



## NRI NEWSLETTER

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

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### SPOTLIGHT

#### **CMS Releases Scorecard to for Medicaid and CHIP Program**

CMS recently released a [New Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard](#). Executive Directors, Ron Manderscheid, Ph.D., of NACBHDD & NARMH and Tim Knetter of NRI are reviewing this information and will provide comments in a future newsletter.

### FEDERAL & STATE NEWS

#### **First Responders: Behavioral Health Concerns, Emergency Response, and Trauma**

Emergency medical services personnel, firefighters, and police officers are often the first on the scene to aid those experiencing disasters and other traumatic situations. This bulletin reviews existing literature and provides insight into behavioral health issues experienced by first responders. It may be helpful to first responders in maintaining their own health and managers seeking to support the behavioral health of their teams. [Read more.](#)

#### **Homicide and Suicide Death Rates for Persons Aged 15–19 Years — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 1999–2016**

Suicide rates among U.S. teens ages 15-19 are higher than homicide rates, whereas in the decade prior to 2010 homicide rates were higher than suicide rates. [Read more.](#)

#### **Illinois to Expand Medicaid MH, Substance Abuse Treatments**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services received notice from the Federal government that plans to better serve Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorders and mental health challenges have been approved. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Ohio Medicaid to Change How It Pays For Addiction, Mental Health Care**

Effective July 1, Ohio Medicaid behavioral health providers will deal directly with private companies that manage Medicaid plans for the state rather than being paid directly by the state. [Read more.](#)

## **Pennsylvania House Passes Bill to Improve Mental Health Emergency Services**

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously passed House Bill (HB) 1997, a legislation that provides for the medical assistance deemed eligibility program for inpatient behavioral health services and is intended to avoid higher emergency room costs and prevent, if possible, these individuals from becoming involved in the criminal justice system. [Read more.](#)

### **RESEARCH**

## **Suicide Rates Rising Across the US: Comprehensive Prevention Goes Beyond a Focus on Mental Health Concerns**

Suicide rates have been rising in nearly every state, according to the latest Vital Signs report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 2016, nearly 45,000 Americans age 10 or older died by suicide. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death and is one of just three leading causes that are on the rise. [Read more.](#)

## **Infographic: Fentanyl and Other Synthetic Opioids Drug Overdose Deaths**

This infographic summarizes a study that finds that nearly half of opioid-related overdose deaths involve fentanyl. [Read more.](#)

## **Mental Health-related Physician Office Visits by Adults Aged 18 and Over: United States, 2012–2014**

This data brief examines adult mental health-related physician office visits by specialty and selected patient characteristics. Research indicates that during 2012–2014, an estimated annual average of 30 million mental health-related physician office visits were made by adults aged 18 and over. [Read more.](#)

### **FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

## **JUNE 26: Bringing Forensic-Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) To Local Behavioral Health Systems**

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation invites you to a discussion with national experts about Forensic-Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) and the implementation of FACT in local jurisdictions. [Register now.](#)

## **JUNE 26: Promoting Recovery through Self Direction: Strategies and Lessons from New York State**

This webinar will: 1) Provide an overview of self-direction models and outcomes research to assist people with serious mental illnesses; 2) Describe how New York's model was developed and adopted during a shifting Medicaid managed care environment, including successful advocacy strategies; 3) Discuss operational concerns such as provider training and outreach during New York's first pilot year; and 4) Report on early participant outcomes related to the pilot. [Register now.](#)

## **JUNE 26: Beating the Clock: Reducing the Duration of Untreated Psychosis**

This webinar will discuss strategies for engaging people in evidence-based first episode psychosis programs, building awareness through targeted outreach, collaborating with systems partners, encouraging help-seeking, and how all of this can impact the trajectory their wellness. [Register now.](#)

## **JUNE 28: Criminal Justice and Serious Mental Illness: Moving to Patient Centered Care**

Attendees of this webinar will learn about the factors contributing to the current situation, gaps in the systems, how to improve access to care in the community and the role of diversion programs such as Mental Health Courts and Drug Courts in decreasing criminalization of serious mental illness and substance use disorders. [Register now.](#)

# FUNDING & AWARDS

## State Opioid Response Grants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 State Opioid Response Grants (Short Title: SOR). The program aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD) (including prescription opioids, heroin and illicit fentanyl and fentanyl analogs). These grants will be awarded to states and territories via formula. The program also includes a 15 percent set-aside for the ten states with the highest mortality rate related to drug overdose deaths.

[Learn more.](#)

## FY 2018 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Expansion Grants (Short Title: CCBHC Expansion Grants). The purpose of this program is to increase access to and improve the quality of community behavioral health services through the expansion of CCBHCs. [Learn more.](#)

## Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant Program

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant Program. Eligible children for services include children from birth to not more than 12 years of age, who are at risk for, show early signs of, or have been diagnosed with a mental illness including a serious emotional disturbance. [Learn more.](#)

## HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

### **SAMHSA publishes updated toolkit to help prevent opioid overdoses**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published an update to its Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit, which is designed to help healthcare providers, families and other community members prevent overdose deaths related to opioid use. [Read more.](#)

**Suicide: How You Can Make a Difference** A new CDC report on increasing suicide rates has brought the topic of suicide into everyday conversations. Learn about what to do if you think someone might be at risk for self-harm by reading NIMH's 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain, some contributing factors and warning signs for suicide, and how you can make a difference in suicide prevention. [Learn more.](#)

### **Dealing With Trauma: Recovering From Frightening Events**

**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month** The purpose of PTSD Awareness Month is to encourage everyone to raise public awareness of PTSD and effective treatments. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Center for PTSD makes available resources to support awareness activities, including printable materials and social media posts.

**NASMHPD's Snapshot of State Plans** provides an overview of each state's funding, programs, implementation status, and outcomes measures under the set-aside.

### **Voluntary Nationwide Recall for Two Lots of Naloxone Hydrochloride Injection due to the Potential Presence of Particulate Matter**

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