Grants

Sharon Walsh received a subcontract through the Ohio Valley Node of the Clinical Trials Network of the National Institute on Drug Abuse for $71,000 for the first segment of a multi-site laboratory study.

Carl Leukefeld and Barbara Ramlow participated in the FY 2011 Cabinet for Health and Family Services program audit of the Targeted Assessment Program on August 24, 2011.

The Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) was awarded $500 from the Madison County Kentucky Agency on Substance Abuse Policy Board. Madison County TAP and the Madison County Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center will collaborate to provide copayments for TAP participants in Madison County needing substance abuse treatment or education.

Dr. Danelle Stevens-Watkins submitted a K08 grant application, with Drs. Carl Leukefeld and Carrie Oser as mentors.

Journals/Publications


Beth Wahler submitted a manuscript entitled “Retribution or Rehabilitation? Conflicting Goals of U.S. Policies Pertaining to Drug Felonies and their Impact on Women” to Women, Politics, & Policy for review.

Beth Wahler’s manuscript entitled “Identifying and Challenging Social Work Students’ Biases” was accepted for publication in Social Work Education.


Oser, C., Pullen, E., Biebel, E., & Harp, K. The Influence of Rural and Urban Substance Abuse Treatment Counselor Burnout on Client Outcomes. Under review at Substance Use & Misuse.


Knudsen, H. K., Oser, C. B., Abraham, A. J., & Roman, P. M. Physicians in the substance abuse treatment workforce: Understanding their employment within
publicly funded treatment organizations. Submitted to *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.


Michelle Lofwall submitted the following manuscript: Lofwall, M.R., Nuzzo, P.A., Walsh, S.L. Effects of cold pressor pain on the abuse liability of intranasal OxyContin in male and female prescription opioid abusers to Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

**Editorial and Reviews**

Sharon Walsh reviewed a manuscript for Behavioral Pharmacology.

Carrie Oser reviewed manuscripts for the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment* and the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for *Leisure Sciences*.

Michelle Lofwall reviewed a manuscript for Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

William Stoops did a manuscript review for Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

**Training**

Melissa Delaney and Renee Edington provided Targeted Assessment Program Web-based Instrument Training on August 1, 2011.

Melissa Delaney and Stephanie Ratliff provided Targeted Assessment Program Web-based Instrument Training on August 10, 2011.

Jill Gay provided a presentation on UK Targeted Assessment Program services and trained Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers on mental health and substance abuse disorders and drugs of abuse as well as treatment and other local resources on August 16, 2011.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Kim Iverson attended the Hope Harbor Board of Directors meeting on August 4, 2011.

Dia Booth Ling attended the Lighthouse Advisory Board meeting on August 22, 2011. Ms. Ling serves on the Executive Board as the Board Secretary.
Information, Education and Consultation

Sharon Walsh served as a reviewer as an ad hoc member of Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. She reviewed the intramural Laboratory of Clinical and Translational Studies (LCTS) and the Laboratory of Neuroimaging (LNI) NIH Clinical Research Center.

Kim Griswold-Dotson and Melissa Brown participated in the Northern Two Rivers DCBS/TAP Management Meeting held on August 3, 2011 in Owensboro, KY.


Barbara Ramlow, Erik Carlton, and Stephanie Ratliff conducted the FY 2011 Contract Monitoring Site Visit of Kentucky River Community Care, Inc. (KRCC) Project ADDVANCE in Hazard and Jackson, KY on August 9, 2011.

Melissa Brown facilitated the McCracken County Community Partners/TAP Advisory Council Meeting in Paducah, KY on August 11, 2011.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Elizabethtown, KY to chair a meeting of the Hardin County Best Practices Court Assessment Committee on August 11, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow chaired a meeting of the Fayette County Best Practice Court Assessment Committee in Lexington, KY on August 12, 2011.

Melissa Brown traveled to Greenville, KY on August 17, 2011 to facilitate the Christian / Hopkins / Muhlenberg Department for Community Based Services / Targeted Assessment Program Management Meeting.


Dia Booth Ling attended the Daviess County Best Practices Permanency Planning Committee meeting at the Daviess County Protection & Permanency Office on August 23, 2011.

