



NRI NEWSLETTER

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

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NRI SPOTLIGHT

[Participate in the First National Study of Recovery-Oriented Care in Community Mental Health Settings](#)

The NASMHPD Research Institute (NRI) is proud to partner with the Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health to conduct the first national study of recovery-oriented care in community behavioral health organizations. The survey is part of an NIMH-funded study that explores the relationship between the uptake of recovery-oriented practices and positive clinical outcomes in adults with SMI. This study will fill in the existing gaps in knowledge and provide actionable recommendations to guide organizations as they strive to improve the quality and effectiveness of care for adults with SMI. [Read more.](#)

STATE NEWS

In Michigan, House Approves Tests to Integrate Physical, Behavioral Health Care

Two new financing models to test the integration of Michigan's separate physical and behavioral health services for Medicaid beneficiaries were approved by a Michigan House appropriations panel. [Read more.](#)

State Strategies to Measure and Incentivize Adolescent Depression Screening and Treatment in Medicaid

A new NASHP case study highlights how Minnesota and Oregon have implemented quality measures or incentives for adolescent depression screening and follow-up treatment to improve performance of Medicaid providers and health plans in this crucial service area. [Read the study.](#)

NY State Initiative Helps Patients Move Toward Recovery With Less Intensive Services

According to a new report published in Psychiatric Services, New York State's assertive community treatment (ACT) programs are working. [Read the full report.](#)

New York All-Payer Database Nears Completion

The New York Department of Health provided an update on planning to create an all-payer database. The

database will include information from public and private insurers on benefits, enrollment, patient encounters and claims. [Learn more.](#)

NY Using Value-Based Purchasing Reform to Increase Behavioral Health Service Integration

New York Medicaid Director Jason Helgeson addressed the challenges of behavioral health integration at a recent event sponsored by the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. [View the Presentation.](#)

RESEARCH

New Initiative Targets Psychosocial Issues Related to Diabetes

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) has launched a new multi-pronged initiative to systematically address psychosocial and mental health aspects of diabetes management. The position statement advises clinicians to assess psychosocial and mental health issues using appropriate and validated tools at initial diabetes care visits and periodic intervals, or when there is a change in disease, treatment, or life circumstances. [Read more.](#)

Study Shows Demand for Emergency Department Beds Outpacing Supply

A recent study from HealthFax shows that the number of emergency department (ED) beds in California is not keeping pace with demand for acute care services and that EDs are seeing an increasing number of visits from psychiatric patients. [Read the study.](#)

GAO Report Raises Questions About Mental Health of Discharged U.S. Service Members

According to a report released by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), more than 60% of U.S. service members separated for misconduct from fiscal years 2011 through 2015 were diagnosed with mental illness or substance use disorders within two years before their separation. [Read more.](#)

Rapid Growth In Mental Health Telemedicine Use Among Rural Medicare Beneficiaries, Wide Variation Across States

Congress and many state legislatures are considering expanding access to telemedicine. To inform this debate, researchers analyzed Medicare fee-for-service claims for the period 2004–14 to understand trends in and recent use of telemedicine for mental health care, also known as telemental health. [Read more.](#)

2015 Annual Survey of State Government Finances

The United States Census Bureau's State Government Finances provides a comprehensive summary of annual survey findings for state governments. [Read more.](#)

2015 Report on Federal and State Medicaid Expenditures for Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

The series of reports shows decades- long trends such as the increasing role of home and community-based services (HCBS) and the continued, significant state variation in Medicaid LTSS. This report presents data for federal fiscal year (FY) 2015 along with updates for FY 2012 through 2014. [Read more.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 7: Social Determinants of Mental Health Across the Lifespan

Health and well-being start with a person's environment, including the social, economic, and physical conditions in which they live. This webinar features Dr. Ruth Shim, as she explores the definition of social determinants of mental health and the actions that can be taken to address those social determinants. [Register here.](#)

JUNE 8: Developing a Community-Wide Approach to Responding to People with Mental Illnesses

The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, with funding support from the U.S. Department

of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance hosts a webinar designed to inform law enforcement and behavioral health agencies in jurisdictions across the country of the initiatives in New York City to train officers and enhance interagency responses to people with mental illnesses. [Register here](#).

