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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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[NASMHPD 2017 Annual Meeting/NRI Day](#)

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. The invitation-only meeting offers an unprecedented opportunity for Senior Behavioral Health Leadership in the States to come together and discuss areas of mutual interest, share challenges across the systems of care, and identify solutions that have worked in peer States. This is the first time that a meeting of its kind has been held; we are excited to offer this platform for States to share ideas within and among State Behavioral Health leadership teams. Approximately 250 State attendees are expected. We look forward to sharing excerpts from the presentations in the next and future newsletters. [View the agenda.](#)

STATE NEWS

L.A. Care Health Plan Tests Program to Help Physicians Treat Patients with Mental Illness

The L.A. Care Health Plan is rolling out a program that connects physicians with specialists online to treat patients with mental illness. The pilot program allows primary care physicians to manage behavioral health issues for some patients using online consults with mental health specialists. The L.A. Care Management program was launched in 2016 and includes 115 primary care providers who provide care for L.A. Care Health Plan members. The program allows primary care physicians to conduct consults with mental health specialists at the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LADMH) to help treat patients with mild-to-moderate mental health issues instead of referring them to psychiatrists. [Read More.](#)

Massachusetts Launches Suicide Prevention Resource for Working-Age Men

To combat the state's rising suicide rate among working-age men, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health launched a new suicide prevention campaign, [MassMen.org](#), which provides educational information on physical, mental, emotional and family/relationship health, a searchable database of state-based resources, personal stories from Massachusetts men experiencing suicide attempts and living with mental health conditions, and anonymous online screenings for mental health, substance use, PTSD, and eating disorders. [Learn more.](#)

New Jersey Governor Issues Plan to Transfer the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to Department of Health

The Reorganization Plan No. 001-2017 was filed with the state legislature that would transfer all mental health and addiction functions from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Department of Health (DOH). The Division of Developmental Disabilities will remain under DHS. The Plan states that the transfer is necessary "to improve health care, remove bureaucratic obstacles to the integration of physical and behavioral health care, and effectively address substance use disorder as the public health crisis that it is." [Read more.](#)

RESEARCH

Alzheimer's Disease May Be More Likely to Be Missed in Patients With Psychosis

About one in four cases of Alzheimer's disease (AD) is misdiagnosed, according to a study published online in *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions*. In particular, patients with a history of psychosis were found to be more likely to be clinically misdiagnosed with other forms of dementia. [Read the study.](#)

Brain Imaging Offers Clues About PTSD Patients Most Likely to Benefit From Prolonged Exposure Therapy

Brain imaging may be able to predict patients with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) who are most likely to benefit from the trauma-focused psychotherapy known as prolonged exposure, according to a study published in *AJP in Advance*. [Read the study.](#)

Trends in Substance Use Disorders Among Adults Aged 18 or Older

This report, produced by SAMHSA's Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality based on data from the annual National Survey on Drug Use and Health, highlights the number of American adults with substance use disorders in the past year and trends in substance use disorders between 2002 and 2014. [Read the report.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Recovery to Practice Announces an On-Demand Continuing Medical Education (CME) Webinar Series

This two-course series offers information and resources for physicians, clinicians, and other practitioners serving individuals with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse disorder. [Register here.](#)

A Historical Overview of the Origin, Purpose, and Impact of the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG): A Two-Part Series

This two-part webinar series will focus on the history and context of the MHBG to bring together the threads of psychiatric treatment over time, the development of the federal structure for mental health services, and the legislative and legal milestones in public mental health services. It will showcase how the 1982 block grant requirements were embedded in the prior history and context and continue to impact how our system operates today. [Register for Part 1.](#) [Register for Part 2.](#)

AUGUST 9: Crisis Now: Transforming Services is Within Our Reach

The webinar, hosted by SAMHSA State TA Project is designed to provide an overview of the four key elements of the Crisis Now: Transforming Services is Within Our Reach report, including the framework for states/communities to develop a comprehensive statewide crisis care system and where your system fits into the Crisis Now framework. [Register now.](#)

