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MAGNETIC STIMULATION BOOSTS HUMAN MEMORY, NETWORK CONNECTIVITY; FIRST DIRECT EVIDENCE – NIH-SUPPORTED STUDY

Scientists have improved memory for associations between faces and words by electromagnetically stimulating neural connections in a brain network. In the process, they produced the first direct evidence that stronger interactions between different areas of the human brain's memory and thinking hubs underlie such associative memory. The research was funded, in part, by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2014/magnetic-stimulation-boosts-human-memory-network-connectivity.shtml>

SUSPECT GENE CORRUPTS NEURAL CONNECTIONS “DISEASES OF SYNAPSES” DEMO’D IN A DISH – NIH-FUNDED STUDY

Researchers have long suspected that major mental disorders are genetically-rooted diseases of synapses – the connections between neurons. Now, investigators supported in part by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have demonstrated in patients' cells how a rare mutation in a suspect gene disrupts the turning on and off of dozens of other genes underlying these connections.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2014/suspect-gene-corrupts-neural-connections.shtml>

FOLLOW THAT CELL: NIH CHALLENGES INNOVATORS WITH A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN PRIZES

The NIH is challenging science innovators to compete for prizes totaling up to \$500,000, by developing new ways to track the health status of a single cell in complex tissue over time. The *NIH Follow that Cell Challenge* seeks tools that would, for example, monitor a cell in the process of becoming cancerous, detect changes due to a disease-causing virus, or track how a cell responds to treatment.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2014/follow-that-cell.shtml>

PRESIDENT OBAMA ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE ACTIONS TO FULFILL PROMISES TO SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

President Obama announced 19 new executive actions to serve the military community, including new efforts to strengthen service members' access to mental healthcare. The President also highlighted efforts to improve the transition between the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) care for those leaving military service, and improve economic opportunity for military families.

Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/08/26/fact-sheet-president-obama-announces-new-executive-actions-fulfill-our-p>

POOR EARLY LANGUAGE SKILLS MAY BE LINKED TO KIDS' BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS; NIH-FUNDED STUDY SUGGESTS INTERNAL MONOLOGUE HELPS KIDS CONTROL IMPULSES

Anyone who deals with young children knows that kids act up—and act out—from time to time. But some kids have more trouble than others when it comes to controlling their impulses. Now researchers funded by the NIH have uncovered an important clue to the thought processes underlying some children's persistent problem behavior.

Press Release: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/Pages/081814-podcast-early-language.aspx>

SCIENTISTS PLUG INTO A LEARNING BRAIN; NIH-FUNDED STUDY PROVIDES A NEURAL EXPLANATION FOR WHY SOME SKILLS ARE EASIER TO LEARN THAN OTHERS

Learning is easier when it only requires nerve cells to rearrange existing patterns of activity than when the nerve cells have to generate new patterns, a study of monkeys has found. The scientists explored the brain's capacity to learn through recordings of electrical activity of brain cell networks. The study was partly funded by the NIH.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2014/ninds-27.htm>

FDA APPROVES NEW TYPE OF SLEEP DRUG, BELSOMRA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Belsomra (suvorexant) tablets for use as needed to treat difficulty in falling and staying asleep (insomnia). Belsomra is an orexin receptor antagonist and is the first approved drug of this type. Orexins are chemicals that are involved in regulating the sleep-wake cycle and play a role in keeping people awake. Belsomra alters the signaling (action) of orexin in the brain.

Press Release: <http://www.fda.gov/newsevents/newsroom/pressannouncements/ucm409950.htm>

UNDERAGE BINGE ALCOHOL USE RATES VARY EXTENSIVELY ACROSS REGIONS IN THE U.S.

A new report released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shows that underage binge alcohol use rates vary extensively throughout the United States (U.S.). The report shows that the levels of binge drinking in sub-state regions ranged from a low of 9.2 percent in Shelby County, Tennessee, to a high of 46.3 percent in the District of Columbia's Ward 2.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1408272307.aspx>

HUD, VA, AND USICH ANNOUNCE 33% DROP IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS SINCE 2010

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), VA, and U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) released a new national estimate of Veteran homelessness in the U.S. Data collected during the annual *Point-in-Time Count* conducted in January 2014 shows there were 49,933 homeless Veterans in America, a decline of 33 percent (or 24,837 people) since 2010. This includes a nearly 40 percent drop in the number of Veterans sleeping on the street. HUD, VA, USICH, and local partners have used evidenced-based practices like Housing First and federal resources like HUD-VASH (the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program) to get Veterans off the street and into stable housing as quickly as possible.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2611>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NIMH DIRECTOR'S BLOG POST: MANIPULATING MEMORY

