

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

May 12, 2021

Updates & Resources

The fellows of the [VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment](#) will present their work on May 19 at 2pm ET. *This is the second session of a two-part series. To access the May 5th Scholarly Presentation session recording, use this [Recording link](#). Password: CjvZPw\$9*

May 19th Fellow Scholarly Presentations (all times ET):

2:00pm	Karin Daniels, PhD	Opening Remarks
2:15pm	Holly Heikkila, MDiv	Growth in Spirituality Supports Addiction Recovery
2:30pm	Alexander Kline, PhD	Within-Treatment Markers of Dropout Risk in Integrated Treatment for PTSD+AUD
2:45pm	Martha Duffy, MD	Keep Calm and Prescribe On: Implementation of Buprenorphine Prescribing in Primary Care
3:00pm	Jesse Kaye, PhD	VA Career Development Award Proposal: Reciprocal Relationship Between Chronic Pain and Cigarette Smoking
3:15pm	Christopher Holland-Deguire, PsyD	Providers Risk-evaluation for Veterans eNgaging in medical Treatment – Opioid Use Edition (PRVNT-O)
3:30pm	Laurel Rabson, MD	Off Label Use of Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain

Congratulations to **Dr. Adam Gordon** and Dr. Hildi Hagedorn, recipients of the 2020 HSR&D Health System Impact Award! Among his many roles, Dr. Gordon is Co-Director of the Coordinating Center of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship. This award honors HSR&D and QUERI-funded research that has had a direct and important impact on clinical practice or clinical policy within the VA Healthcare System- and that has been successfully translated into VA's policy or operations. A full description of their accomplishments can be found [here](#).

Article of Interest: **Hill, M.L.**, Loflin, M., Nichter, B., Norman, S.B., & Pietrzak, R.H. (in press). Prevalence of cannabis use, disorder, and medical card possession in U.S. military

veterans: Results from the 2019-2020 National Health and Resilience in Veterans Study. Addictive Behaviors. [Link](#)

Dr. Hill is a first year Addiction Treatment Fellow at the San Diego site.

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.](#)

Listen to Philadelphia CESATE’s Dominick DePhilippis PhD discuss contingency management with WBUR (NPR-90.9, Audio) (Boston, Mass.), April 23: [Meth Addiction Is Nearly Impossible To Break, But New Interventions Are On The Horizon | Here & Now \(wbur.org\)](#)

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) was signed into law in 2016, to address many facets of the opioid epidemic, including prevention, treatment, recovery, law enforcement, criminal justice reform, and overdose reversal. [This report](#) reviews outcomes and metrics to determine progress toward the program's goals.

The latest edition of [Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Health: Current Evidence](#) is now available online.

VA SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- [May 4](#) and [May 11](#) OMHSP Developmental Opportunities newsletter
- [May 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

VA Half & Half Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Waiver Training: Four-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](mailto: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.

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.

May 12, 2pm ET	Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Opioid Use Disorder
May 18, Noon ET	Implementing MAT in Residential SUD Treatment Programs
May 19, Noon ET	Review of The Support Act and Changes Implemented in 2021. Registration for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
May 19, 1pm ET	Best Practices for Addressing Substance Use Disorder
May 19, 3pm ET	Use of Trauma-Focused Interventions in the Veterans Health Administration: Implications for Providing Care to Veterans with Comorbid PTSD and Substance Use Disorders
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
May 26, Noon ET	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Registration for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
June 3, 1pm ET	PDSI Phase 4 Initiatives; Psychotropic Drug Safety; Medications in Women of child-bearing years and Adherence to REMS documentation
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	Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in the Era of COVID-19: With a Special Focus on the Impact of the Pandemic on Communities of Color: A Workshop (Part 1)

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

The 2nd [NIH HEAL \(Helping to End Addiction Long-term\) Initiative Investigator Meeting](#) will be held virtually from May 17-19, 2021 from 10am to 5:30pm.

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.

[American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry](#) Call for Abstracts is now open. Deadline for Papers, Posters, and Workshops is July 16, 2021. The 32nd Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium will be held virtually from December 9-12, 2021.

The [Research Society on Marijuana \(RSMj\) Annual Scientific Meeting](#) will be held virtually on July 23, 2021 from 12-5pm ET.

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 Information: Establishment of a Standard THC Unit to be used in Research](#) (NOT-DA-21-049) NIDA: The purpose of this Notice is to inform research applicants of a new requirement to measure and report results using a standard THC unit in all applicable human subjects’ research, beginning May 7, 2021. A standard THC unit is defined as any formulation of cannabis plant material or extract that contains 5 milligrams

of THC. This requirement will apply to applications proposing research on cannabis or its main psychotropic constituent THC.

[Notice of Special Interest: Public Policy Effects on Alcohol-, Cannabis-, Tobacco-, and Other Drug-Related Behaviors and Outcomes](#) (NOT-AA-21-028). NIAAA. This notice is intended to support innovative research to examine policy effects on behaviors and outcomes pertaining to alcohol and other drugs that may lead to meaningful changes in public health. First Available Due Date: June 5, 2021.

Career Opportunities

[Psychologist Program Coordinator Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\)](#) – Aurora, CO -
Application Deadline: May 27, 2021

[Supervisory Social Worker Program Coordinator Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\)](#) – Aurora, CO - Application Deadline: May 27, 2021

[Supervisory Social Worker Program Coordinator BHIP Team Lead Serious Mental Illness](#) – Colorado Springs, CO – Application Deadline: May 27, 2021

[Supervisory Psychologist BHIP Team Lead \(Serious Mental Illness\)](#) – Colorado Springs, CO – Application Deadline: May 27, 2021

[Psychology Program Manager \(Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program\)](#) – Brockton, MA and Jamaica Plain, MA – Application Deadline: May 14, 2021

[Supervisory Social Worker \(Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program\)](#) – Jamaica Plain, MA – Application Deadline: May 14, 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.

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

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

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)