



## 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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### Thanks to NASMHPD for an Outstanding Annual Meeting and NRI Day!

NRI, in collaboration with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), hosted a meeting of State Behavioral Health Agency Commissioners and leaders of the Divisions of the State Agencies on Monday July 31, 2017. The numerous presentations provided insight into what senior behavioral health leaders in the states are doing across the systems of care, and the solutions that have worked in peer States. A big thank you to NASMHPD for their leadership in a well-attended and productive annual meeting and NRI day. In the coming weeks, we'll be posting links to the NRI Day presentations and session summaries.

### STATE NEWS

#### **San Diego to Start Pilot Program for People in Jail with Mental Illness**

Some incarcerated men who have mental illnesses may be put into a new program to help them get care and avoid returning to jail. [Read more.](#)

#### **New Florida Tech Study Finds Mental Health Court Curbs Recidivism**

A new study from Florida Institute of Technology has found that criminal defendants who graduated from mental health court demonstrated substantially reduced re-arrest rates a full three years following their release, the longest period of post-program behavior examined in a published study involving mental health courts and the clearest indicator yet of the potential for diversionary programs to ease the burden on the nation's overcrowded prison system. [Read more.](#)

#### **Effort to Help New Mexico Residents with Severe Mental Illness Kicks Off**

An effort by Doña Ana County in New Mexico to help keep people with severe mental health conditions from getting caught in a revolving door of arrests and hospitalization is getting off the ground. [Read more.](#)

## **Brunswick County, North Carolina Commissioners Approve Creation of Stepping Up Task Force**

Brunswick County commissioners approved a plan to create a Stepping Up Task Force that, according to the proposal, will “develop an action plan that can be used to achieve a measurable impact in our local criminal justice system and reduce the cycling of those with mental health through the criminal justice system.” [Read more.](#)

## **State Fund Created to Speed up Mental Health Screening for Criminal Defendants**

South Dakota officials are creating a fund to speed up mental health screening for criminal defendants. The move is part of the state’s effort to find solutions to a growing mental health epidemic and improve how mentally ill criminal defendants interact with the criminal justice system. [Read more.](#)

### **RESEARCH**

## **President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis Issues**

The Presidential Commission on Combatting Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, chaired by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, released an interim report July 31. [Read the report.](#)

### **FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

## **SAMHSA Online Behavioral Health Business Courses**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers 14 self-paced, online business courses to behavioral health organizations and providers through BHbusiness. These courses are available at no cost. You can learn at your own pace while earning continuing education credits. [Learn more.](#)

## **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.](#)

## **AUGUST 16: There Is Hope: Treatment, Recovery, and Prevention**

During part two of the Series for Faith-Based and Community Leaders on the Opioid Crisis, experts from SAMHSA and the CDC will review early intervention and treatment options, and they will discuss the essential role that the community plays in recovery support and prevention. [Register here.](#)

## **AUGUST 16: Success Stories: Implementing Behavioral Health in a Specialty Care Setting**

Join SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) for this webinar to learn about a successful partnership between a hospital system and an oncology practice, which has woven behavioral health screening and treatment into their practice, and the lessons they have learned along the way. [Register here.](#)

## **AUGUST 16: Prioritizing Policy, Practice, and Funding Improvements for People with Mental Illnesses in Jails**

Join the Stepping Up partners for the fifth network call in the Six Questions series. On this call, officials from Pacific County, Washington, will describe their planning team’s prioritization process and how it has helped them move forward with their Stepping Up initiative. The county officials and a subject matter expert will then engage in a facilitated discussion and Q&A with the audience about the issue. [Register for the call.](#)

## **AUGUST 17: National Findings on the Mental Illnesses and Substance Use of People Incarcerated in Prisons and Jails**

In this webinar, hosted by the CSG Justice Center with funding support from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance, BJS statistician Jennifer Bronson will review the findings of the reports and discuss how jurisdictions around the country—namely Justice and Mental Health

Collaboration Program grantees—can use this information. [Register here](#).

## **AUGUST 17: Medicaid Coverage and Financing of MAT, Current Status and Promising Practices**

The SAMHSA webinar will cover a forthcoming update to the 2014 SAMHSA report on Medicaid Coverage and Financing of Medications to Treat Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders and will review information on state Medicaid payment policies for medication assisted treatment (MAT). [Register now](#).

## **August 18: A Historical Overview of the Origin, Purpose, and Impact of the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG): A Two-Part Series**

Part two of this webinar series will focus on the following areas AFTER the 1982 Mental Health Block Grant. [Register for Part 2](#).

**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](#).

## **AUGUST 22: Mental Health Economics: Analyzing Value**

This NIMH Global Mental Health webinar is aimed primarily at researchers and health care practitioners interested in addressing or better understanding issues of cost, cost-effectiveness and value in their work. [Register now](#).

## **Free Continuing Education on Prescribing Opioids**

CDC presents a free continuing education activity on opioid prescribing in partnership with Medscape. Continuing Medical Education, American Board of Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification, and Continuing Education credits (CEC) are all available for this activity. This activity is intended for primary care clinicians, nurses, and other clinicians prescribing opioids for chronic pain outside of active cancer treatment, palliative care, and end-of-life care. [Learn more](#).

## **FUNDING & AWARDS**

### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, which supports the federal government's role in spurring innovation as well as testing and replicating evidence-based practices nationwide. [Learn more](#).

### **National Training and Technical Assistance Initiative to Improve Police-Based Responses to People with Mental Health Disorders and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for the FY2017 National Training and Technical Assistance Initiative to Improve Police-Based Responses to People with Mental Health Disorders and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. [Learn more](#).

### **Pearson Early Career Grant**

The American Psychological Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Psychological Association, is accepting applications from early-career mental health clinicians for projects designed to improve areas of critical need in society. [Learn more](#).

## **NRI DAY AT NASMHPD ANNUAL MEETING**

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## HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

[Adult Mental Health Treatment Court Locator](#) This SAMHSA webpage enables users to view all of the adult mental health treatment courts in a state by selecting a state from the map or using the drop down list to select a state.

[Trends in Substance Use Disorders among Adults Aged 18 or Older](#) This report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and its Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality considers the impact of substance use disorders on individuals, families, and communities using data from The National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

[Fact Sheet: Intervention for Families Impacted by Trauma](#) SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network offers this new factsheet on Strengthening Family Coping Resources (SFCR) which provides accepted, empirically-supported trauma treatment for families living in traumatic contexts with the goal of reducing the symptoms of PTSD and other trauma-related disorders in children and adult caregivers.

[Opioid Prescribing: Where You Live Matters](#) A state-based prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) can help identify patients at risk of addiction or overdose.

[New Guidelines for Managing PTSD](#) A panel of experts from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense developed the latest guideline for managing PTSD and acute stress disorder.

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