AUGUST 10: Moving Medicaid Data Forward, Part 3: A Guide to

Medicaid Utilization Data

Mathematica's third installment of the Moving Medicaid Data Forward series of forums will help researchers and other stakeholders, such as state policymakers and federal agency staff, understand the available utilization data, useful analytical tools, and existing resources. The webinar will also show how the analysis of utilization data is helping Washington State evaluate and monitor ongoing initiatives to integrate physical and behavioral health care. [Register now.](#)

AUGUST 10: Stepping Up: Prioritizing Policy, Practice and Funding Improvements for People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

Join the Stepping Up partners for the fifth webinar in the "Six Questions" series, which will feature key strategies for prioritizing policy, practice and funding improvements for people with mental illnesses in county jails. On this webinar, a national expert will provide an overview of these key strategies, including how county planning teams should prioritize action items identified through their process analysis and develop a detailed description of needs that includes the projected outcomes of such actions and anticipated funding requirements. [Register now.](#)

AUGUST 22: Peer Support Roles in Criminal Justice Settings

This webinar, presented by SAMHSA's GAINS Center, will highlight some of the peer support roles that exist at each intercept of the Sequential Intercept Model, and provide guidance to agencies and organizations seeking to implement or expand peer support services in criminal justice settings. [Register now.](#)

FUNDING & AWARDS

Intensive Longitudinal Analysis of Health Behaviors: Leveraging New Technologies to Understand Health Behaviors

The National Institute for Mental Health's Funding Opportunity Announcement is intended to provide funding to encourage research projects that seek to explain underlying mechanisms and predict health behaviors within individuals over time utilizing intensive longitudinal, within-person protocols that leverage recent advances in mobile and wireless sensor technologies and big data analytics. The research projects will collect and analyze data, disseminate project findings, and work collaboratively with each other and the research coordinating center (supported under RFA-OD-17-005). [Read more.](#)

Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) grants. The purpose of this program is to expand/enhance access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for persons with an opioid use disorder seeking or receiving MAT. This program targets states identified with having the highest rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and opioids per capita and includes those states with the most dramatic increases for heroin and opioids, based on SAMHSA's Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS): 2007 - 2014. The desired outcomes include: 1) an increase in the number of admissions for MAT; 2) an increase in the number of clients receiving integrated care/treatment; 3) a decrease in illicit opioid drug use at six-month follow-up; and 4) a decrease in the use of prescription opioids in a non-prescribed manner at six-month follow-up. [Read more.](#)

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program - Tier 1 (Jurisdictions) (HRSA-18-061)

The Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018, the State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) Grant Program, HRSA-18-061 and HRSA-18-062. The primary purpose of SSDI is to develop, enhance, and expand state and jurisdictional Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) data capacity for its needs assessment and performance measure reporting in the Title V MCH Block Grant program. [Learn more.](#)

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program - Tier 2 (States and DC) (HRSA-18-062)

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Service Area Competition (HRSA-18-021)

The purpose of the Service Area Competition NOFO is to ensure continued access to affordable, quality primary health care services for communities and vulnerable populations currently served by the Health Center Program. [Learn more.](#)

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OVC Awarding Funding to Increase Access to Mental Health Services for Victims of Crime

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applicants for the Fiscal Year 2017 Vision 21 Integrated Services for Victims Program: Increasing Access to Mental Health Services for Victims of Crime solicitation. The purpose of the program is to bridge the divide between crime victims, victim service providers, and mental health service providers so communities can create a seamless network of services to assist crime victims. [Learn more.](#)

NRI DAY AT NASMHPD ANNUAL MEETING

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HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

[Multi-Generational Approach to Care Overview](#) A multi-generational approach to care ensures that critical social services (such as employment, education and housing supports) are provided to the entire family as part of integrated care. It recognizes the importance of the family to individual health and acknowledges that an individual succeeds when the family succeeds.

[Addressing Substance Use in Primary Care](#) A first step toward addressing substance use disorders is to

identify if substance use may be impacting a person's health and wellbeing. Integrated care teams can use a number of evidence-based screening tools to assess for substance use concerns.

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