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## NRI NEWSLETTER

The NRI Newsletter is a bi-monthly publication that brings together news and events relevant to our stakeholders of the public behavioral health system.

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### SPOTLIGHT

#### **BHPMS Begins Information Collection on Screening for Metabolic Disorders**

In the recent study, [Mind the Gap: Developing an Integrated Behavioral Health Home to Address Health Disparities in Serious Mental Illness](#), researchers evaluated the impact of an integrated behavioral health home (BHH) pilot on adults with psychotic and bipolar disorders.

The Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began requiring all Medicare-certified inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs) to screen for metabolic disorders for persons prescribed antipsychotic medications beginning with January 2017 discharges. NRI works with IPFs nationwide on Joint Commission and CMS required reporting and assists them with their quality improvement efforts. NRI's [Behavioral Healthcare Performance Measurement System](#) provides comparative information for free-standing psychiatric facilities.

### STATE & FEDERAL NEWS

#### **SAMHSA Finalizes Changes to Clarify Health Privacy Rules for People Who Seek Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

Final changes to rule will support payment and healthcare operations activities while protecting the confidentiality of patients. [Read more.](#)

#### **Understanding and Addressing Trauma and Child Sex Trafficking**

This policy brief from SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) addresses key questions about child sex trafficking, including who is at risk, what are its consequences, and what can be done to address the issue. [Read more.](#)

#### **South Carolina Partners With Law Enforcement on Naloxone Program**

State prevention leaders in South Carolina joined forces with local police departments to create an effective naloxone training, distribution, and monitoring program. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Prevention Conversation Videos: The Value of Naloxone**

Watch Massachusetts Department of Public Health Medical Director Alexander Walley and South Carolina's Manager of Prevention Services Michelle Nienhius explore strategies for getting naloxone, a medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, into the hands of those who need it most. Videos include:

- [Preventing Opioid Overdose: The Value of Naloxone](#)
- [Getting Naloxone to Those in Greatest Need: Lessons from Massachusetts](#)
- [Lessons from South Carolina: Engaging Law Enforcement in Naloxone Distribution](#)
- [Lessons from South Carolina: Tracking Naloxone Distribution](#)

## **Mortality in the US, 2016**

This report presents final 2016 U.S. mortality data on deaths and death rates by demographic and medical characteristics. These data provide information on mortality patterns among U.S. residents by variables such as sex, race and ethnicity, and cause of death. Life expectancy estimates, age-specific death rates, age-adjusted death rates by race and ethnicity and sex, 10 leading causes of death, and 10 leading causes of infant death were analyzed by comparing 2016 and 2015 final data. [Read more.](#)

## **SAMHSA Freezes NREPP Database Of Addiction & Mental Health Programs, Launches New Policy Lab**

In January, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced it was freezing submissions to the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) database. [Read more.](#)

## **North Dakota Launches Behavioral Health Treatment Program For Justice-Involved Individuals With Reimbursement Linked To Outcomes**

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division and the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation announced that training begins this week to launch Free Through Recovery, an innovative community-based program designed to increase access to recovery services for individuals engaged with the criminal justice system who have serious behavioral health concerns. [Learn more.](#)

## **RESEARCH**

### **Meta-Analysis Finds Childhood Abuse, Neglect Associated With Self-Injurious Behavior**

According to a meta-analysis published in the January issue of Lancet Psychiatry, understanding patients' history of childhood abuse or neglect may help determine their risk of non-suicidal self-injury. [Read more.](#)

### **'Virtual Psychiatrist' Telemedicine Decision Support System Effective In Diagnosing Mental Disorders**

A tool called clinical decision support system (CDSS) for diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders has been developed in India for use by non-psychiatrists in rural areas was able to diagnose mental health disorders with good validity and reliability. [Read more.](#)

## **FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **FEBRUARY 5: Best Practices in Peer Support Training**

Learn from two national leaders in Peer Support training on the history, fundamentals, and best practices in training and how to join the growing network of trained and certified Peer Support Specialists. [Register now.](#)

### **FEBRUARY 6: Successfully Employing Peer Specialist: A Framework and Tools**

This webinar, directed particularly at provider management and supervisors, will offer a framework for and specific tools on successfully employing peer specialists. [Register now.](#)

### **FEBRUARY 7: Self-Direction through Personalized Budgeting**

This webinar will start with an introduction to Self-Directed Care (SDC), including a brief history and the

places that are testing it out. [Register now.](#)

## **FEBRUARY 26: Criminal Justice, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and People with Mental Illnesses**

This webinar will discuss how mental health, criminal justice, and correctional programs can work together to meet ADA obligations and ensure an array of services that reduce the likelihood that people with mental illnesses will enter the criminal justice system. [Register Now.](#)

### **FUNDING & AWARDS**

#### **SAMHSA Funding Opportunity Announcements: Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for up to \$52 million in grants under its Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness program. The money will be used to help local service providers offer behavioral health and recovery support services to people experiencing homelessness. [Learn more.](#)

#### **SAMHSA Funding Opportunity Announcement: Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness Funding Opportunity Announcement**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness (Short Title: CSS-SMI) grant. The purpose of this program is provide technical assistance (TA) for the implementation and provision of evidence-based treatment and recovery support programs for individuals living with serious mental illness (SMI). The program aims to establish a national Center to provide this TA to providers, programs and communities across the nation. [Learn more.](#)

### **HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST**

#### **Intramural Researchers Develop Suicide Risk Screening Toolkit for Medical Settings**

Researchers in the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)'s Division of Intramural Research Programs (IRP) developed and recently shared a free resource—the [Ask Suicide-Screening Questions \(ASQ\) toolkit](#), which includes a set of screening questions that can help nurses or physicians in medical settings successfully identify youth at risk for suicide.

#### **Tackling The Mental Health Crisis In Emergency Departments: Look Upstream For Solutions**

Five key components of a [new approach to improve care in the ED](#) and upstream aims to improve patient outcomes, experience of care, and staff safety, while decreasing avoidable, repeat ED visits for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues.

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