Grants

Madison County Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) was notified of approval of mid-year grant funds in the amount of $500. Jennifer Sherwood applied for and received an increase in funding from the Madison County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP) board. The funding covers copayments for outpatient substance abuse treatment for TAP participants referred to Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center.

Journals/Publications


Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh reviewed a manuscript for the Harm Reduction Journal.

Sharon Walsh reviewed a manuscript for Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety.

Michelle Lofwall completed a book review for the Journal of Psychiatric Practice - the book was Handbook of Office-based Buprenorphine Treatment of Opioid Dependence by Editors John Renner, M.D. and Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A.

Michelle Lofwall reviewed a manuscript for Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for the International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology.

William Stoops did two manuscript reviews. One for European Journal of Pharmacology and one for Harm Reduction Journal.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.
Training

Michelle Lofwall attended a meeting in Frankfurt for the Governor's Advisory Council on KASPER. Michelle Lofwall taught pgy-1 and 2 psych residents about conditioned behaviors and drug use disorders on Feb 11 & 25th.

Stacia Cole, Leah Morris, Sharon Hayden, Melanie Carter, Melissa Shannon, Sameera Chowdhury, Tammy Michael, Donna Hix, Sonya Thompson, and Kim Iverson attended the Third Annual Different Faces of Substance Abuse Conference held on January 18 and 19, 2012 in Lexington, KY.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Michelle Lofwall attended the UK Health CE Central Advisory Board meeting on January 5th.

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a meeting of the Fayette County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on January 10, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow facilitated a meeting of the Rowan County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on January 17, 2012.

Renee Edington traveled to Whitesburg, KY on January 18, 2012 to conduct a meeting of the Letcher and Knott County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council.

Renee Edington traveled to Inez, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Martin County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on January 19, 2012.

Information, Education and Consultation

Sharon Walsh was nominated to serve on the Science Advisory Board to the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

Sharon Walsh served on the Nominations Committee for officer nominations for the College on Problems of Drug Dependence.

Barbara Ramlow participated in the “Race Matters” symposium sponsored by the Race Community and Child Welfare Committee, Kentucky State University, and Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

Media

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Sharon Walsh chaired a meeting of the Quality Physician Care Network held January 16 and 17 in Vienna, Austria. The meeting incorporated the original country members of the network with the newest countries to join and their delegates-Greece, Portugal, Austria and the Nordic Countries group.
Michelle Lofwall attended a working meeting with Good Sam ER, Dave Hopkins from KASPER, the Mayors Alliance on Rx Drug Abuse to work towards a trial project of use of KASPER delegates in the ER with automatic KASPER reports generated on patients presenting with a chief complaint of pain among other issues.

**Presentations**

Sharon Walsh presented a talk entitled, “Probing Critical Factors in Opioid and Cocaine Dependence: Assays in the Human Laboratory,” January 26, 2012 for the Local NIDA Program, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.


Barbara Ramlow presented *Strategies for Indentifying Vulnerable Families: Kentucky’s Targeted Assessment Program* at the “Creating Stable Futures for Vulnerable Families” held in Baltimore, MD on January 11-13, 2012. The conference, which focused on developing guiding principles and recommendations and programmatic changes to help improve the long-term outcomes for vulnerable families, was sponsored by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities with funding from the Oak Foundation.

**Awards**

**Other**

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Hazard, KY to participate in the Families in Safe Homes Network (FISHN) meeting on January 24, 2012.