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FRIDAYFACTS

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New format for Friday Facts highlights its multiple purposes: The Friday Facts is designed to fulfill two distinct needs: to highlight the work and accomplishments of individual MACMHB members and to be a source for MACMHB members to get information gleaned from across the nation and the state on a wide range of topics, without the members having to spend their time identifying and reviewing these numerous information sources (a "one-stop-shop" for information on the national and state developments in our field).

In an effort to ensure that both needs are met, the Friday Facts is now redesigned to have focused segments revolving around state and national developments and resources; the work and accomplishment of MACMHB member organizations; as well as the longstanding Friday Facts sections focusing on state legislative action; national Congressional, executive, and judicial action; and MACMHB committee schedules, membership, minutes, and information.

Highlighting the work of individual MACMHB members: If your organization has an event or accomplishment that you would like highlighted in an upcoming Friday Facts, send the article (200 words or less with the exact wording that you would like to have included in the Friday Facts) that you would like included in an upcoming MACMHB Friday Facts, to Bob Sheehan at rsheehan@macmhb.org. Feel free to provide a website address in the article, if that website can

provide Friday Facts readers with additional information on the topic covered in the article (i.e., copy of an article, story, photos, and video).

STATE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND RESOURCES

Statement from former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the recent congressional action on the AHCA

Last week, when it was clear that the United States House of Representatives announced that it would not pass the American Health Care Act, Sylvia M. Burwell, the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, made the announcement below. While there has been much media coverage of these Congressional events and the debate that circled around it, Secretary Burwell's comments seem to get to some of the key points at the core of that debate and the decision by the House leadership and its members.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "The Affordable Care Act has helped millions of Americans gain affordable coverage, and millions more by prohibiting discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, annual limits, and lifetime limits. Today's announcement is evidence that, while Americans want to continue improving our health care system, they do not want to go back to the days when health care was a privilege for those who could afford it. Americans recognized that the American Health Care Act would reverse progress on affordability, quality, and access. It is time to put partisanship and rhetoric aside and work together to build on and improve the existing system. This includes important steps that the Administration can take to promote competition and affordability in the Marketplace as well as maintain the quality improvements that millions of Americans have experienced."

Study on the impact of Medicaid cuts on persons with disabilities is released

An recent analysis (<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/poverty/news/2017/03/22/428185/impact-medicaid-cuts-people-disabilities-state-state-breakdown/>) found that many more people with disabilities than previously known—more than 15 million—would be at risk under the [proposed Medicaid cuts](#), that were in the American Health Care Act, and that may be a part of future efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act or via other proposals to cut Medicaid.

While the AHCA died on the US House floor last week, attempts to cut or block grant Medicaid will, undoubtedly, will continue to emerge in the coming months and years. This study underscores our need to remain vigilant.

SAMHSA/HRSA CICS announces webinar on primary care access for persons with mental illness

The SAMHSA/HRSA Center for Integrated Care Solutions recently announced an upcoming webinar on primary care access for persons with mental illness. Excerpts from that announcement are provided below:

Understanding the Myths and Facts of Access to Primary Care for People with Mental Illness
Monday, April 17, 2017, 2:00 pm Eastern/11:00 am Pacific

Register for free at: <https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1140499>

Individuals with mental illnesses may not access primary care services for varied and complex reasons. Studies over the past decade have shown how people with mental illnesses experience significant health disparities - including higher rates of chronic medical conditions, higher use of hospital emergency departments and increased rates of early death from preventable conditions. Behavioral health providers have a number of opportunities to incorporate primary care and wellness programs into their services. Join this webinar to hear what research tells us about best practices in increasing access to primary care, and gain practical tips from a SAMHSA Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration grantee on how to influence a variety of internal and external factors to increase engagement in health and wellness activities.

