Grants

Journals/Publications


Knudsen, H. K., Abraham, A. A., Roman, P. M., & Studts, J. L. Nurse turnover in substance abuse treatment programs affiliated with the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN). Revised manuscript re-submitted to *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Knudsen, H. K., Abraham, A. J., & Oser, C. B. Barriers to the implementation of medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders: The importance of funding policies and medical infrastructure. Revised manuscript re-submitted to *Evaluation and Program Planning*.

Knudsen, H. K., & Studts, J. L. Availability of nicotine replacement therapy in substance use disorder treatment: Longitudinal patterns of adoption, sustainability, and discontinuation. Submitted to *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.


Editorial and Reviews

Jennifer Havens reviewed a manuscript for Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Jennifer Havens served on two NIH special emphasis panels: ZRG1 RPHB-A and ZDA1 NXR-B.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for Health Policy.

Training

The Straus laboratory held a retreat and had training on a variety of research and regulatory topics, including infection control from the hospital.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Michelle Lofwall attended and participated in the UK Investigational Drug Task Force meeting on November 22.

Robert Walker participated in consultation with CSAT and the KY Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities on regulations pertaining to the use of Medicaid funds for behavioral health care.

Information, Education and Consultation

Michelle Lofwall gave a talk to the Dept. of Psychology on November 19 titled “The Prescription Opioid Epidemic: Pain, abuse liability & novel treatments”

Michelle Lofwall attended the Straus CDAR retreat on November 30th and gave a staff presentation on how to identify opioid, alcohol, and benzodiazepine withdrawal and an overview of the efficacy of a CME activity aimed at improving office-based opioid dependence treatment.

Robert Walker was guest lecturer for a graduate social work class on Substance Abuse and Violence.
Robert Walker provided technical assistance to Lifeskills, Inc. in Bowling Green, Kentucky on its data systems in regard to client outcomes and submission of data to the state for federal grant reporting.

Robert Walker provided professional consultation to the Department for Public Advocacy defense teams on two death penalty case currently before the KY courts.

Robert Walker participated in the American Bar Association review of the Kentucky Department for Public Advocacy on its use of mental health and substance abuse information in death penalty cases.

Robert Walker provided in-service to the UK IRB on new guidance for protecting electronic data in research protocols. He is also heading up the drafting of the IRB policies and procedures for these protections.

Robert Walker provided technical assistance to Tennessee’s Department of Mental Health on data collection in methadone clinics as part of statewide need for monitoring.

Robert Walker, along with Ed Monahan, Director of the Kentucky Department for Public Advocacy, met with Jim Chen, Dean of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law on developing new initiatives for training of lawyers and mental health professionals on neuroscience and the law, with a particular emphasis on mitigation in death penalty cases.

**Media**

Jennifer Havens manuscript in Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine was featured on cnn.com, time.com and more than 50 other websites. Jennifer was also interviewed locally by the NPR affiliate and WUKY.

**Meetings on Substance Abuse**

**Presentations**

Michelle Lofwall gave a presentation on November 3 for the University of Kentucky 2010 Advances in Pharmacy Practice Annual Fall Conference on-line CE titled “Safe opioid prescribing from the viewpoint of an addiction medicine physician”


Wang, J. & Leukefeld, C. (November 2010). Approaches of model specification for testing factor mean differences in higher-order CFA. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
Awards

Sharon Walsh received the Betty Ford Award from the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA). Due to an illness in the family, she was unable to receive it person. AMERSA has notified her that they will not have an awardee named next year so she can attend the meeting and present a plenary address in 2011.

Other

Michelle Lofwall reviewed symposium and workshop proposals for the 2011 CPDD program and participated in a conference call for the CPDD program committee.