

University of Kentucky
Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
Monthly Report
November 2008

Grants

“Evaluating the uptake of instruction for office-based opioid addiction practices aimed at decreasing and preventing buprenorphine diversion and misuse” Contract from Reckitt-Benckiser (awarded to Michelle Lofwall, Principal Investigator, Sharon Walsh, Co-Investigator)

During November 2008 Barbara Ramlow conducted two annual monitoring site visits of five substance abuse and domestic violence projects funded through the Targeted Assessment Program contract with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Ms. Ramlow and Beth Wahler traveled to Hopkinsville, KY on November 3, 2008 to conduct the Sanctuary, Inc. *Lighten Up Project* site visit. Ms. Ramlow and Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Owensboro, KY on November 20, 2008 to conduct the monitoring site visit at Owensboro Area Shelter and Information Services (OASIS) Inc. Non-Residential Services.

Publications

Knudsen, H. K., Leukefeld, C., Havens, J. R., Duvall, J. L., Oser, C. B., Staton-Tindall, M., Mooney, J., Clarke, J. G., Frisman, L., Surratt, H. L., & Inciardi, J. A. (in press). Partner relationships and HIV risk behaviors among women offenders. Accepted for publication in *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*.

Knudsen, H. K., Abraham, A. J., Johnson, J. A., & Roman, P. M. Buprenorphine adoption in the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network. Revised manuscript re-submitted to *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Editorial and Reviews

Lisa Shannon reviewed a manuscript for *Substance Abuse: Research and Treatment*.

Training

Steve Cook and Matt Webster trained new DUI assessors in Richmond, KY on November 12th.

Stephanie Ratliff, Tee Ellerbe, Kim Dotson, and Renee Edington attended the Kentucky Summit on Stalking held in Lexington, KY on November 18, 2008.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Fayette County Model Court Steering Committee on November 5, 2008.

Beth Wahler traveled to Paducah, KY on November 5, 2008 to facilitate a meeting of the McCracken County TAP Advisory Council/Community Partners Meeting. Norman Howard and

Melissa Brown, McCracken County Targeted Assessment Specialists, also participated in this meeting

Barbara Ramlow traveled to Ashland, KY on November 21, 2008 to facilitate a meeting of the Boyd County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council. Mary Alley and Kim Tracy, Targeted Assessment Specialists, also participated in the meeting.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Hazard, KY on November 20, 2008 to facilitate a meeting of the Perry and Breathitt County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council.

Information, Education and Consultation

Dr. Sharon Walsh was an Invited Consultant, September 2008. K01 Career Award submission entitled Pharmacotherapy Impact on Cocaine and Alcohol-derived Reinforcement to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, PI: Jennifer Plebani, Ph.D. Treatment Research Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sharon Walsh was an Invited Consultant, December 2008. Medication Development Centers of Excellence submission entitled Innovative Approaches for Cocaine Pharmacotherapy (NIDA Grant P50 DA12756-10), PI: Kyle Kampman, M.D. Treatment Research Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Sharon Walsh was appointed as a Special Government Employee as an Advisory Consultant to the Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee. Service to the Center for Drug Evaluation Research, November 13, 2008 (Public Hearing for Remoxy®)

During November, 2008 Barbara Ramlow participated on the American Disabilities Act Workgroup in providing consultation to the Department for Community Based Services Division of Family Support in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, learning problems, and intimate partner violence. The group provided consultation on a new Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program Agreement (TAA) assessment for recipients of public assistance.

Barbara Ramlow traveled to Frankfort, KY on November 17, 2008 for a meeting with DCBS Commissioner Pat Wilson to provide an overview of the Targeted Assessment Program.

Carrie Oser was a Committee Member for Joshua Phillips, who defended his qualifying exams in clinical psychology on Nov. 25, 2008.

Media

Matt Webster gave a television interview for a segment on the recent national discussion on reducing the legal drinking age.

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Tee Ellerbe traveled to Louisville, KY on November 10, 2008 to participate in a Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) Project meeting of key collaborators held at the Morton Center.

Barbara Ramlow, Renee Edington, and Lisa Bentley participated in a K-START Project meeting of key collaborators held in Inez, KY on November 12, 2008.

Renee Edington attended a K-START Project Advisory Council meeting held in Inez, KY on November 13, 2008.

Stephanie Ratliff and Renee Edington traveled to Jeff, KY on November 25, 2008 to participate in the Families In Safe Homes Network (FISHN) Partner Committee meeting.

Presentations

Abuse Liability of Pharmaceutical Opioid Analgesics: Adapting Traditional Methods to Contemporary Problems. Dr. Sharon Walsh was an Invited Plenary Speaker, November 26, 2008. Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference: Evidence, Policy and Practice, Sydney, Australia

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for Crime and Delinquency in Nov., 2008.

Other

Hannah Knudsen was invited to join the editorial board of *The Bridge: Linking Science and Service*, which is a new e-journal published by the National Program Office of the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration's Addiction Technology Transfer Centers

Oser, C., Knudsen, H., Staton-Tindall, M., Leukefeld, C., & Taxman, F. (2008). *Organizational-level correlates of the provision of detoxification services and medication-based treatments for drug and alcohol dependence in correctional institutions*. Paper presented at the Center on Drug Abuse Translational Research (CDART) brown bag series, Lexington, KY.

During the month of November Erin Mcnees visited the following correctional facilities to tour the substance abuse programs and provide updated training to the treatment staff:

Nov. 5: Daviess County Detention Center

Nov. 13: Powell County Detention Center and Three Forks Regional Jail

Nov. 19: Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women

Beth Wahler and Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Covington, KY on November 7, 2008 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Kenton, Boone, and Campbell Counties.

Beth Wahler traveled to Grand Rivers, KY on November 17, 2008 to facilitate a case conference with Targeted Assessment Program staff from McCracken, Hopkins, and Christian County.