Congressional briefing on recovery housing

The national SUD advocacy group, Facing Addiction, recently announced one of the core components of its Advocacy and Action agenda. That announcement appears below:

I (Michael King; Director of Outreach & Engagement) am excited to inform you that last week, Facing Addiction completed another action outlined in our aggressive Advocacy & Action Agenda! The agenda can be found at: <https://www.facingaddiction.org/advocacy-action-agenda>

Last week, on Capitol Hill, more than 50 individuals, including U.S. Senators Rob Portman and Sheldon Whitehouse, and Congressman Paul Tonko, gathered for an informative and inspiring conversation on recovery housing. Facing Addiction hosted the forum in conjunction with the Congressional Addiction, Treatment & Recovery Caucus, and the event was co-sponsored by our friends the National Council for Behavioral Health, Young People in Recovery, the National Alliance for Recovery Residences, the Center for Social Innovation, Recovery Communities of North Carolina and the California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals. The forum would not have been possible without the tremendous framework developed by Facing Addiction's Legislation Working Group.

The forum was broadcast live on Facebook, please click on the link below to watch the action. <https://www.facebook.com/facingaddiction/videos/1869693413273750/>

Facing Addiction's Working Groups are executing key components of our Advocacy & Action Agenda. At the same time, we are continuing to mobilize the grassroots in order to address other areas of our agenda - from drafting letters to the editor, in the hopes of humanizing addiction, to rallying individuals to contact their elected leaders around our concerns with the proposed changes to the health care system.

Please, join us now by clicking here: <https://www.facingaddiction.org/action-network/take-action> and deciding what you will do - today - to Take Action.

SAMHSA announces resource on transition planning from jail to community

Below is a recent announcement of a new mental health and corrections resource from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

This afternoon SAMHSA released a new resource to support effective reentry practices for people with mental and substance use disorders returning to the community from jail or prison. The *Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison: Implementation Guide* was developed to provide practitioners with knowledge to support implementation of successful strategies for transitioning people with behavioral health conditions from jail and prison into the community.

Jails and prisons house significantly greater proportions of individuals with mental, substance use, and co-occurring disorders than are found in the general public. Upon release from jail or prison, many people with mental or substance use disorders lack access to services and, too often, fall into a continuing, costly cycle of involvement with the justice system.

Experts in the justice, behavioral health, and public policy fields agree that by providing behavioral health support services to these people in transition they can increase their chances of returning to healthy and productive lives in the community.

The new SAMHSA guide, *Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison: Implementation Guide*, provides actual examples of successful strategies for transitioning people with mental or substance use disorders from correctional settings into the community. The guide promotes the Assess, Plan, Identify, and Coordinate (APIC) approach to identifying various successful evidenced-based strategies that work across jurisdictional systems.

Report

The report, *Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison: Implementation Guide*, is available at <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA16-4998>.

Companion Webinar

On April 20, 2017, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, SAMHSA will host a webinar on the key elements of the guide. The webinar will also provide examples of successful implementation of the guidelines in local jails. Register for the webinar at:

https://princevents.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=princevents&service=6&rnd=0.6923221748615969&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fprincevents.webex.com%2Fec3100%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b0000000347268586ec9587057f085ce045f9588a2bf8493e99068ea400eb63fe08d9f13c%26siteurl%3Dprincevents%26confViewID%3D1759401148%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAPhFKkXNBm8BfZ3pekbH4H4H8rW4iwt14H5tAZK-5khw2%26

Opportunity to participate in a virtual focus group on medication assisted treatment

The National Council for Behavioral Health is collaborating with the University of Michigan's Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center (BHWRC) on a research project to understand the current and potential use of medication assisted treatment (MAT) for individuals with opioid use disorders (OUD). The BHWRC, funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration, conducts research to inform policy recommendations on building a behavioral health care workforce of sufficient size and skill to meet the nation's behavioral health needs.

The National Council is reaching out to invite you to participate in a virtual focus group that will inform the BHWRC's policy recommendations for developing strategies and programs to enhance MAT usage in the primary care and behavioral health care fields. The focus groups will last 60-minutes and will take place in April. To support open and candid discussion, the focus groups will be facilitated by subject matter experts from the National Council, not SAMHSA representatives. These virtual discussions will center around topics including (but not limited to):

1. Patient barriers to initiating or maintaining the use of MAT in recovery
2. Provider and organizational barriers to implementing MAT
3. Screening for OUD and next steps (brief intervention, referral to treatment, etc.)
4. Clinical workflow and referral processes, including communication amongst primary and behavioral health staff in integrated and non-integrated settings

If you are a provider who has either prescribing or non-prescribing status, we want to hear from you. Participation is not limited to providers who currently prescribe MAT, nor is it limited to primary care providers. We want to include any behavioral health professional (i.e., licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage & family therapist, peer specialist, etc.) as well as any primary care provider (i.e., physician assistant, nurse practitioner, primary care physician or specialist, etc.) who interacts with a client who is misusing or abusing opioids.

