET led by Dr. Adam Gordon,
- [July 22, 2021](#) 11am-3:15pm ET led by Dr. Ellen Edens.

Kendra Weaver, PsyD Senior Consultant, OMHSP will present **‘Optimal use of clinical telehealth in VA mental health– current and future service delivery models’** at the Exploration-Innovation-Technology (E.I.T.) Forum webinar series *Providing Care in the Age of Digital Tools* on Tuesday, May 18, 2-3:00 pm ET. [Registration Link.](#)

PCSS offers a **SUD 101 Core Curriculum** for healthcare providers. The 22 modules provide an overview of EBPs in the prevention, identification, and treatment of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental disorders. Each module is available at no cost and is designated for interprofessional continuing education credits.

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 MOUD Implementation
April 29, 1pm ET	
April 29, 2pm ET	Acute On Chronic Liver Failure (ACLF) in Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease (ALD)
May 4, Noon ET	STAIR Coach 2.0 and CPT Coach 2.0 (Part of the Tech into Care Community of Practice Calls)
May 7, Noon ET	Power Up Your Powerpoint (Part of the First Friday Faculty Development presentation series)
May 12, Noon ET	Being Culturally Responsive in Selecting Digital Health Technology
May 12, 2pm ET	Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Opioid Use Disorder
May 19, Noon ET	Review of The Support Act and Changes Implemented in 2021. Registration for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
May 20, Noon ET	The Learning to Apply Mindfulness to Pain (LAMP) Trial: Unpacking the Key Components of a Mindfulness-Based Intervention for Chronic Pain

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	Community Care Provider Opioid Safety Initiative (Section 131)
On Demand	Evidence-Based Elements of Behavioral Counseling for Smoking Cessation
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

[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.

The National Academy of Medicine, Shatterproof, and the Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin will present the "[Stigma of Addiction Summit](#)" on June 10, 2021 from 11-5pm.

[Research Society on Alcoholism 44th Annual Conference/ISBRA Congress](#) will be hosted virtually from June 19-23, 2021. Meeting registration is now available.

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.

Funding Announcements

Notice of Special Interest: **NIH HEAL Initiative Awardees Eligible to Apply for Administrative Supplements** (NOT-NS-21-048); NIAAA, NIDA. Supplement to existing HEAL clinical research awards intended to allow exceptional graduate, post-doctoral (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, PhD), or early career individuals to expand their clinical pain research experience and gain access to the tools and skills needed to prepare them for

a career in clinical pain research. Release Date: April 23, 2021; First Available Due Date: June 01, 2021; Expiration Date: June 02, 2021. [Link](#)

Notice of Special Interest: **Research on Strategies to Enhance Mental Health Interventions and Services within Employment and Job Training Settings** (NOT-MH-21-230) NIMH & NIDA. Research focused on detection and intervention to prevent or treat mental health concerns, symptoms or disorders including drug-related conditions among unemployed and underemployed people participating in employment programs and job training settings. First Available Due Date: May 17, 2021; Expiration Date: September 08, 2023. [Link](#)

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): **Women and Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence** (NOT-DA-21-012); NIDA, NIAAA. Preclinical and clinical studies across all areas of drug and alcohol research to advance identification of sex and/or gender differences in risk, response, or medical consequences of alcohol or substance misuse to uncover the mechanisms of those differences, and to conduct translational research on those differences. Release Date: April 23, 2021; First Available Due Date: June 05, 2021; Expiration Date: September 08, 2024. [Link](#)

Career 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](#). Application deadline: May 3, 2021.

American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (AJDAA) is seeking an expert in qualitative and mixed methodology to serve as [Methodological Editor](#) on their editorial board. Application deadline: April 30, 2021.

[Supervisory Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor BHIP Lead](#) – Colorado Springs/Pueblo, CO. Application deadline: May 14, 2021.

[Supervisory Psychologist BHIP Lead](#) – Colorado Springs/Pueblo, CO. Application deadline: May 14, 2021.

[Supervisory Social Worker BHIP Lead](#) - Colorado Springs/Pueblo, CO. Application deadline: May 14, 2021.

[Licensed Practical Nurse \(Center for Integrated Residential Care for Addiction\)](#) – Brockton, MA. Application deadline: April 30, 2021.

[Social Worker \(Addiction Treatment Program\)](#) – Marion, IL and Owensboro, KY.
Application deadline: May 5, 2021.

[Physician – MAT](#) – Memphis, TN. Application deadline: September 30, 2021.

[Staff Psychologist](#) – Anchorage, AK. Application deadline: May 10, 2021.

To include VA SUD resources, trainings, or job opportunities in this bi-weekly eblast, please send content to [Andrea Confer](#) by the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month for inclusion on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday.

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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.

[Addiction Treatment Fellowship Website](#)

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[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)