**Grants**

Robert Walker completed a carry-over grant application for one of the state’s CSAT grants for Independence House in Corbin, KY. The third year continuation grant, written by Robert Walker was turned in earlier.

J. Cole (PI), Robert Walker (Co-PI), and TK Logan (Co-PI) submitted a grant proposal to NIJ: “Sex Trafficking of Female Adolescents in Rural and Small Urban Areas: Missed Opportunities for Identification and Intervention”.

**Journals/Publications**


Knudsen, H. K., Boyd, S., & Studts, J. L. Substance abuse treatment counselors and tobacco use: A comparison of comprehensive and indoor-only workplace smoking bans. Revised manuscript re-submitted to Nicotine & Tobacco Research.

Shannon, LM, Havens, JR, Oser, C., Crosby, R., & Leukefeld, C. (under review). Examining gender differences in substance use and age of first use among rural,

**Editorial and Reviews**


Robert Walker reviewed two articles for the Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for Journal of Women’s Health.

Jennifer Havens reviewed a manuscript for Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed two manuscripts for *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research* and a manuscript for *Acta Sociologica.*

Bill Stoops manuscripts for Neuropsychopharmacology, Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology, Drug and Alcohol Dependence and one for Progress in Neuropsychopharmacology and Behavioral Psychiatry

**Training**

TAP assessors met with Carl Leukefeld for a daylong discussion at the TAP Data Roundtable on June 20 at the Boone Center.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Sharon Walsh participated as a Steering Committee Member in the Prescription Drug Abuse Collaborative led by Dr. Kevin Pearce of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Kentucky.

Working with Cecil Dunn, Don Ball and the Recovery Kentucky Task Force, Robert Walker prepared a technical analysis of substance abuse treatment services to adolescents in publicly funded programs in Kentucky. In addition, he developed a plan for Medicaid coverage of services for adolescents, parents with young dependent children and pregnant women using a model of funding used by Missouri. This plan was presented to First Lady Jane Beshear in response to her request. The plan is being reviewed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Recovery Kentucky Task Force co-chaired by Don Ball and Mrs. Beshear.

Barbara Ramlow received an invitation from Commissioner Wilson of the Department for Community Based Services, Commissioner Hall of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, and Executive Officer Yewell of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Family and Juvenile Services, to participate on an Advisory Committee for the joint In Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) that these three departments are receiving from the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW). This is an initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services and jointly funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN).
The IDTA is focused on improving outcomes for families with parental substance use disorders who are involved in the child welfare and family court systems by strengthening collaboration and linkages across alcohol and other drugs services, child welfare and family courts to achieve improved outcomes for children and families. It is being provided only to select states that demonstrate a sufficient level of readiness and capacity to engage in a significant system change initiative.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Owensboro, KY on May 18, 2010 to facilitate a meeting of the Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council for Daviess, Henderson, McLean and Ohio Counties.

**Information, Education and Consultation**

Sharon Walsh was appointed as the Co-Chair (along with Dr. Nick Lintzeris of Australia) to lead the Quality Physician Care Network of Europe. This panel will develop training materials for physicians providing care for opioid dependent individuals for quality and evidenced-based practice. The first meeting took place in Berlin and included four representative countries (United Kingdom, Italy, France and Germany). Development of core training materials will be completed by year’s end and dissemination to practitioners will be through physician trainers in each participating country.

Sharon Walsh is serving Methadone Safety Guidelines Panel (appointed by the American Pain Society and the College on Problems of Drug Dependence) and participated in a meeting to identify quality evidence for inclusion in the guidelines publication.

Elizabeth Biebel received her PhD in Sociology (major professor: Dr. Carrie Oser). Erin Pullen received her MA in Sociology (major professor: Dr. Carrie Oser; committee member: Dr. Matt Webster).

Carrie Oser was invited to participate in the Research Envision meeting in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Hannah Knudsen provided consultation regarding the design of a workforce survey for SAMHSA’s Addiction Technology Transfer Center National Office.

Barbara Ramlow provided consultation on the Targeted Assessment Program to Beth Metzger with Kentucky Protection and Advocacy. Ms. Ramlow will present about TAP to the statewide Protection and Advocacy staff on July 6, 2010.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Owensboro, KY on May 13, 2010 to attend the first meeting of the Best Practices Full Team Meeting for Daviess County Family Court.

Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Fayette County Model Court Assessment Protocol Committee on May 25, 2010.

**Media**

**Meetings on Substance Abuse**

Partner/Stakeholders Meeting at Spindletop on June 21 included UK CJDATS2 staff as well as Kentucky Department of Corrections officials and treatment providers.
Presentations

Sharon Walsh was an invited speaker at the “Improving Outcomes in the Treatment of Opioid Dependence” meeting in Berlin, Germany. She presented two separate lectures “Critical Differences in Pharmacology” and “The Pharmacology of Opioid Safety” and participated as an expert panelist on two panels.


Awards

Jenny Mooney received the O’Donnell Award (outstanding graduate student in the sociology department).

Other

Robert Walker provided consultation to a team of attorneys with the Kentucky department of Public Defenders in regard to a capital case coming for trial in September. The case involved substance use, severe developmental problems, mental illness and drug crime related to the central crime. Consultation focused on mitigating factors as well as guilt/innocence defense.

Beth Wahler facilitated a Targeted Assessment Program case conference for Targeted Assessment Specialists from Hopkins, Christian, Muhlenberg, and McCracken Counties in Hopkinsville, KY on May 6, 2010. Erik Carlton presented information to the group to ensure continued quality improvement of TAP data. Barbara Ramlow, Program Director, presented an administrative update.

Renee Edington facilitated a case conference with TAP staff from Martin, Pike, Letcher, Knott, Pulaski, Laurel counties on May 7, 2010. Erik Carlton, Co-Director of Data presented information to the group to ensure continued quality improvement of TAP data. Barbara Ramlow, Program Director, presented an administrative update.

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a case conference with TAP staff from Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Johnson, Lee, Madison, Perry, and Rowan Counties on May 10, 2010. Erik Carlton, Co-Director of Data presented information to the group to ensure continued quality improvement of TAP data. Barbara Ramlow, Program Director, presented an administrative update.


Tee Ellerbe facilitated a case conference on May 14, 2010 with staff from Jefferson, Barren, and Warren Counties. Erik Carlton, Co-Director of Data presented information to the group to ensure continued quality improvement of TAP data. The group participated in a free substance abuse training presented by Delbert Boone CADC, and sponsored by Rivendell Behavioral Health.
Renee Edington traveled to Inez, KY on May 20, 2010 to co-facilitate a meeting of the Martin Countians for Safe and Healthy Families combined advisory council for the Targeted Assessment Program and the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams project.

Beth Wahler, Kim Griswold Dotson, Erik Carlton, and Barbara Ramlow traveled to Covington, KY to facilitate the Northern KY Case Conference on May 24, 2010. Ms. Ramlow presented an administrative update. Mr. Carlton presented information to the group to ensure continued quality improvement of TAP data. Staff from Kenton, Campbell, and Boone County participated in the meeting.

Stephanie Ratliff and Renee Edington traveled to Perry County, KY to participate in the Families In Safe Homes Network (FISHN) Operations Committee meeting on May 25, 2010.