For professionals with prescribing status, please register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYPPEG9>

For professionals with non-prescribing status, please register here. : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NN6NY8Q>

This is a critically important project to SAMHSA that will ultimately support the agency's strategic vision. Your participation will help inform the direction of expanding MAT access nationwide.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Attermann at JeremyA@thenationalcouncil.org or 202-748-8801.

Make the Connection seeking veterans for social media campaign

Below is a recent announcement from Make the Connection regarding the organization's social media campaign regarding veterans and mental health.

Make the Connection (<https://maketheconnection.net/>) is looking for veterans in the Southeast Michigan area to talk about their mental health experiences for a social media campaign. Please see the details below.

- WHO: Any Veteran - any age or branch of service (including National Guard and Reserve) with or without his or her family. Spouses are encouraged to be interviewed as well.
- WHAT: On-camera, professionally filmed interview to talk about experiences with mental health challenges and recovery. Veterans can have experience receiving mental health support anywhere.
- WHEN: Thursday, March 23 – Sunday, March 26, for one hour between 9am and 5pm.
- WHERE: Detroit/Ann Arbor; address provided upon confirmation of participation.

Veterans and their families will receive \$100 compensation for their participation.

Interested participants should email outreach@maketheconnection.net or call [619.512.9205](tel:619.512.9205) as soon as possible with the following:

1. Name and age
2. Military service affiliation and service dates
3. Discharge status (as listed on DD214)

About Make the Connection:

MakeTheConnection.net is an online resource designed to connect Veterans, their family members and friends, and other supporters with information, resources, and solutions to issues affecting their lives. One of the site's features is a video gallery of more than 400 Veterans and their family members sharing their experiences with mental health treatment and recovery. Check out Hector's video for a great example: <http://maketheconnection.net/stories/113>.

Call for Abstracts for AJPM: Behavioral Health Workforce: Projections, Practice, and Preparation

The Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center (<http://www.behavioralhealthworkforce.org/>) at the University of Michigan is sponsoring a supplement issue in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM) entitled Behavioral Health Workforce: Projections, Practice, and Preparation.

Overview of Supplement Topic:

Demand for mental health and substance use condition prevention and treatment continues to grow, placing additional stress on a workforce that already suffers from inadequate supply, maldistribution, and numerous policies restricting reimbursement and effective service delivery. This supplement issue will highlight research findings and best practices for the behavioral health workforce to inform policies aimed at relieving the workforce crisis faced by the field.

Guest Editors for this supplement issue are:

Angela J. Beck, PhD, MPH, Director, Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center

Ronald W. Manderscheid, PhD, Executive Director, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors

Peter I. Buerhaus, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies, Montana State University

Editors are seeking articles related to three behavioral health workforce themes:

- Workforce data collection/supply and demand projections
- Workforce factors impacting service delivery
- Workforce development

Process for Article Selection:

Interested authors should submit the following information to Angela Beck at ajbeck@umich.edu by April 30, 2017:

- A 200-word article abstract
- The behavioral health workforce supplement theme of most relevance to your article
- The AJPM article type that best describes your article (brief report, research article, or special article). See AJPM Author Instructions for more information at: https://www.elsevier.com/data/promis_misc/AMEPRE_gfa.pdf

Issue Timelines:

May 12, 2017: Authors notified of invitation to submit full papers for publication consideration

July 28, 2017: Full papers due to Guest Editors

June 2018: Projected publication date of supplement issue

[Note: submission invitations do not imply acceptance for publication. All papers are subject to AJPM's standard peer review process.]

Johns Hopkins University announces on line course for county BHIDD leaders

The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health course - 330.610 Knowledge for Managing County and Local Mental Health, Substance Use, and Developmental Disability Authorities - will be offered online this year for the first time. If interested, please contact the course instructor, Dr. Ron Manderscheid, at rmanderscheid@nacbhd.org.

