

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WEEKLY REPORT – October 23, 2009

Major Policy Initiatives, New Regulations, Announcements, and Significant Department News:

New SAMHSA Web Site Provides Web Tools to Help Improve Treatment and Recovery Programs for the Homeless: SAMHSA is announcing the availability of a new Web site to help SAMHSA grantees, health professionals, and the public address problems of homeless people who are also affected by co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. The site, <http://chab.samhsa.gov/>, will feature an on-line library of tools that are designed to improve the effectiveness of treatment and recovery programs operated by SAMHSA's Co-Occurring and Homeless Activities Branch (CHAB) and other service providers. A press release is planned.

New Report Shows that the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Can Reduce Violence and Promote Safer Schools: In the wake of several recent highly publicized stories about violence among school-aged children, a national new report shows that school districts participating in the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative substantially improved the safety of their students. According to the SAMHSA report, over a three year period, school districts participating in the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant program reported fewer students involved in violent incidents, decreased levels of experienced and witnessed violence, and school-level improvements in overall safety and violence prevention. A press release is being developed.

New Reports Highlight Important Gender Differences in Substance Use and Mental Health for Adolescents in Each State and the District of Columbia: SAMHSA has developed 52 new short reports providing key information about the level of substance use and mental health problems and treatment among adolescents (age 12 to 17 years) in each state, the District of Columbia, and for the country as a whole. The reports provide first-of-a-kind, state-by-state breakdowns by gender on substance abuse and mental health problems experienced by adolescents. In addition, the reports provide data on adolescent treatment facilities and admission factors for each state, the District of Columbia, and for the country as a whole. A press release is being developed.

SAMHSA Accepting Applications for 14.4 Million in Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need-Local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care [TI-10-007]: SAMHSA is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need-Local Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care. This program is designed to foster the development and utilization of local recovery-oriented systems of care to address gaps in treatment capacity by supporting person-centered and self-directed approaches for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment and recovery services in communities with serious drug problems. A news bulletin is being developed.

SAMHSA is Accepting Applications for More than \$144 Million in Grants for Child Mental Health Initiative Programs [SM-10-005]: SAMHSA is accepting applications for up to \$144 million in grants for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families. The purpose of the cooperative agreements is to develop and expand systems of care for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. A news bulletin is planned

FCC Ruling Reassigns Three Suicide Prevention Hotlines to SAMHSA: On October 14, the Federal Communications Commission issued a ruling for permanent reassignment of three suicide prevention hotline numbers from the Kristin Brook Hope Center to SAMHSA. This action will ensure the long term operations of these numbers; 1-800-SUICIDE, 1-888-SUICIDE, and 1-877-SUICIDA and promote the public safety goals of suicide prevention. A SAMHSA team consisting of Dr. Anne Mathews-Younes, Dr. Richard McKeon, Brenda Bruun, Eileen Zeller, Rina Hakim, and others have championed this effort since Fall, 2006.

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Schedule Highlights:

ADMINISTRATOR/DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

WITHIN 30 DAYS

Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Mental Health Summit Opening Sessions: On October 26, SAMHSA Acting Administrator Eric Broderick will present at the Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Mental Health Summit Opening Sessions. The conference will be held in Washington, DC.

30-60 DAYS

Nothing to Report

BEYOND 60 DAYS

Nothing to Report

CENTER/OFFICE DIRECTORS/SENIOR STAFF

WITHIN 30 DAYS

Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Mental Health Summit and Technical Working Group: On October 27–30, Eileen Zeller, MPH, Special Expert, CMHS, SAMHSA will represent Kathryn Power at a Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Mental Health Summit and Technical Working Group at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, DC. The Technical Working Group will include presentations and discussion about current and promising programs and practices for enhancing psychological well-being and care for returning veterans and service members. Ms. Zeller will present "Community-Based Services for Veterans, Service Members, and their Families."

2009 Annual Alternatives Conference: On October 28, Kathryn Power, M.Ed., Director, CMHS, SAMHSA, will give welcoming remarks at this conference in Omaha, Nebraska.. The Alternatives Conference is the only national mental health conference organized by and for individuals diagnosed with mental illnesses.

American Public Health Association's (APHA) Annual Conference: On November 9, Kathryn Power, M.Ed., Director, CMHS, SAMHSA, will participate on a panel at this event entitled "The State of the Science in Promoting Healthy Child Development: Moving Forward from Two Recent IOM/NRC Reports." This conference will take place in Philadelphia, PA.

Ticket to Work Mental Health Summit: Supporting Recovery through Work: On November 16, Kathryn Power, M.Ed., Director, CMHS, SAMHSA, will be the plenary speaker at this event being sponsored by the Social Security Administration in New Orleans, LA. This summit will focus on the SSA's Ticket to Work Program and mental health employment services.

5th Annual Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant Meeting: Sustaining Mental Health Transformation: On November 17, Kathryn Power, M.Ed., Director, CMHS, SAMHSA, will present closing remarks at this SAMHSA-sponsored grantee meeting being held in Annapolis, MD.