NIMH Director Thomas Insel discusses a pair of articles recently released that describe the manipulation of memory with neurotechnologies capable of precisely targeting brain circuitry. One study used optogenetics to turn on and turn off memory associations, changing negative associations to positive ones, in mice. The other study used magnetic stimulation and functional magnetic resonance imaging to improve memory for words associated with faces, by boosting connectivity in a human brain memory circuit. As the field moves from descriptive studies to more mechanistic tuning of brain circuits, it will have to be mindful of unintended consequences. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2014/manipulating-memory.shtml>

NEW FROM NIH

NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: OVER 100 GENETIC SITES TIED TO SCHIZOPHRENIA

Researchers found 108 genetic regions linked to schizophrenia, including 83 previously unrecognized. The findings suggest new avenues for potential treatments.

<http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/august2014/08182014schizophrenia.htm>

NIDA DIRECTOR'S BLOG: SCIENCE SHOULD GUIDE MARIJUANA POLICY

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Director Nora Volkow responds to a series of recent articles by *New York Times*' editors who presented a case for repealing the federal ban on marijuana, including the disproportionate impact of current marijuana laws on minorities. She indicates that as states consider modifying their marijuana laws, it is crucial they use science to guide their decision making, learn from past mistakes, and act to prevent the establishment of a "big marijuana" industry that will benefit from creating and sustaining a new generation of young people addicted to their product.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2014/08/science-should-guide-marijuana-policy>

NIDA SPOTLIGHT: JOURNAL ISSUE EXPLORES EARLY INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT RISKY SEXUAL BEHAVIORS RELATED TO HIV/AIDS

A special issue of the journal *Prevention Science* spotlights six NIDA-funded early interventions (delivered prior to the onset of adolescence) that successfully reduced later health-risking sexual behaviors related to HIV/AIDS. Traditionally, prevention interventions to avert risky sexual behavior and related problem behaviors like drug use have targeted teens and young adults, because these are the ages most directly affected. But research shows interventions during childhood can be effective at heading off those risks, with demonstrable effects that extend into adolescence, and adulthood. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2014/08/journal-issue-explores-early-interventions-to-prevent-risky-sexual-behaviors-related-to-hiv-aids>

CDC: USE OF SELECTED NON-MEDICATION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY ADOLESCENT BOYS AND GIRLS WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics report describes differences between boys and girls in the use of non-medication mental health services in various school and non-school settings among adolescents aged 12–17 with serious emotional or behavioral difficulties. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db163.htm>

SAMHSA RESOURCES

DIALOGUE: POST-DISASTER RESILIENCE

Articles in this issue of the *Dialogue* highlight the importance of fostering post-disaster resilience from three different perspectives. <http://beta.samhsa.gov/dtac/resources/dialogue>

PODCAST: DISASTER SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES: PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

This podcast helps disaster substance abuse coordinators and others who work with people who have substance abuse issues understand the importance of disaster planning and preparedness.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFC6pjIHjg>

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES IN 11 STATES

The SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) released a report that shares case studies reviewing the participation of both primary care and behavioral health providers in health information exchanges (HIE) in 11 states — each at different stages of HIE implementation. The case studies offer practical advice, and the full report can be a resource for providers looking to establish or participate in an HIE in their state.

<http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/operations-administration/hie>

MOVING BEYOND SCREENING TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE: WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN PRIMARY CARE?

This CIHS e-newsletter article reviews evidence-based programs that community health centers can offer, or learn from, to help prevent mental illness and addiction. <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/esolutions-newsletter/e-solutions-august-2014#Feature>

BLOG POST: ROBIN WILLIAMS: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT DEPRESSION

Administration for Community Living Administrator Kathy Greenlee and SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde reflect on Robin Williams' death and the need to raise awareness about depression.

http://blog.samhsa.gov/2014/08/27/robin-williams-raising-awareness-about-depression/#.U_4yu_IdVu0

BLOG POST: LABOR DAY: A TIME TO REFLECT ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

With Labor Day approaching, SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde reflects on behavioral health in the workplace. http://blog.samhsa.gov/2014/08/25/labor-day-a-time-to-reflect-on-behavioral-health-in-the-workplace/#.U_4y0fldVu0

NEW SECTION ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

The SAMHSA ADS Center launched a new section of its website that highlights valuable resources pertaining to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its implementation. Many organizations have produced materials to supplement the information available on the Federal Marketplace website, HealthCare.gov. This new online resource provides descriptions and summaries of the ACA and information about finding help in applying, subsidies, and information needed to enroll, and parity and the process of health service integration and its implementation. <http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/topic/aca/default.aspx>

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 MONTHLY BULLETIN: FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

This Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion bulletin provides an update on the progress of the *Healthy People 2020* mental health indicators.

