

# 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 26, 2021

## Updates & Resources

The fellows of the [VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment](#) presented their work on May 5 and May 19. To access the **May 5th** Scholarly Presentation session recording, use this [Recording link](#). Password: CjvZPw\$9. To access the **May 19th** Scholarly Presentation session recording, use this [Recording link](#). Password: UycEmF2@

A virtual VA Addiction Mini-Residency, 'Interprofessional Training to Help Your Patients Thrive' is open to all PC and MH staff on June 8-9, 2021 and September 9-10, 2021. If interested, contact [Heather Fries](#) for more information.

Drs. Brent Moore and Ellen Edens are presenting "Addressing substance use stigma among health profession trainees using a massive open online course" at the [NAM/Dell/Shatterproof Stigma Conference](#) on June 10 from 3:40 to 4:15pm ET. Dr. Edens is a co-director of the *Addiction Treatment Fellowship in West Haven*.

Kudos to [Rachel Bachrach, PhD](#) who [talks about research](#) to improve access to and quality of evidence-based alcohol-related care in the latest [Veterans Health Foundation podcast](#). *Dr. Bachrach is an Addiction Treatment Fellowship Alumni from the Pittsburgh site.*

To expand access to evidence-based life-saving treatment, HHS now EXEMPTS qualified practitioners who have issued a notice of intent (NOI) to SAMHSA to treat up to 30 patients with opioid use disorder at any one time with buprenorphine preparations, from the certification requirements related to training, counseling and other ancillary services. X-Waiver DEA identification number is still required. Review the [HHS guideline](#), [submit a NOI](#) to obtain a waiver, and direct questions to [Joseph.Liberto@va.gov](mailto:Joseph.Liberto@va.gov).

**VAntage Point:** [VA continues to reduce opioid prescribing throughout the pandemic](#)

There is a newly updated [VA Video Connect](#) webpage for providers, e-911 guidance page, and e-911 emergency demonstration video.

#### VA SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- [May 18](#) and [May 25](#) OMHSP Developmental Opportunities newsletter
- [May 2021](#) OMHSP Mental Notes
- [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

- [SUD Sharepoint COVID Folder](#)
- [VHA's official COVID-19 site](#)
- [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: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.

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.

<b>May 26, Noon ET</b>	SUD/MAT Journal Club Presentation: <a href="#">Impact of Continuing Care on Recovery from Substance Use Disorder (article for preparation)</a>
<b>May 26, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">Navigating End-Stage Addiction with Comorbid Considerations</a>
<b>May 26, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">Identifying and Integrating Diagnoses from Cerner Millennium in Operations: STORM/REACH VET/CAN Experience</a>
<b>May 26, Noon ET</b>	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Registration for <a href="#">pharmacists</a> and <a href="#">pharmacy technicians</a>

<b>June 1, 11am ET</b>	<a href="#">The Educational Mission in Interprofessional Pain Care</a> <i>Dr. Ellen Edens, fellowship co-director in West Haven will be co-presenting</i>
<b>June 3, 1pm ET</b>	<a href="#">PDSI Phase 4 Initiatives; Psychotropic Drug Safety; Medications in Women of child-bearing years and Adherence to REMS documentation</a>
<b>July 8, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">National Pain VA-Extension of Community of Health Outcomes: Part III</a>
<b>August 11, Noon ET</b>	<a href="#">VISN2 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers: Fiscal Year 2021 Webinar Series</a>
<b>Enduring</b>	<a href="#">Treating Pain and Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	<a href="#">Fundamental Components of Motivational Interviewing and Motivational Enhancement Therapy</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	<a href="#">Twelve-Step Facilitation for Adults with Substance Use Disorders</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	<a href="#">Evidence-Based Elements of Behavioral Counseling for Smoking Cessation</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	Recent PCSS webinars <a href="#">now available</a>
<b>On Demand</b>	<a href="#">The Best SUD Care Anywhere! Series</a>
<b>Other</b>	<a href="#">SCOUTT Calendar of Webinars</a> <a href="#">SUD Sharepoint Training Resources</a>

## Conference and Publication Opportunities

[Addiction Health Service Research](#) Call for Abstracts is now open. Deadline for Abstract submission is June 18, 2021. The conference will be held online October 13-15, 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. [Registration](#) is free.

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

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

## Career Opportunities

[MHR RTP Physician Assistant](#) – Tacoma, WA; Application Deadline: June 3, 2021

[Psychologist, Center for Treatment of Addictive Disorders \(CTAD\)](#) – Pittsburgh, PA; App Deadline: June 1, 2021

[Senior Social Worker – Substance Treatment and Recovery Program](#) – Tacoma, WA; App Deadline: June 7, 2021

[Psychology Program Manager \(Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program\)](#) – Boston, MA; App Deadline: June 1, 2021

[Supervisory Social Worker \(Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program\)](#) – Boston, MA; App Deadline: June 1, 2021

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

### **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.*

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