Stephanie Ratliff and Scott Turner, Breathitt County Targeted Assessment Specialist, participated in the Families In Safe Homes Network (FISHN) Operations Team meeting held in Hazard, KY on August 23, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow, Erik Carlton, and Melissa Brown conducted the FY 2011 Contract Monitoring Site Visit of the Sanctuary Inc. Lighten Up Project in Hopkinsville, KY on August 31, 2011.

Carl Leukefeld, Barbara Ramlow, Stephanie Ratliff, Kim Griswold Dotson, Renee Edington, Beth Wahler, Erik Carlton and Melissa Brown participated in a quarterly update meeting between the UK Targeted Assessment Program and representatives of the Department of Community Based Services Division of Protection and Permanency, Lisa Durbin and Steve Hartwig.
Media

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Dia Booth Ling participated in the Owensboro Mayors Task Force Against Substance Use Committee meeting at the Owensboro Police Department and the Daviess County Operations Center on August 3, 2011 and on August 11, 2011, respectively.

Dia Booth Ling attended a luncheon hosted by Kentucky’s First Lady, Jane Beshear, at the Governor’s Mansion on August 18, 2011. The luncheon highlighted the mission and efforts of the Recovery Kentucky centers.

Lissa Orme participated in the Rowan UNITE Board Coalition meetings held in Morehead, KY, August 22, 2011. Mrs. Orme currently serves on the planning committee for Recovery Benefits Everyone, a community-wide awareness campaign during the month of September to support those in recovery illness or addiction and their families.


Carrie Oser and Michele Staton-Tindall attended meetings at the Never Alone, Never Again facility and the Northeast Re-entry Council on Aug. 3, 2011.

Michelle Lofwall attended the Fayette County Mayor’s Committee on Prescription Drug Abuse on August 23.

William Stoops attended the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in Washington, DC.

Presentations

Sharon Walsh was an invited presenter and provided a 3-hour teaching session CME entitled, "How do I choose a medication and safely initiate therapy? Presented at the Recovery Oriented Addiction Medicine - Asia-Pacific Seminar (ROADMAPS): Safety, Quality, Efficacy. Bali, Indonesia, August 2012.

Susan Ross and Lynn Bernard (Fayette County Kentucky Works Program) presented to the Bluegrass in home services staff meeting on August 8, 2011. Information included Targeted Assessment Program criteria for referrals and services provided to clients and a brief overview of Kentucky Transitional Assistance and Kentucky Works Program policy and procedures.

Leah Morris presented Targeted Assessment Program requirements and referral process for the Department for Community Based Services Protection and Permanency Team in Elizabethtown on August 19, 2011.

Melissa Brown, Kim Iverson, and Marie Patterson presented information on the Targeted Assessment Program at a Southern Two Rivers Region Kentucky Works
Program Case Managers meeting held at the Bowling Green Technical College, August 26, 2011. In addition to Department for Community Based Services Family Support staff and TAP staff, Kentucky Community & Technical College Ready to Work/Work and Learn staff, and Reach Higher Program staff attended.


**Awards**

Sharon Walsh was named to Who’s Who in Medicine and Healthcare 2011-2012.

**Other**

Stacia Cole transferred from Muhlenberg County Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) to Ohio County TAP, effective August 1, 2011.

Melissa Brown traveled to Hopkinsville, KY on August 4, 2011 to conduct West Region Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Barren Warren, Christian, Muhlenberg, Hopkins, and McCracken counties.

Lissa Orme participated in the Rowan County Domestic Violence Counsel meeting, August 10, 2011. This committee is in the planning stage for Domestic Violence awareness activities to be held during the month of October and planning fundraiser for their local victim’s assistance fund.

Kim Iverson was interviewed by a WKU graduate student, Jessica Gilbert, about details of the Targeted Assessment Program on August 17, 2011. The information, as part of a class assignment, will help develop a community resource guide.

Renee Edington traveled to London, KY on August 24, 2011 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference attended by Targeted Assessment Specialists from Floyd, Pike, Martin, Magoffin, Laurel, Pulaski, Knott and Johnson Counties.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Prestonsburg, KY on August 30, 2011 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference attended by Targeted Assessment Specialists from Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Lee, Leslie, Madison, Owsley, Perry, and Rowan Counties.

Beth Wahler traveled to Louisville, KY on August 31, 2011 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Case Conference. Targeted Assessment Specialists from Boone, Campbell, Jefferson, and Kenton County participated in the meeting.