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSODPHPHF/bulletins/cafe4c>

NEW SUICIDE PREVENTION PORTAL FROM INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Despite the strengths of American Indian and Alaska Native families and communities, suicide remains a devastating and all too frequent event, occurring at disproportionately high rates. Indian Health Service is partnering with leadership at the tribal, federal, state, and community levels on a new suicide prevention website for providers and the public to learn about key risk factors. The website provides comprehensive resources for healthcare providers and patients, media campaign collateral, and valuable strategies on how to begin a conversation about suicide. <http://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/>

ACF BLOG: THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WELL BEING

The *National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well Being* explores the functioning, service needs, and service use of children who encounter the child welfare system. This Administration for Children and Families (ACF) blog post describes recent publications from the survey which focus on the sexual activity of teenage girls, domestic violence among mothers of children reported for maltreatment, and outcomes for children 36 months after a maltreatment report. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2014/08/the-national-survey-of-child-and-adolescent-well-being>

EVENTS

RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2014

The 25th anniversary of Recovery Month highlights the theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out* and encourages people to openly discuss—or speak up about—mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery. The observance also promotes ways first responders, faith leaders, youth and young adults, and policymakers can recognize these issues and intervene—or reach out to help— others, as well as themselves. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/>

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2014

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is *Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare*. Download an online toolkit to learn how to plan preparedness events in your community or take part in National PrepareAthon Day on September 30, 2014. <http://www.ready.gov/september>

WEBINAR: THE USE OF PEER SUPPORT IN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2014, 3:00–4:30 PM ET

SAMHSA and the Association of State Correctional Administrators are hosting a two-part webinar series focusing on the successful and innovative use of peers in state correctional facilities. Attendees will learn about the use of peers in special needs units and in re-entry planning. This second webinar will focus on how to successfully fund, implement, manage, and sustain peer support programs in criminal justice settings.

http://www.seiservices.com/samhsa/CMHS_webinars2014/Registration.aspx

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2014

The theme for this year's suicide prevention week is *Suicide Prevention: One World Connected*. The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) has compiled materials and information to help raise awareness and support the worldwide effort to end suicide. <http://www.sprc.org/spweek2014>

In addition, from September 8-13, SAMHSA will release a new podcast each day related to a topic in suicide prevention. The podcasts will be available from this SPRC webpage: <http://www.sprc.org/training-institute/samhsa-webinars>

WEBINAR: THE WAY FORWARD – INTEGRATING THE VOICE OF SUICIDE ATTEMPT SURVIVORS INTO THE SUICIDE PREVENTION DISCUSSION

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, 2:00–3:00 PM ET

This SAMHSA webinar will highlight the importance of incorporating the voice of suicide attempt survivors in suicide prevention activities. Aimed at the broader suicide prevention community, this webinar will provide a brief overview of the Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Suicide Attempt Survivor Task Force document, *The Way Forward, Pathways to Hope, Recovery and Wellness with Insights from Lived Expertise*. The overview will specifically highlight the paper's Core Values for Supporting Suicide Attempt Survivors with an emphasis on how these values can be supported in broader settings (policies, programs, practices).

<http://www.wciconferences.com/TheWayForward/index.html>

WEBINAR: GOT COVERAGE? NEXT STEPS IN USING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014, 1:00 PM ET

The HHS Partnership Center offers updated webinars on the healthcare law for faith and community organizations. These webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session. Many people now have health insurance, but may not know how to use it. This webinar and conference call will discuss how to read an insurance card, how to find a doctor, what one needs to know in making an appointment, and what to do in case of a health emergency. Key terms will be discussed as well as recommended health screenings. Please send questions to ACA101@hhs.gov prior to September 10 at 10:00 am ET. To Join By Phone Only: Dial: +1 (702) 489-0001, Access Code: 163-133-543. For those joining by phone only, the Pin Number is the # key. <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/306673327>

WEBINAR: PROMOTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA REDUCING DISPARITIES PROJECT AND OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014, 2:00–3:00 PM ET

This webinar organized by the Federal Interagency Health Equity Team will discuss the policy levers and partnerships that support the California Office of Health Equity and their California Reducing Disparities Project as well as the strategies, resources, and tools implemented through the California Reducing Disparities Project to promote health equity in the state of California. California's Office of Health Equity (OHE) was established to provide a key leadership role to reduce health and mental health disparities in communities. The California Reducing Disparities Project is a statewide policy initiative led by OHE to identify solutions for historically underserved communities in the area of behavioral health.

