

**University of Kentucky**  
**Center on Drug and Alcohol Research**  
**Monthly Report**  
**January 2009**

**Grants**

**Journals/Publications**

Dr. Walsh served as a reviewer for *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*.

Oser, C., Leukefeld, C., Staton Tindall, M., Garrity, T., Carlson, R., Falck, R., Wang, J., & Booth, B. 2009. Utilization of substance abuse treatment by rural methamphetamine users. Manuscript submitted to *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

**Editorial and Reviews**

Cole, J. Issues of victim confidentiality on sexual assault response teams (SART). Submitted to the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Lisa Shannon reviewed a manuscript for the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*

Marty Wunsch continues to serve as the Co-Editor of the *Journal of Addiction Medicine*

**Training**

Melissa Delaney and Stephanie Ratliff conducted training to launch a pilot of the Targeted Assessment Program Case Closure Review (CCR) Report to 13 Targeted Assessment Specialists representing 11 Kentucky counties on January 15, 2009. Others participating included: Chris Ward, Tee Ellerbe, Renee Edington, Beth Wahler, Barbara Ramlow, and Carl Leukefeld.

Jill Gay presented “Client Engagement and Retention in Addictions Treatment” at the Families in Safe Homes Network (FISHN) Operations Team meeting held in Perry County on January 6, 2009. Stephanie Ratliff, Renee Edington, and Scott Turner participated as members of the Operations Team.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a meeting of the Fayette County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on January 8, 2009.

Renee Edington and Barbara Ramlow traveled to Inez, KY on January 8, 2009 to participate in a meeting of the Martin County K-START (Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Team) Advisory Council.

Renee Edington facilitated a meeting of the Martin County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council in Inez, KY on January 8, 2009. Lisa Bentley and Barbara Ramlow participated, and Ms. Bentley provided a local TAP update.

Beth Wahler traveled to Morehead, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Rowan County TAP Advisory Council on January 20, 2009.

### **Information, Education and Consultation**

Dr. Walsh was appointed as a member of the steering committee for the Physician Clinical Support System (PCSS), a national mentoring network offered free of charge for physicians treating opioid dependence is a service supported by SAMHSA and coordinated by ASAM to help physicians implement methadone in their practices.

Dr. Walsh served as Chair of a Study Section for the National Institute for grants submitted to an RFA entitled "Drug Abuse Medications Development for Cannabis-Related Disorders."

Dr. Walsh served the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the American Board of Addiction Medicine as a Exam Committee member for their annual Exam meeting at the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Walsh was appointed as a member of the national steering committee for the Chronic Pain Management Registry, a national initiative to improve treatment of chronic pain and reduce abuse of opioid analgesics.

Carl Leukefeld, Barbara Ramlow, Melissa Delaney, Michele Staton-Tindall, Stephanie Ratliff, Beth Wahler, Kim Griswold Dotson, Renee Edington, Tee Ellerbe and Chris Ward submitted the Fiscal Year 2009 Second Quarter Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) Report to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services on January 23, 2009.

Barbara Ramlow submitted the Fiscal Year 2009 Second Quarter Report for the Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Projects to the KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services on January 23, 2009.

Michele Staton-Tindall, Melissa Delaney and Carl Leukefeld submitted *Brief Report Series No. 1: Mental Health* to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services on January 23, 2009.

Marty Wunsch was appointed the Chair of the Credentials Committee of the American Board of Addiction Medicine for which she serves as an At Large Director.

### **Media**

#### **Meetings on Substance Abuse**

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Hazard, KY on January 13, 2009 to attend a meeting of the Families in Safe Homes Network (FISHN) Executive Council.

Barbara Ramlow and Tee Ellerbe participated in the monthly Jefferson County Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) Direct Line meeting held at the Morton Center in Louisville, KY on January 19, 2009.

The Targeted Assessment Program hosted a meeting of the Sobriety, Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) Statewide Evaluation Team in Lexington on January 21, 2009. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Ruth Huebner, Child Welfare Researcher for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and was attended by Tina Wilhauer, START Director, Joann

Lianekhammy, Department for Community Based Services, Lynn Posze, Department for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addiction Services, Robert Walker and Barbara Ramlow, UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research.

## **Presentations**

Beth Wahler and Tracy Popplewell gave a presentation about the Targeted Assessment Program at the Hopkins County Interagency Meeting on January 6, 2009.

Marty Wunsch presented the N Peter Johnson Memorial Lecture “*Addiction as a Chronic Disease*” at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Alcohol and Drug Issues Conferences for Clinicians January 10 in Columbia, South Carolina

## **Awards**

### **Other**

Dr. Walsh convened the interim Board of Director’s Meeting for the College on Problems of Drug Dependence in Louisville, KY.

Carrie Oser was invited for brunch at UK President Lee Todd’s house on Jan. 22, 2009 to discuss University-related issues.

Kim Griswold Dotson facilitated a case conference with the Daviess, Henderson, McLean and Ohio County Targeted Assessment Specialists on January 22, 2009.

Renee Edington conducted a regional case conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Laurel, Pike, Pulaski, Knott, Martin and Letcher Counties in Hazard, KY on January 23, 2009.

Beth Wahler and Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Hebron, KY to facilitate a regional case conference with the Targeted Assessment Specialists from Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties on January 29, 2009.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Paintsville, KY on January 30, 2009 to facilitate a case conference with TAP assessment specialist staff from Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Johnson, Lee, Madison, Magoffin, Owsley, Perry, and Rowan counties.