Trump Administration Designates New Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy

Below is an excerpt from a recent press release on the appointment of the Acting Director of the federal National Drug Control Policy:

... the Trump Administration designated Richard Baum to serve as Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy until a permanent Director is nominated and confirmed by the Senate.

Acting Director Baum has served in a variety of roles at the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) for two decades and through four presidential administrations. He has a broad range of experience on domestic and international drug control policy issues, including leading the development of key strategic documents such as the *National Drug Control Strategy*. Most recently, as Chief of the International Division at ONDCP, he was a part of the United States Delegation to the meeting of the United Nations' Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, Austria.

Acting Director Baum is replacing Kemp Chester, who was appointed as Acting Director on Inauguration Day. During his tenure, Acting Director Chester advanced the Administration's drug policy priorities, which include promoting prevention and treatment for substance abuse while stopping the trafficking of illicit drugs. Mr. Chester, a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army, will return to his previous role as the Associate Director for the National Heroin Coordination Group at ONDCP, which leads the U.S. Government's response to the threat of illicit opioids.

"I am deeply honored to have been designated by President Trump to serve as Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy," Mr. Baum said. "In my two decades of service at ONDCP, I've seen the heart-breaking suffering caused by illegal drugs, as well as the incredible work of dedicated individuals working to address drug abuse and its consequences. I look forward to continuing that work."

Don't Forget About the 2017 PAC Campaign

Earlier this year we announced our 2017 CMH PAC campaign. We must increase our participation, last year we only had 15 boards participate in our PAC campaign. Please take some time over the next couple of board meetings to

encourage your board and staff to participate in our 2017 PAC efforts. As you know, our CMH PAC is a key component to our overall advocacy efforts – the need to upgrade our PAC is greater today than ever before.

Boards should forward the results of their campaign and donations to the Board Association offices by May 5 (if available). The results of the campaign will be on-site at the Spring Conference in Dearborn. Final donations should be sent to MACMHB no later than June 30, 2017 in order to be in the drawing for the Detroit Tiger tickets if eligible. This year's Tiger game is Saturday, July 15 at 6:10pm vs. Toronto Blue Jays.

Make checks payable to: CMH PAC ~ 426. S. Walnut St. ~ Lansing, MI 48933 (no corporate checks, please)

Thank you. Please feel free to contact Bob or Alan with any questions.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

House Has June 1 Goal for Budget

All but one budget should pass out of House Appropriations Subcommittees this week. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) budget will not be voted out of subcommittee until April 19, which is after the legislative spring break. House Appropriations Committee Chair Laura Cox (R-Livonia) is pleased with the progress of the FY18 budget and is confident that the next year's budget will be off to the Governor by June 1.

"That's our goal," she said. "That's our agenda. Those are my marching orders at this time and I'm working really hard to meet that goal. I think it's a good thing to do. Things may happen. My intention is to make sure we make it out on time, but if not, if it becomes a little longer, it's because things aren't working maybe as smoothly as we want them to."

The Senate is also methodically moving its FY18 budget recommendations, with four budgets -- DHHS, General Government, Judiciary and Corrections expected to pass after spring break.

To date, House budget recommendations have cut back Governor Snyder's proposed spending increases in a number of areas to make room for a potential income tax cut and the Senate is moving budgets that are less than the Governor's recommendations, as well.

The Governor told reporters on Tuesday that he was pleased with the progress on the budget, but was not asked about the House GOP strategy. He again warned against any effort to move past the June 1st deadline for getting the job done.

NATIONAL UPDATE

Bill to Expand Opioid Addiction Treatment Introduced

Last month, Representative Bill Foster (D-IL) introduced the [Expanding Opportunities for Recovery Act of 2017](#). The bill would provide state grants to increase the availability of evidence-based practices for opioid addiction treatment, such as medication-assisted treatment (MAT). States must provide these services to individuals who either lack insurance or whose insurance imposes barriers to accessing addiction treatment, including quantitative or nonquantitative treatment limitations. The legislation does not specify grant funding levels. The bill currently awaits a first hearing in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. [Read the bill text here.](#)

MACMHB committee schedules, membership, minutes, and information go to our website at <https://www.macmhb.org/committees>

Have a Great Weekend!