Grants

Sharon Walsh submitted an R01 to the National Institute on Drug Abuse entitled, "Evaluation of novel treatments for opioid dependence. R01DA033932" (7/1/2012 - 6/30/2015) Total Direct Costs: $1,356,600, First Year Direct Costs: $430,340 Role: Principal Investigator (30% effort).

Carl Leukefeld and Barbara Ramlow received notification of the successful completion of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services Fiscal Year 2011 Contract Monitoring of the Targeted Assessment Program with no findings of non-compliance.

William Stoops submitted to NIDA, the grant: A Human Laboratory Study to Investigate Buspirone for Cocaine Use Disorders (R21DA034095).

William Stoops submitted to NIDA, the grant: Enhancing Glutamate GLT1 Activity to Reduce Methamphetamine Use (R01DA033960).

Journals/Publications


Beth Wahler submitted the book chapter entitled, “Promoting the emotional health and growth of adolescents with mental illness and learning disabilities” to the Encyclopedia of Primary Prevention and Health Promotion (2nd Ed).

Beth Wahler, Melanie Otis, and Carl Leukefeld submitted the manuscript entitled, “Depressed or stressed? Exploring the relationship between learning problems, social stress, and depressive symptomology in women TANF recipients” to Society and Mental Health.

Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh reviewed a manuscript for Addiction.

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for Drug and Alcohol Dependence and AIDS and Behavior.

William Stoops did 6 manuscript reviews. Two for Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology, one for Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior, one for Drug and Alcohol Dependence, one for the Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior and one for Chronobiology International.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed grant applications for the NIH Center for Scientific Review (Member conflict panel for the Risk, Prevention, and Health Behavior committee) on September 15.

Hannah Knudsen was one of four guest editors of a Special Issue of Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment entitled, “Organizational Dynamics within Substance Abuse Treatment.”

Training

Stephanie Ratliff presented “Module III – Crisis Management and Responding to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues” at the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association Level I Certification Program in Frankfort, KY on September 22, 2011.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Michelle Lofwall is a member of the UK Investigation Drug Service (IDS) Advisory Committee and attended the IDS quarterly meeting (September 26)

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Hazard, KY on September 12, 2011 to facilitate a meeting of the Perry and Breathitt County TAP Advisory Council.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Booneville, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Lee and Owsley County TAP Advisory Council on September 14, 2011.

Information, Education and Consultation

Sharon Walsh served as Chair of an Expert Advisory Panel for MEDA Pharmaceuticals for the FOCUS® program on Onsolis® for post-marketing risk management.

Sharon Walsh was asked to serve as the Chair for the Improving Outcomes in the Treatment of Opioid Dependence to be held in Europe in May, 2012.

Michelle Lofwall was the course director and one of several speakers for a CME conducted in Frankfort, KY on the topic of buprenorphine diversion and misuse/strategies to protect office-based practice (September 10).

Tamika Zapolski defended her dissertation in clinical psychology (Carrie Oser was a committee member).
Leah Morris and Sharon Hayden presented the Targeted Assessment Program at the Warm Blessing’s community partner meeting held in Elizabethtown, KY on September 1, 2011.

Leah Morris and Sharon Hayden participated in the forum “Bridging the Gap: Empowering Those Living In Poverty” in Elizabethtown, KY on September 1, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow, Erik Carlton, and Kim Griswold Dotson conducted the FY 2011 Contract Monitoring of the Communicare, Inc. Working on Meeting Employability Needs (W.O.M.E.N.) Project on September 6, 2011 in Elizabethtown, KY.

Barbara Ramlow provided consultation on assessment to Commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Stephen Hall, and Division of Behavioral Health Branch Acting Director, Lou Kurtz.

Barbara Ramlow chaired the Fayette County Best Practice Court Assessment Committee meeting on September 9, 2011.

Kim Griswold Dotson traveled to Elizabethtown, KY to participate in the Hardin County Best Practices Court Steering Committee meeting on September 15, 2011.

Fayette Co Terrie Harris-Back presented on fetal alcohol spectrum disorder for staff and participants in the Kentucky River Community Care Solutions Program in Pippa Passes, KY, on September 21, 2011.

Fayette County Circuit Court Judge Joann Wise and Barbara Ramlow presented on the Fayette County Best Practice Court Psychosocial Assessment Project to Kentucky Court Improvement Program Advisory Council meeting held at the Administrative Office of the Court in Frankfort, KY on September 22, 2011.

**Media**

Derrick Bradley provided information about National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month activities held in Pulaski County to the Somerset, KY Commonwealth Journal.

**Meetings on Substance Abuse**

Beth Wahler and Sheila Redella participated in the Women’s Advisory Council meeting at Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center (JADAC) held in Louisville on September 20, 2011.

**Presentations**


Michelle Lofwall gave a talk on prescription opioid use, abuse and dependence at UK for nurses working for Alliance Coal (September 27).


**Awards**

**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 12, 2011 in Owensboro, KY.

Melissa Brown traveled to Bowling Green, KY on September 16, 2011 to facilitate a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference with the McCracken, Hopkins, Christian, Warren, and Barren County Targeted Assessment Specialists.

In recognition of September as National Recovery Month, Pulaski County Targeted Assessment Program staff, Kristie Kennedy and Derrick Bradley, organized and facilitated a Join the Voices of Recovery Rally at the Somerset Judicial Center Plaza on September 22, 2011. Fifty-two (52) people attended this rally celebrating recovery from substance abuse, which was sponsored by the local Kentucky Agency on Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP) board, the Pulaski County UNITE Coalition, and Amon’s Bakery. The rally speaker was a member of the Pulaski County recovery community.

Lissa Orme, Rowan County Targeted Assessment Specialist, participated on the planning committee for the first Rowan County “Recovery Benefits Everyone Rally” held at the Morehead City Park on September 25, 2011. The event hosted several speakers, community resource booths, proclamation reading, free food and drinks, games and gifts to those in attendance. Approximately 300 individuals in the recovery community and supporters of recovery attended.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Morehead, KY on September 26, 2011 to facilitate a TAP Case Conference with the Boyd, Breathitt, Fayette, Floyd, Lee, Leslie, Madison, Owsley, Perry, and Rowan County Targeted Assessment Specialists.

Beth Wahler facilitated a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference in Dry Ridge, KY to with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Boone, Campbell, Jefferson, and Kenton County.

Lissa Orme organized and hosted a fundraising event for the Rowan County Domestic Violence Victim’s Fund.