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Congressional Activities:

See Key News

Grant Award Announcements:

See Key News

Grant Funding Opportunities

Also See Section Titled: Major Policy Initiatives, New Regulations, Announcements, and Significant Department News.

Nothing to Report (in this section)

Publications & Information Resources:

WITHIN 30 DAYS

Nothing to Report

30-60 DAYS

Nothing to Report

BEYOND 60 DAYS

Nothing to Report

Journal Articles

Nothing to Report

Awards

Nothing to Report

SAMHSA-Supported Conferences/Meetings

WITHIN 30 DAYS

Capacity Development and Sustainability Planning for Statewide Consumer Networks: On October 26-27, CMHS' Statewide Consumer Network Grant program will hold its 2009 Institute for Business and Organizational Development, at the Hilton Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska. Using an organizational Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) framework, this year's meeting will address sustainability planning in light of the fiscal climate and the prospect of health care reform, as well social marketing. Featured speaker will include Gary Shaheen from the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University, and Victor Luna from the Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey. For more information, contact Mary Blake at mary.blake@samhsa.hhs.gov or CDR Wanda Finch at wanda.finch@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Consumers Uniting for Change at 2009 Alternatives Conference: On October 28 - November 1, the twenty-third annual Alternatives conference sponsored by SAMHSA/CMHS will be held in Omaha, Nebraska at the Hilton Omaha Hotel. "Uniting Our Movement for Change" is this year's theme to promote unity around the promise of change in working toward common goals, such as ensuring that individuals diagnosed with mental illnesses have all the opportunities, rights, and responsibilities available to everyone else, including the right to pursue a meaningful life in the community. The conference will include a pre-conference training institute titled: "Transforming Lives Through the Arts," in which peer specialists and others will engage in multi-dimensional arts activities adaptable for providing peer support. This year's Alternatives Conference is sponsored by the Mental Health Consumer's Self-Help Clearinghouse, one of four National Technical Assistance Centers on Consumer/Peer-Run Programs funded by SAMHSA/CMHS. The Alternatives Conference is the only annual national mental health conference organized by and for individuals diagnosed with mental illnesses. These annual conferences provide a forum for consumers from all over the Nation to meet, to exchange information and ideas, and to provide and receive technical assistance on peer-operated services, and to transfer knowledge on best practices in mental health and support services, as well as broader transformation of the service system. For more information, contact Risa Fox at risa.fox@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Trauma-Informed Care and Peer Support Coming Together at Alternatives Conference: On October 30-31, the CMHS National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NCTIC) will be presenting on the development of trauma-informed ethics and the

significance of Statewide Consumer Networks in promoting trauma-informed systems change at the 2009 Alternatives Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. NCTIC is responding to a groundswell of interest among consumers and survivors to develop best practices and tools, as well as to enhance knowledge and skills regarding the roles of peers and peer support in trauma-informed systems reform. These efforts will help mental health and related systems integrate the consumer voice and peer leadership in addressing the fact trauma, which often is unacknowledged or not adequately treated in so many consumers' lives. CMHS/NCTIC project staff members Mary Blake and CDR Wanda Finch will address learning from NCTIC field work and State Dialogue meetings in interactive discussions on policy and practice implications. For more information, please contact Mary Blake at mary.blake@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students New Grantees Conference: On November 2–4, SAMHSA's Safe Schools /Healthy Students Program FY 2009 new grantee meeting will be held in Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize grantees with the administrative, reporting, fiscal, and programmatic requirements applicable to the Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative. This meeting will provide grantees with an opportunity to meet and communicate with numerous staff, including Federal Project Officers, the Federal partners, and other staff who are available to assist grantees with the implementation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative. For more information, contact Michelle Bechard at michelle.bechard@samhsa.hhs.gov

Joint Homeless Programs Center and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (HRC) Training: On November 3-4, SAMHSA contracted Homeless Resource Center will conduct the joint training on Promoting Wellness: An Integrated Approach to Service Delivery, and Data Collection and Reporting, Outreach, and Housing in Minneapolis, MN. For more information, contact Dr. Deborah Stone, Homeless Programs Branch, CMHS, SAMHSA, at 240/276-2411.

Sustaining Transformation: Addressing Policy, Practice, and Funding for Real Systems Change: On November 16–18, the 5th Annual Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant Meeting will be held at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, MD. Approximately 10 delegates from each of the nine states—Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington— will attend, as will invited guests, government officials and speakers, including Bill Emmett from the Campaign for Mental Health Reform, and Mike Hogan, the Commissioner of Mental Health for New York State. This year's meeting will focus on sustaining mental health transformation. Topics to be explored include sustaining transformation in changing economic times, the impact of health care reform, continued integration of consumers, family, and youth in systems change, and lessons learned from cross-site and other evaluation activities. For more information, please contact David Morrissette at david.morrissette@samhsa.hhs.gov.

