Grants

Sharon Walsh submitted an NIH R01 5-year competing renewal for a grant entitled, Licit and Illicit Opioids: Comparative Studies in Humans to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Lisa Shannon received notification of four SAMHSA CSAT evaluation contracts with the Administrative Office of the Courts (Kentucky Drug Court) and Pennyroyal Community Mental Health Center. The three Drug Court evaluation projects are for three years, the Pennyroyal Center project is for four years; all focus on evaluating the effectiveness of service enhancements to community-based treatment programs.

Erin Stevenson and Robert Walker provided all data tables and most of the narrative for the state’s Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. This grant is an annual update that reports on cost and policy changes in the Department of Behavioral Health regarding substance abuse prevention and treatment. The grant brings $20 million to Kentucky to support the community mental health centers’ services.

Carl Leukefeld and Barbara Ramlow received notification of the successful completion of fiscal year 2009 Department of Community Based Services Contract Monitoring of the Targeted Assessment Program by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services with no findings of non-compliance.

Barbara Ramlow and Erik Carlton conducted FY 2009 monitoring site visits of the Substance abuse and Domestic Violence Projects - Sanctuary, Inc. Lighten Up Project in Hopkinsville, OASIS, Inc. Non-residential Services in Owensboro, Kentucky River Community Care, Inc. Project ADDVANCE in Hazard, and Communicare, Inc. Working on Meeting Employability Needs (W.O.M.E.N.) Project in Elizabethtown, KY.

Journals/Publications


**Editorial and Reviews**


Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for three journals: Journal of Addiction Medicine; Substance Abuse Treatment, Policy, and Research; and Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.

Robert Walker reviewed two articles for the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, one for the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, one for the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, and one for the Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Jennifer Havens reviewed a manuscript for Aids and Behavior.


**Training**

Robert Walker, Erin Stevenson, Terry Hunt and Jennifer Newell trained staff at the two Hope Recovery Centers on the use of the new services outcome study protocol and data collection processes.

Robert Walker presented approaches for sustaining purpose and meaning in clinical work to a substance abuse program that has been funded by CSAT in eastern Kentucky.

Kim Griswold Dotson attended Batterer Intervention training sponsored by Department for Community Based Services, Division of Violence Prevention Resources in Lexington, KY.

**Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards**

Stephanie Ratliff facilitated a meeting of the Perry and Breathitt County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council in Hazard, KY on September 10, 2009.

Sheila Redella, Jefferson County Targeted Assessment Specialist, participated in a meeting of Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center (JADAC) Women’s Programs Advisory Board held in Louisville, KY on September 15, 2009.

**Information, Education and Consultation**

Michelle Lofwall attended "Buprenorphine Diversion and Misuse: How to Protect Your Office-based Opioid Addiction Practice" 4 hour Continuing Medical Education event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 26, 2009 (Michelle Lofwall, Course
Michele Staton Tindall and Carl Leukefeld attended an Assessment Protocol Meeting regarding CJDATS-2 grant in Washington, DC on September 17-18.


**Media**

Michelle Lofwall attended On-line CME "Buprenorphine Diversion and Misuse: How to Protect Your Office-based Opioid Addiction Practice" now available through UK CE Central for pharmacy and medical continuing education credit (Michelle Lofwall, Course Director and speaker, other CDAR faculty: Sharon Walsh speaker, Martha Wunsch speaker)

Chad Foster, Daviess County Targeted Assessment Specialist, appeared on the Owensboro area local news to publicize the substance abuse forum being held in Owensboro on September 30, 2009. Mr. Foster appeared as the chair of the local Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP) board.

**Meetings on Substance Abuse**

Sharon Walsh was invited to Chair and present at the upcoming Fourth Nordic Opiate Meeting: Total Patient Care to be held in Skanstull, Sweden February 11-12, 2010.

Barbara Ramlow participated in a Department for Community Based Services Substance Abuse Initiative Medicaid Coverage Planning Meeting held at the Department for Behavioral Health, Development and Intellectual Disabilities in Frankfort.

Barbara Ramlow and Renee Edington and traveled to Inez, KY to attend a meeting of Martin Countians for Safe and Healthy Families, a combined advisory council for the Targeted Assessment Program and Kentucky - Sobriety, Treatment and Recovery Team (K-START) on September 17, 2009.

Barbara Ramlow, Mary Alley, and Kim Tracy participated in a Boyd County Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) Project planning meeting held in Ashland, KY on September 29, 2009.

Lisa Shannon attended the Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) in Charlotte, North Carolina (September 22-25). While there, she participated in a poster session in conjunction with the Volunteers of America Los Angeles to describe and provide results for the on-going Adult Criminal Justice Treatment program in the Skid Row community.

**Presentations**

Sharon Walsh presented a talk entitled, “Opioid Agonist Substitution Therapies: Comparative Safety and Abuse Liability” as an invited speaker at the Conference of the China Association for Science and Technology, September 9 in Chongqing,
China.

Sharon Walsh presented a talk entitled, “Buprenorphine: Capitalizing on Pharmacology to Optimize Treatment” at a CME event organized by Center faculty at UK held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 26, 2009. This is part of an educational evaluation research project with physicians, and this is the second event.

Michelle Lofwall gave a talk at Kentucky Medical Association Annual Meeting in Louisville on September 15, "Buprenorphine: Clinically Relevant Pharmacology & Practice Behaviors to Optimize Office-based Treatment for Opioid Dependence".

Robert Walker presented client data on a project funded by the Administration on Child and Family/Children's Bureau to the Families in Safe Homes Network in Beattyville Kentucky at a meeting of the project staff from all participating agencies. The data reflect high levels of physical health problems, chronic non-malignant pain and opiate use and benzodiazepine use among the parents of young children who are served by the project.

Robert Walker, Jennifer Cole and Terry Hunt presented findings from the IMPACT Program Treatment Outcomes Study to the State Interagency Advisory Council in Frankfort, KY. This special report focused on asthma and co-occurring behavioral health problems among 1,750 children age 5-11.

Beth Wahler presented on the Targeted Assessment Program and its relation to micro/mezzo/macro social work practice to a Bachelor’s level Social Work class at the University of Kentucky on September 15, 2009.

Awards

Garnet Sexton, Targeted Assessment Specialist in Perry County, was awarded the 2009 Fay Friedman Scholarship Award. This competitive scholarship is sponsored by the Bluegrass Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board and is given annually to a faculty-nominated Master of Social Work student on any UK campus. Ms. Sexton is a graduate student at the UK Southeast Kentucky Master of Social Work Program.

Other


Kim Griswold Dotson facilitated a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference with the Daviess, Hardin, Henderson, McLean, Nelson, and Ohio County Targeted Assessment Specialists on September 14, 2009.

Kristie Kennedy, Targeted Assessment Specialist in Pulaski County, organized a Recovery Rally in recognition of September as National alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month.

Renee Edington facilitated a regional case conference with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Laurel, Letcher, Pike, and Pulaski counties on September 18, 2009.
Beth Wahler and Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Dry Ridge, KY on September 22, 2009 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference with the Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Beth Wahler traveled to Paducah, KY on September 20, 2009 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference with the Christian, Hopkins, McCracken, and Muhlenberg County Targeted Assessment Specialists.