Grants

Bill Stoops submitted a grant entitled "Internet-Based Abstinence Reinforcement and Varenicline for Smoking Cessation" to NIH.

Robert Walker completed two grants for the Kentucky Division of Behavioral Health, with UK CDAR in an evaluation role should they be funded. Both grants focus on substance abuse treatment.

Barbara Ramlow, Stephanie Haynes Ratliff, and Carl Leukefeld submitted a grant proposal to the Bluegrass Community Foundation for $7,000 from the Blue Grass Collaborative Assistance and Relief Effort (CARE) Fund to provide emergency assistance to Targeted Assessment Program participants in 14 Central and Eastern Kentucky counties.

Journals/Publications


Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh reviewed a manuscript for Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology.

Carl Leukefeld participated in a Special Emphasis Panel to review the applications for a NIDA RFA entitled "International Research Collaborations on HIV/AIDS and Drug Use (R01) on February 18 in Washington, DC.

Bill Stoops reviewed a manuscript for Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology.
Hannah Knudsen reviewed manuscripts for *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA J)*, *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, and *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*.

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Robert Walker reviewed two articles for the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Jennifer Cole reviewed a manuscript for *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.

**Training**

Robert Walker presented “Assessment of substance use disorders” to attorneys and social workers with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy in Lexington, Kentucky. He also presented “The neuroscience of addiction” to the same group. The participants are part of an expansion of a new program that pairs social workers with defense attorneys to prepare community treatment plans for diversion of individuals charged with drug related crimes.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Beth Wahler facilitated the McCracken County TAP Advisory Council/Community Partners Meeting on February 11, 2010.

Jackie Murrell and Jenafier Carroll, Hardin County Targeted Assessment Specialists, facilitated the Hardin County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council Meeting on February 22, 2010.

**Information, Education and Consultation**

Sharon Walsh submitted two invited abstracts for the Improving Outcomes in the Treatment of Opioid Dependence meeting to be held in Berlin in May, 2010.

Sharon Walsh submitted an invited abstract, Efficacy of current pharmacotherapies for opioid dependence: What challenges remain?” for the World Pharma 2010 meeting to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark. She was invited to organize and Chair a session and this presentation will be part of that symposium.

Hannah Knudsen presented information about workforce research design strategies and provided consultation to SAMHSA’s Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network during a meeting about the ATTC’s Workforce Survey in Kansas City on February 17.

Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Fayette County Model Court Assessment Protocol Subcommittee on February 3, 2010.

**Media**

**Meetings on Substance Abuse**

Bill Stoops attended and presented a poster entitled "Influence of Smoking Intervention Group Assignment on Smoking and Depression Self-Reported"
Measures" at the 2010 meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco in Baltimore, MD.


Robert Walker convened the Epidemiology Work Group meeting at the University of Kentucky Faculty Club. This meeting is for state government policy staff, community clinicians and UK faculty engaged in substance abuse research.

Barbara Ramlow participated in the Boyd County Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team direct line provider meeting and Steering Committee meetings held in Ashland, KY on February 24, 2010.

**Presentations**

Sharon Walsh presented an invited lecture entitled, “Suboxone and Subutex: Does Their Abuse Potential Differ?” and served as Co-Chair of the Nordic Opiate Meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden on February 10-11, 2010.

Bill Stoops presented a poster entitled "Influence of Smoking Intervention Group Assignment on Smoking and Depression Self-Reported Measures" at the 2010 meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco in Baltimore, MD.

Robert Walker presented an overview of the various service and treatment outcome studies that he has under contract from the Kentucky Division of Behavioral Health to research faculty at the UK college of Social Work.

Barbara Ramlow presented on the Targeted Assessment Program at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Ready to Work and Work and Learn programs’ quarterly conference held in Versailles, KY on February 24, 2010.

**Awards**

**Other**

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a case conference on February 2, 2010 with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Johnson, Lee, Madison, Owsley, Rowan, and Perry counties.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Owensboro, KY on February 8, 2010 to facilitate a case conference with the Daviess, Hardin, Henderson, McLean, Nelson and Ohio County Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Perry County, KY on February 23, 2010 to attend an Operations Committee meeting for the Families in Safe Homes Network (FISHN).

Beth Wahler and Kim Griswold Dotson facilitated a meeting of the Northern KY Case Conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Kenton, Boone, and Campbell Counties on February 25, 2010.
Stephanie Haynes Ratliff and Barbara Ramlow attended the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs 20th Anniversary celebration and 2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Awards ceremony held in Frankfort, KY on February 25, 2010.

Tim Nugent, Targeted Assessment Specialist in Ohio County, wrote a successful grant application to the Ohio County Community Partnerships for the Protection of Children (CPPC), resulting in an award of $4,800 to assist individuals with no or low income in accessing substance abuse services for Marijuana Dependence. This grant will provide 8 six-week groups utilizing the Brief Marijuana Dependence Counseling Model, serving up to 80 individuals referred by the Department for Community Based Services and the UK Targeted Assessment Program.