Grants

Sharon Walsh and Shanna Bablonis submitted a collaborative R01 grant to NIDA entitled, "A Phase III Lofexidine Study: Double-Blind Efficacy, Safety and Dose-Response (Part A) Followed By an Open-Label Safety Study (Part B)."

Bill Stoops submitted a grant to NIDA entitled Nicotinic ACH Agents and Cocaine: Human Lab Drug Combination Studies.

Hannah Knudsen submitted an R01 application to NIDA entitled, “Nurse turnover in drug abuse treatment: Job stressors and alternative opportunities.”

Journals/Publications


Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh and Shanna Babalonis completed a manuscript for Psychopharmacology.

Bill Stoops reviewed manuscripts for Progress in Neuropsychopharmacology and Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Jennifer Havens reviewed a manuscript for Drug and Alcohol Dependence.


Carl Leukefeld served as a Reviewer, NIDA B-Start Review, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2011/01 ZDA1 GXM-A (03) 1, October 20, 2010.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for AIDS Care.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed grant applications on October 14-15 for the NIH/CSR RPIA committee.

Training

Beth Wahler, Stacia Cole, and Jill Sholar provided training on substance abuse identification and intervention at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Ready-to-Work/Work-and-Learn Statewide Retreat at Lake Barkley State Park on October 18, 2010.
Stephanie Ratliff provided the Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Certification Level 1 - Module 4 training to Kentucky Domestic Violence Program staff on October 28, 2010.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Robert Walker presented an overview of the Kentucky Substance Abuse Treatment system to the Kentucky joint house and senate Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act. This testimony included an overview of treatment capacity in residential and outpatient areas as well as recommendations for what is needed to accommodate increased diversion of criminal justice cases into community treatment. This report was reviewed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services prior to being given to the Task Force.

Robert Walker presented a plan for greater use of neuroscience in defense representation in capital cases to the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy in Frankfort. The dean of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law agreed to co-host a conference or meeting with the Vanderbilt Center for Law and Neuroscience in the next year to promote this direction.

Robert Walker provided technical assistance on developing a flow chart of child protective service, court processes and mental health services for the In-Depth Technical Assistance Project for the Department of Community Based Services and the Dept. of Behavioral Health -Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. This project is funded by the Administration for Children and Families in DHHS.

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a meeting of the Fayette County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on October 12, 2010.

Renee Edington facilitated a meeting of the Letcher and Knott County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council in Hindman, KY on October 13, 201.

Michelle Lofwall attended a UK CE Advisory Board Meeting (October 12).

Michelle Lofwall attended a UK COM Curriculum Committee Meeting (October 4).

**Information, Education and Consultation**

Sharon Walsh served as an advisor to the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, at the joint meeting of the Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee and Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee, October 21-22, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to review post-marketing surveillance plans for Oxycontin Reformulated® [Purdue Pharma] and Embeda [King Pharmaceuticals] for abuse-deterrent claims.

Robert Walker provided consultation on two death penalty cases for the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

Robert Walker, Erin Stevenson, Michele Staton-Tindall, and Jennifer Cole presented at the Epidemiology Work Group on data from state funded projects to provide key
questions to the practice and policy community about treatment in Kentucky. Over 40 representatives from across the state attended.

Barbara Ramlow participated in the Kentucky Safe Families in Recovery Partnership Best Practice Guidelines Workgroup meeting held via conference call on October 4, 2010.

Stephanie Ratliff attended a meeting of the Fayette County Welfare Provider Cabinet held in Lexington, KY on October 13, 2010.

Kim Griswold Dotson participated in the Hardin County Best Practices Court Steering Committee meeting held in Elizabethtown, KY on October 14, 2010.

Barbara Ramlow facilitated a meeting of a Fayette County Best Practice Court Assessment Committee subcommittee on October 14, 2010.

Barbara Ramlow facilitated a meeting of the Fayette County Best Practice Court Assessment Committee on October 15, 2010.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Owensboro, KY to attend the Daviess County Best Practices Court Full-Team meeting on October 28, 2010.

Erik Carlton, Barbara Ramlow, & Carl Leukefeld submitted the State Fiscal Year 2011 Targeted Assessment Program First Quarter Report to the Department for Community Based Services on October 19, 2010.

Barbara Ramlow, Erik Carlton & Carl Leukefeld submitted the State Fiscal Year 2011 Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Projects First Quarter Report to the Department for Community Based Services on October 19, 2010.

Michelle Lofwall provided psychiatry resident supervision.

Michelle Lofwall participated in Psychiatry resident clinical patient evaluation examiner October 22, 2010.

Media

Robert Walker supplied background information to the Louisville Courier Journal on treatment capacity and state funding for substance abuse treatment in Kentucky in preparation for an article on Medicaid funding of addictive disease.

Carl Leukefeld presented to an FDA Advisory Committee in Gaithersburg, MD, October 19-22.

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Sharon Walsh attended the CPDD Executive Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. and met with Dr. Nora Volkow at NIDA.

Sharon Walsh was invited to serve as Chair of the Improving Outcomes in the Treatment of Opioid Dependence next spring in Madrid, Spain.
Hannah Knudsen was the Conference Co-Chair for the 2010 Addiction Health Services Research Conference, which was held October 25-27. Nearly 200 researchers from across the US came to Lexington to present their research.

**Presentations**

Sharon Walsh presented a seminar for the Brown Bag Series of the Behavioral Neuroscience group in the Department of Psychology, University of Kentucky, October 29, 2010, entitled "Prescription Opioid Abuse: Translating Laboratory Findings to Clinical Practice."


Michelle Lofwall presented on Reducing Risk and Enhancing Office-based Opioid Addiction Treatment through Continuing Medical Education University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds (October 13, 2010).
**Awards**

Barbara Ramlow was one of four finalists honored at the 2010 University of Kentucky Work-Life Supervisor of the Year Award Luncheon on October 27, 2010. Kim Griswold Dotson was also one of 84 University supervisors nominated for the award.

**Other**

Robert Walker has been approved by the UK Graduate School to teach in the doctoral program in Social Work and will be teaching the SW 782 *Advanced Analysis of Social Welfare Problems* next spring.

Robert Walker chaired an IRB group looking at developing policies on the protection for electronic data among IRB approved projects.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Ashland, KY on October 11, 2010 to facilitate a case conference with the Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Lee, Madison, Owsley, Perry, and Rowan County Targeted Assessment Specialists. Erik Carlton facilitated a discussion with the group about strengths-based assessment.

Beth Wahler traveled to Paducah, KY on October 14, 2010 to facilitate a case conference with staff from the McCracken, Christian, Hopkins, and Muhlenberg County sites.

Erik Carlton and Tee Ellerbe traveled to Cave City, KY on October 15, 2010 to facilitate a case conference with Barren and Warren Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Henderson, KY on October 26, 2010 to facilitate a case conference with the Daviess, Hardin, Henderson, McLean, Nelson and Ohio Targeted Assessment Specialists.