JUNE 9: Alternatives to Incarceration for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

The Additional Policy Forum hosts this webinar, which explores the evolution of these efforts, with a specific focus on the latest crisis facing our criminal justice and public health systems: The Opioid Overdose crisis. This webinar will look at several models of police and prosecutorial diversion/deflection that have proven to be effective in the battle against this crisis. [Register here](#).

JUNE 15: How to Effectively Implement Telebehavioral Health in Primary Care – A Dialogue with Experts

Join this interactive webinar hosted by SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated-Health Solutions to ask subject matter experts about the key elements of successful telebehavioral implementation and learn about practical tools for how to build capacity for telebehavioral health in integrated primary and behavioral health care settings. [Register here](#).

JUNE 19: Early Childhood Evaluation: Improving Policy, Systems, and Services

SAMHSA presents a learning community session that focuses on how to design an evaluation to improve early childhood SOC's, and how to translate evaluation findings to effectively describe positive impacts and return on investment to policy makers and other partners. [Register here](#).

JUNE 22 and 23: State of the Art: Research, Models, Promising Practices and Sustaining Integrated Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) presents a web-based event that will highlight models of integrated care, key findings from the research community, examples of diverse grantee practices regarding service delivery, presentations by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies, and a wide range of resources to support efforts to build integrated systems of care. [Learn more](#).

JUNE 27: The Importance of Care Coordination: Real-World Considerations for Managing Individuals with Schizophrenia

This webinar focuses on care coordination for people living with Schizophrenia. By examining real-world pilot projects, participants may be able to garner insights on models of care coordination that may be relevant to plan challenges for the management of people with Schizophrenia. [Register here](#).

Webinar Series: Trauma-Informed Innovations in Crisis Services

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint (NCTIC) presents the Webinar Series: "Trauma-Informed Innovations in Crisis Services." The series runs from April – September 2017 on the 4th Monday of each month, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET. [See the schedule](#).

FUNDING & AWARDS

State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016, State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women (Short Title: PPW-PLT). [Learn More](#).

Notice of Change of Open Date for AHRQ Clinical Decision Support Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs): PA-17-260 and PA-17-261

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) issues an update for the Open Date (Earliest

Submission Date) for two funding opportunities. [Read more.](#)

CMS Checklist For State 1332 Waivers Focuses On High-Risk Pools, Reinsurance

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Department of the Treasury recently released a checklist for state 1332 innovation waiver applications. The checklist restates the procedural requirements that states must meet under the current 1332 rules. [Read more.](#)

California Department of Health Care Services Receives \$90 Million Grant to Combat Opioid Addiction

The California DHCS received \$90 million Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant to expand efforts to curb opioid-related deaths and opioid addiction in California. [Read more.](#)

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Releases Medi-Cal Managed Care RFP/RFA Schedule

The California DHCS released a timeline for re-procurement of the state's Medi-Cal managed care program. The schedule includes request for proposal (RFP) and request for application (RFA) release dates and potential implementation dates for each county and model type. [Read more.](#)

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing Releases Regional Accountable Entities RFP

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing released a request for proposals for seven Regional Accountable Entities (RAE) for Phase II of the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC), the core of the State's Medicaid program, Health First Colorado. [Read more.](#)

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity Announcement: Cooperative Agreements to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Cooperative Agreements to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems. [Read more.](#)

NRI DAY AT NASMHPD ANNUAL MEETING

NRI, in collaboration with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), is hosting a meeting of State Mental Health Agency Commissioners and Senior Agency Staff on Monday July 31, 2017. This is a "closed door" meeting, so only a limited number of sponsors will be allowed to attend. [Learn more about sponsorships.](#)

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LINKS OF INTEREST

[Emergency Departments Could Play Significant Role in Reducing Suicide Attempts](#)

[Depression More Common Among Adolescents with Health Conditions](#)

[Smoking Cessation May Improve Behavioral Health Conditions](#)

[Preventing Prescription Drug Misuse: Selected Strategies and Associated Risk Factors \(PDF\)](#)

[The Messenger Matters: Using Social Media Influencers and Content Champions to Promote Prevention Efforts \(PDF\)](#)

[A Day in the Life of Older Adults: Substance Abuse Facts](#)

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