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SPOTLIGHT

Why Criminal Justice and First Episode?

On March 5, NRI and NASMHPD sponsored a webinar on First Episode Psychosis and Criminal Justice Systems. NRI's Senior Director of Government & Commercial Research, Ted Lutterman moderated the webinar, which included more than 250 participants and featured Leah G. Pope, PhD, Director, Substance Use and Mental Health Program, Vera Institute of Justice; and Jessica Pollard, PhD, Assistant Professor, Yale Department of Psychiatry and Clinical Director, STEP.

A recording of the webinar is now available on the [NASMHPD website](#).

STATE & FEDERAL NEWS

Indiana Announces New Online Portal and Residential Addiction Treatment Program to Help Hoosiers Connect to Addiction Treatment

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced that the Next Level Recovery website, www.in.gov/recovery, now has a new geolocation feature designed to help Hoosiers find Division of Mental Health and Addiction-certified addiction treatment providers throughout the state. [Read more.](#)

Michigan Diversion Program Reduces Incarcerated Mentally Ill Offenders By 4%

Michigan's mental health jail diversion program decreased the percentage of incarcerated offenders with mental health issues from 24% in 2015 to 20% in 2017. The program has also been successful in providing mental health services to more jail-involved individuals, and reducing recidivism throughout the state. These findings were presented in the "Michigan Mental Health Jail Diversion Council, Progress Report," produced by the Council on January 22, 2018. [Read the full report.](#)

Staten Island Gets Funding For New Addiction Disorder Treatment Center For Women

Staten Island's first ever residential treatment facility for women battling addiction disorder is on the way. Plans for the \$750,000 25-bed facility were recently announced by Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul. [Read more.](#)

RESEARCH

Suspect Molecules Overlap in Autism, Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder

Evidence has been mounting that some mental disorders share many of the same genetic risk factors. Now, researchers have discovered that this overlap extends to the molecular level – some of these suspect genes also turn on-and-off similarly in the brains of people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder. These molecular signatures may hold clues to what goes wrong in the brain in these disorders—and potentially ways to better treat or even prevent them. [Read more.](#)

Medication in Prison Associated with Reductions in Fatal Opioid Overdoses After Release

A state-led initiative created within the Rhode Island correctional system showed that offering medication to inmates with opioid use disorders reduced fatal overdoses once the inmates were released. [Read more.](#)

Information on Inmates with Serious Mental Illness and Strategies to Reduce Recidivism

About two-thirds of inmates with a serious mental illness in the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) were incarcerated for four types of offenses—drug (23 percent), sex offenses (18 percent), weapons and explosives (17 percent), and robbery (8 percent)—as of May 27, 2017. [Read more.](#)

Person-Oriented Recovery of Individuals With Serious Mental Illnesses: A Review and Meta-Analysis of Longitudinal Findings

Although there is significant literature examining changes over time in the functional recovery of people with serious mental illnesses, relatively little is known about the longitudinal nature of person-oriented recovery. The purpose of this review and meta-analysis is to synthesize findings pertaining to the study of person-oriented recovery constructs over time and concomitants of change. [Learn more.](#)

Randomized Trial of Interventions for Smoking Cessation Among Medicaid Beneficiaries With Mental Illness

Medicaid beneficiaries with severe mental illnesses are a financially disadvantaged group with high rates of smoking and poor cessation outcomes. This study examined whether abstinence-contingent monetary incentives improved outcomes when added to cessation treatments at community mental health centers: prescriber visit for pharmacotherapy only (PV only), prescriber visit and facilitated quitline (PV+Q), and prescriber visit and telephone cognitive-behavioral therapy (PV+CBT). [Learn more.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 20: Supporting Evidence-Based and Promising Practices - ACT Fidelity & Rural Considerations

As part of SAMHSA's Olmstead Communities of Practice, NRI is partnering with Advocates for Human Potential to offer a series of learning opportunities to improve community integration. Please join us on Tuesday, March 20th at 3:00pm EDT for the first in a series of webinars for the Supporting Evidence-Based and Promising Practices learning community. This webinar will feature Hannah Koch, Psy.D. from WICHE's Mental Health Program. Dr. Koch will share her expertise related to implementing ACT in rural areas, and the implications this has for fidelity. [Register Here.](#)

MARCH 21: Depression and TMS

Join NIMH staff scientist Dr. Bruce Luber for a webinar on depression and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Dr. Luber will discuss depression as a brain disorder, and participants will learn about the old and new approaches to understanding depression, including diagnosis using symptoms versus abnormal brain networks. [Register now.](#)

MARCH 21: Integrating HIV and Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Optimize Care for Vulnerable Patients

Practical, evidence-based interventions offer opportunities to support clients by treating their SUD while also treating their HIV. These strategies address direct care needs and keep clients linked to services at your organization. Join this webinar to build knowledge on the methods that work. [Register now.](#)

MARCH 26: Suicide Prevention in Later Life: Connecting and Contributing

This presentation will highlight the importance of suicide prevention in later life, with an emphasis on increasing social connectedness as a means for prevention. The webinar will cover basic epidemiology of late-life suicide and how a contemporary theory of suicide (the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide) can inform prevention efforts by highlighting potential mechanisms. [Register now.](#)

MARCH 28: Using ADA and Olmstead Principles to Divert People with Mental Illness from the Criminal Justice System

As part of SAMHSA's Olmstead Communities of Practice, NRI is partnering with Advocates for Human Potential to offer a series of learning opportunities to improve community integration. Please join us on Wednesday, March 28th at 2:00pm EDT for the first in a series of webinars focused on The Intersection of Olmstead and the Criminal Justice System. This webinar will feature Mark Murphy from the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, who will share his expertise around Olmstead and how it relates to individuals involved in the criminal justice system; and Melissa Smith from the State of Delaware, and Bob Bernstein, Delaware's Court Monitor, who will share their lessons learned from Delaware's Settlement Agreement with the DOJ. The presentation will discuss how the Olmstead mandate is relevant to individuals involved in both the mental health and criminal justice systems. [Register Here.](#)

HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

[Abnormalities in Reward Processing May Underlie Depression, Outbursts](#) Understanding how the brain processes rewards and threat might hold the key to treating depression and a childhood condition of severe and chronic irritability called disruptive mood dysregulation disorder (DMDD).

[HRSA: Understanding the Impact of Suicide in Rural America](#)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services released a policy brief and recommendations on suicide in rural America. It includes a discussion of the impact of suicide in rural areas along with prevention strategies at the state and federal levels.

[Expanding Options for the Transportation of Adults with Mental Illness](#)

On February 21, 2018, SAMHSA's GAINS Center hosted the webinar, "Expanding Options for the Transportation of Adults with Mental Illness." The slides from this webinar are now available for download. A separate notification will be sent in the GAINS Center eNews when the webinar recording is available for on-demand viewing.

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