Grants

Robert Walker and Erin Stevenson wrote a grant for the Kentucky department of Aging and Independent Living for a TBI Implementation Partnership project. This is a 5-year grant with annual awards of $250,000 and $120,000 to be contracted with CDAR for needs assessment and consultation in developing a comprehensive plan.

Carrie Oser submitted an independent investigator-level competitive diversity supplement grant application for R01 “African American Female Drug Users: HIV, Health Disparities, & Criminality” to NIDA.

Lisa Shannon received notification of a SAMHSA CSAT evaluation contract with the Volunteers of America to evaluate the effectiveness of service enhancements to community-based treatment programs.

Lisa Shannon received notification of a Bureau of Justice Administration evaluation contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts to evaluate the implementation and outcomes associated with a newly established misdemeanor drug court program in Clark/Madison counties.

Journals/Publications


Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh completed a review for Journal of Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology.

Carl Leukefeld Chair, Grant Review Committee for the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (BSTART) program, October 15, 2009.

Robert Walker reviewed an article for The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for the International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology.
Lisa Shannon reviewed a manuscript for *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*.

**Training**

Robert Walker presented “Brain Injury and Co-occurring Conditions: Characteristics and Interventions” on October 21, 2009 for the Department of Medicaid Services and its TBI Waiver program providers in Frankfort, Kentucky.


Robert Walker presented training for a multi-agency project in Eastern Kentucky that provides assessment and treatment to parents and children in cases of child maltreatment. Titled “The Neuroscience of Addiction,” the training focused on clinical findings and implicit treatment considerations of addictive disorders. The training was done on October 12, 2009 in Hazard, Kentucky.

Stephanie Ratliff provided *Mental Health Problems and Substance Abuse Certification Module IV* training at the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association to 40 new employees from Kentucky’s domestic violence programs on October 22, 2009.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

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

Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Child and Family Services Review statewide Community Stakeholders Advisory Group held on October 15, 2009 in Shelbyville, KY.

**Information, Education and Consultation**

Sharon Walsh was invited to participate in a national consensus panel on methadone safety to produce a consensus paper on methadone and cardiac safety by the American Pain Society.

Robert Walker was guest lecturer for a master’s level Social Work course on Violence and Addiction. The topic was personality correlates of violence and personality and risk assessment.

Erik Carlton, Melissa Delaney, Barbara Ramlow and Carl Leukefeld submitted the Targeted Assessment Program State Fiscal Year 2010 First Quarter Report to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services.

Barbara Ramlow, Erik Carlton and Carl Leukefeld submitted the Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence State Fiscal Year First Quarter Report to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services.

Erik Carlton, Michele Staton-Tindall, Melissa Delaney, Barbara Ramlow, and Carl Leukefeld submitted the University of Kentucky Targeted Assessment Program
Follow-up Study Report to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services

Barbara Ramlow provided an interview for the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams Evaluation conducted by Dr. Ruth Huebner, Cabinet for Health and Family Services Child Welfare Researcher.

Barbara Ramlow provided consultation on the implementation of new Department for Community Based Services policies related to the Americans with Disability Act in counties with Targeted Assessment Program services to the Kentucky Equal Justice Center and National Center for Law and Economic Justice.

Media

TK Logan, Teri Faragher and Robert Walker wrote an Op-Ed piece published by the Lexington Herald-Leader on protective orders based on findings from TK Logan’s recently concluded NIJ study.

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Sharon Walsh was an invited expert panelist for the IMMPACT-XII Consensus Meeting on “Research Methods and Outcomes for Human Experimental and Clinical Studies Involving Abuse Liability of Analgesic Medications” on October 1-2, Bethesda, MD.

Michelle Lofwall attended the Alcohol Medical Scholars Program meeting October 7-9, 2009.

Bill Stoops attended the 2009 Addiction Health Services Research meeting in San Francisco.

Robert Walker and Erin Stevenson presented data on the state’s performance under the National Outcome Measures for TEDS clients sorted by the 14 regional CMHCs. This report and meeting showed problems in Kentucky’s data system as well as problems in the service delivery system that are highlighted by the data. Robert Walker presented recommended changes in how data are collected and entered into the state event data sets to improve perceived outcomes at discharge.

Robert Walker and Erin Stevenson presented information and facilitated a meeting with providers, advocates, and state agency staff on ideas for the next statewide Access To Recovery grant in Frankfort, Kentucky on October 15, 2009.

Tee Ellerbe, Barbara Ramlow, Courtney Wallace, Kelly Gillooly and Sameera Chowdhury participated in a meeting of the Jefferson County Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) Advisory Council on October 13, 2009.

Renee Edington traveled to Inez, KY on October 15, 2009 to co-facilitate a meeting of Martin Countyans for Safe and Healthy Families, a combined advisory council for the Targeted Assessment Program and Kentucky - Sobriety, Treatment and Recovery Team (K-START). Lisa Bentley also participated in this meeting.

Barbara Ramlow traveled to Erlanger, KY on October 26, 2009 to participate in the Kenton County START Advisory Council meeting.
Barbara Ramlow attended a meeting of the Epidemiological Work Group held at the University of Kentucky Hillary J. Boone Center on October 29, 2009.

Barbara Ramlow, Renee Edington, Tee Ellerbe, Jill Gay, Lisa Bentley, Mary Alley, and Benita Coots-Asher participated in a meeting of all providers for the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) Project held on October 30, 2009 at the Division of Behavioral Health in Frankfort, KY.

Presentations

Sharon Walsh gave a lecture to the Epidemiology Working Group on October 29, 2009 in Lexington entitled, “Applying Human Laboratory Findings to Clinical Practice: The Case of Buprenorphine.

Michelle Lofwall gave a talk “Opioid Dependence during Pregnancy” at AMSP meeting October 8, 2009


Havens JR, Oser CB, Crosby RA, and Leukefeld C. Addiction treatment and health disparities among rural drug users: implications for policy in resource-deprived
areas. Poster presented at Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting, October 2009; San Francisco, California.

Awards

Stephanie Haynes Ratliff and Kim Griswold Dotson were honored as nominees for the 2009 UK Work-Life Supervisor of the Year Award. Ms. Ratliff was recognized as an award finalist at the awards luncheon held on October 20, 2009.

Other

Beth Wahler was invited to be the student representative on the College of Social Work’s Research Committee.


Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Fayette County Model Court Steering Committee on October 13, 2009.

Stephanie Ratliff and Renee Edington participated in the Families in Safe Homes Network (FISHN) Operations Team meeting held in Hazard, KY on October 20, 2009.

Beth Wahler and Kim Griswold Dotson facilitated a Case Conference with the Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County Targeted Assessment Specialists on October 26, 2009.

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a Case Conference with the Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Johnson, Lee, Madison, Magoffin, Owsley, Perry, and Rowan County Targeted Assessment Specialists on October 26, 2009.

Dawnyel Getman, Courtney Wallace, Sheila Redella, Susan Wilson, Sameera Chowdhury, and Kelly Gillooly participated in the annual meeting of Louisville Metro Government’s Neighborhood Place (NP) staff on October 28, 2009.