

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**

June 23, 2021

Updates & Resources

Article of Interest: Nichter, B., Maguen, S., Monteith, LL, Kachadourian, L., Norman, SB., **Hill, ML.**, Herzog, S., & Pietrzak, RH. (in press). *Factors associated with multiple suicide attempts in a nationally representative study of U.S. military veterans.* Journal of Psychiatric Research. [Link](#) Dr. Hill is a first year Addiction Treatment Fellow from San Diego.

Article of Interest: **Liebmann, Edward P.**, Resnick, Sandra G., Hoff, Rani A., Katz, Ira R. *Associations between patient experience and clinical outcomes in substance use disorder clinics: Findings from the veterans outcomes assessment survey.* Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 108505 [Link](#) Dr. Liebmann is a first year Addiction Treatment Fellow from West Haven.

NIH Director's Blog: [U.S. Surgeon General on Emotional Well-Being and Fighting the Opioid Epidemic](#)

The link to the new [Psychopharmacology & Somatic Treatments SharePoint](#) landing page has been shared. This is a one stop shop for all things related to psychopharmacology and somatic treatments across VHA.

The **VHA Rapid Naloxone Initiative** received the National Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality Award recognizing the national impact of VA's advancements in preventing opioid overdose deaths and improving the quality and safety of care that patients receive. The Rapid Naloxone Initiative provides free opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution to Veteran patients at risk for opioid overdose and stocks AED cabinets in high risk areas with naloxone for quick access.

A **Voluntary Listing of VA Buprenorphine Prescribers** can be found [here](#). If you are a buprenorphine prescriber in the VA and would like to join the listing, please go to this [Link](#).

The **PDSI Phase 5 Stimulant Safety Initiative**, part of the PDSI National QI Collaborative, will launch in January 2022. Prepare for this initiative with a **webinar series** on the 1st Thursday of the month at 1 pm ET starting on July 1, 2021. Dr. Joseph Liberto, National Mental Health Director-SUD will present “*Stimulant Use Disorder: State of the VA*”. CEUs are available. [Flyer Link](#). [Registration Link](#). *Sponsored by the VHA Stimulant Summit Educational Content Workgroup and Psychotropic Drug Safety Initiative (PDSI) Program Office.*

VA SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- [June 15](#) and [June 22](#) OMHSP Developmental Opportunities newsletter
- [June 2021](#) VHA Tobacco & Health Newsletter
- [June 2021](#) OMHSP Mental Notes Newsletter

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

A **Catalog of Substance Use Disorder and Pain Webinars** (500+ recordings from across VA program offices) is available [here](#). *Thank you to Matthew Dungan of MAT-VA for creating this resource.*

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. Registration Link -

<https://vhacdwwweb05.vha.med.va.gov/surveys/?s=CYE9NLNHJL>

- [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.

June 28, 3pm ET	LGBTQ+ Cessation: Strategies for Engagement and Impact #44881
June 29, 2pm ET	Behavioral Couple Therapy for Substance Use Disorders #44843
July 1, 1pm ET	PDSI National QI Collaborative Call: Stimulant Use Disorder: State of the VA and The Current State of Stimulant Prescribing in the VA
July 8, Noon ET	National Pain VA-Extension of Community of Health Outcomes: Part III
July 14, 3pm ET	Resources and Strategies to Support Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation #42886
July 15, Noon and 3pm ET	Substance Use in Aging Rural Veterans #44688
August 11, Noon ET	VISN2 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers: Fiscal Year 2021 Webinar Series
On Demand	Best Practices for Addressing Substance Use Disorder
On Demand	Recent PCSS webinars now available
On Demand	The Best SUD Care Anywhere! Series
Other	SCOUTT Calendar of Webinars SUD Sharepoint Training Resources

Career Opportunities

[Nurse –MHR RTP Program](#) – Walla Walla, WA; Applications due: July 6, 2021

[Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor – Veteran Recovery Center](#) – Grand Junction, CO ; Applications due July 7, 2021

[Social Worker – Veteran Recovery Center](#) - Grand Junction, CO ; Applications due July 7, 2021

[Clinical Psychologist – SUD-PTSD](#) – White City, OR; Applications due July 19, 2021

[Psychiatrist \(Whole Health/Addiction\)](#) – Fresno, CA; Applications due September 30, 2021

[Addiction Psychiatrist](#) – East Orange, NJ; Applications due December 31, 2021

Funding Opportunities

The Department of Defense (DoD) Chronic Pain Management Research Program (CPMRP) released its FY2021 Funding Opportunities Announcement. Awards include Clinical Exploration Awards (new for FY21), Investigator-Initiated Research Awards, and Translational Research Awards. For more information on these opportunities or to learn more about the DOD CPMRP, visit the [Link](#).

PrEP for HIV Prevention among Substance Using Populations (R01-Clinical Trial Optional); National Institute on Drug Abuse; Application Receipt Date: November 12, 2021. [Link](#)

Conference and Publication Opportunities

[American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry](#) The 32nd Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium will be held virtually from December 9-12, 2021. The abstract due date 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. Submission due by August 1, 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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