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SAMHSA-Sponsored Exhibits

The following chart represents a schedule of SAMHSA-sponsored conferences and meetings, as well as other conferences and events where the SAMHSA Exhibit and/or SAMHSA materials and publications will be on display. Detailed information can be found on the home page of the SAMHSA website, Events and Conferences, as well as on the SAMHSA Intranet under Tools, SAMHSA Event Calendar. Note that an asterisk preceding the event denotes SAMHSA sponsorship.

SAMHSA Exhibit Schedule

Conference	Start Date	End Date	Location
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting	10/27/2009	11/1/2009	Honolulu, HI
Alternatives 2009	10/28/2009	11/1/2009	Omaha, NE
13th Annual United States Conference on AIDS	10/29/2009	10/31/2009	San Francisco, CA
American Public Health Association Annual Convention	11/7/2009	11/11/2009	Philadelphia, PA
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Annual Meeting	12/3/2009	12/6/2009	Los Angeles, CA
National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health	12/3/2009	12/6/2009	Washington, DC
Department of Defense/Veterans Suicide Prevention Conference	1/10/2010	1/15/2010	Washington, DC
24th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment	1/25/2010	1/29/2010	San Diego, CA
Child Welfare League of America Annual Meeting	1/25/2010	1/26/2010	Washington, DC
Annual Advanced Winter Symposium	1/27/2010	1/29/2010	Colorado Springs, CO
20th Annual Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America	2/8/2010	2/11/2010	National Harbor, MD
National Association of School Psychologists Annual Meeting	3/2/2010	3/6/2010	Chicago, IL
Aging in America	3/15/2010	3/19/2010	Chicago, IL
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Annual Meeting	3/15/2010	3/17/2010	Orlando, FL

2010 American Counseling Association Annual Conference & Exposition	3/18/2010	3/22/2010	Pittsburgh, PA
10th Annual National Conference on Addiction and Criminal Behavior	4/11/2010	4/14/2010	St. Louis, MO
American Association of Suicidology Annual Meeting	4/21/2010	4/24/2010	Orlando, FL
2010 Annual Rural Health Conference	5/18/2010	5/21/2010	Savannah, GA
25th National Conference of American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	6/23/2010	6/27/2010	Phoenix, AZ
Blacks In Government	8/16/2010	8/20/2010	Kansas City, MO
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence Conference	10/23/2010	10/27/2010	Chicago, IL

MEDIA OUTREACH AND CONTACTS

PAST WEEK MEDIA INTERVIEWS – Week of Oct. 12–16, 2009

Laura Vozzella, with the Baltimore Sun, interviewed Dr. Westley Clark, Director, CSAT, SAMHSA, about the use of buprenorphine by Maryland graduate students.

Michelle Marill, with Hospital Employee News, interviewed Pete Delany, director, Office of Applied Studies about SAMSHA's report on Cigarette Use by Occupation

Scott Raynor, with the Daily Iowan, interviewed Dr. Mattie Cheek, CMHS, regarding SAMHSA-sponsored programs designed to help the homeless for an article he is doing on homelessness within Iowa.

Molly Lehman, from Washingtonian Magazine, interviewed Dr. Gary Blau, Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch, CMHS, SAMHSA regarding teens dealing with emotional difficulties. The piece is slated to run in next month's magazine.

PAST WEEK MEDIA CONTACTS – Week of Oct. 12–16, 2009

Mike Corrigan, with a small business trade paper in Western Maryland, sought and received data on the levels of major depressive episodes experienced by adult Americans from 2002- 2007.

Julie Bearman, with the Oprah Winfrey Show, sought information about sex addiction. We told her that SAMHSA did not directly deal with this issue, but provided her with some references.

Jason Fink, AM New York, was provided the web link to statistics for illicit drug use in New York for 2004 to 2006.

PAST WEEK PRESS RELEASES/BULLETINS – Week of Oct. 12–16, 2009

SAMHSA Awards More Than \$8.2 Million in Community Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants to Help At-Risk Traditionally Underserved Populations: On October 13, SAMHSA announced the award of 5 new grants totaling up to \$8.2 million for up to the next five years to community-based organizations providing integrated substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services to at-risk, traditionally underserved populations. Grantees will use SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework, a prevention process based on a community’s needs, to build substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention capacity for traditionally underserved communities.

SAMHSA Awards More Than \$28.7 Million for Grants to Help People Transition from the Criminal Justice System to the Community: On October 13, SAMHSA announced that it is awarding more than \$28.7 million in funding for up to three years to provide substance abuse treatment and related recovery support services to juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration. Organizations receiving funding under the Offender Reentry Program are expected to plan, develop and provide a successful transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services for people in need, beginning in the correctional or juvenile facilities – before release.

FOIA REQUESTS

SAMHSA received a FOIA request for a copy of contract awarded to Gabazon Group, Inc. awarded 2006.

SAMHSA received a FOIA request for a copy of the top scored grant applications for Drug Free Communities 2009 awards.

SAMHSA received a FOIA request from the Clerk of the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas for records of any complaints that may have been from the Kansas Sexual Predator Treatment Program.

Trivia Question – What Red Sox pitcher held the American League record for shut-outs (for left-handers), which would remain unmatched for more than 60 years?