<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=781550&sessionid=1&key=AF52CA2714D3C5FCC3AFD8F494EEA6D5&sourcepage=register>

2014 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY GLOBAL SYNAPSE

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2014

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) and the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center are hosting this international forum to connect participants with the state-of-the-science on evaluation and treatment for traumatic brain injury (TBI). The 2014 TBI Global Synapse will bring together the best minds in clinical care, research, and policy to help providers apply the expertise gained from more than a decade of conflict to everyday practice. This event will offer about 13 hours of advanced educational programming broadcast live. Sessions will cover current trends in research, substance use following TBI, intimacy and sexuality, chronic pain management, visual dysfunction, symptom-based cognitive treatment, and reintegration following a TBI. The registration deadline is September 11, 2014. http://dcoe.adobeconnect.com/tbi/event/event_info.html

PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS PRESENTS: MILLION HEARTS: PREVENTING A MILLION HEART ATTACKS AND STROKES: A TURNING POINT FOR IMPACT

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, 1:00–2:00 PM ET

To achieve sustainable prevention, the HHS launched Million Hearts®, a national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. Million Hearts® focuses on increasing the number of communities who go smoke-free, decreasing sodium in the food supply, and eliminating trans-fat. In addition to changes to our environment, Million Hearts® calls for changes in the healthcare system that will produce better performance in the ABCS (Aspirin when appropriate, Blood pressure control, Cholesterol management, Smoking cessation). Join this CDC Public Health Grand Rounds webcast to hear about the progress that has been made, along with the work that is still needed to reach the goal of preventing one million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. <http://www.cdc.gov/cdcgrandrounds/>

TWITTER CHAT ON CHRONIC PAIN AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH APPROACHES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, 2:00 PM ET

This National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Twitter chat will focus on chronic pain and complementary health approaches. Follow the conversation at [#nccamchat](https://twitter.com/nccamchat).

<http://nccam.nih.gov/news/events/livechat?nav=upd>

WEBINAR: WHY SOCIAL MEDIA FOR INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

Safe States and CDC are offering a new webinar series on social media for injury and violence prevention. The first webinar in the series will cover the basics, including the different types of social media, who is on various platforms, how they use them, and the differences between social media and traditional media/communication methods. http://safestates.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp

VIRTUAL TRAINING: PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCE SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2014

DCoE will host the Psychological Health and Resilience Summit for multidisciplinary military healthcare providers and line leaders. Formerly called the Warrior Resilience Conference, this cross-service training will focus on prevention and treatment of psychological health concerns affecting service members and their families, and current and evolving best practices to enhance resilience and readiness. The virtual learning environment of the summit will feature presentations, an exhibit hall, networking opportunities, resource downloads, and facilitated chat sessions. <http://www.dcoe.mil/Training/Conferences.aspx>

WEBCAST: HEALTHIER PREGNANCY: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES TO BEST PROVIDE ACA-COVERED PREVENTIVE SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, 9:00 –10:30 AM ET

Learn how to implement the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations from practitioners in the fields of obesity, alcohol, depression, intimate partner violence, tobacco, and breastfeeding. This live webcast event will address the best ways to implement these services in pre- and perinatal care settings. Experts will highlight the evidence behind the recommendations and describe best practices and models of care currently being used. The event is a Region V HHS initiative led by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, Office on Women's Health. HHS Region V partners include representatives from ACF, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), HRSA, and SAMHSA.

<https://www.blsm meetings.net/healthierpregnancy/registration.cfm>

WEBINAR: ALASKA SUICIDE PREVENTION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, 2:00 PM ET

NIMH in partnership with SAMHSA announces a webinar on effective practices in suicide prevention for Alaska Native communities. Suicide is a national concern, with approximately 38,000 suicides occurring in the U.S. each year. Alaska Native and American Indian populations bear a disproportionately high burden from suicide and, as such, merit special attention. The geographic isolation of many Alaska Native communities appears to contribute to suicide risk. Conversely, access to income, social connectedness, and a link to strong traditional culture appear to be protective against suicide. The speakers will provide an overview of what is known about suicide in Alaska and will present specific effective strategies currently being used to promote mental wellness and reduce suicide among Alaska Natives. To request a registration brochure, email [Jolearra Tshiteya](mailto:Jolearra.Tshiteya@seiservices.com) at jshiteya@seiservices.com.

WEBINAR: TBI AND PTSD IN THE POST 9/11 ERA: FROM RESEARCH TO PRACTICE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

This VA Health Services Research and Development webinar will review key research findings regarding the co-occurrence of mild TBI (mTBI) and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and their implications for evaluating and treating Veterans with both conditions. Specific topics covered will include the shared underlying mechanisms that may contribute to the increased risk of PTSD in those with mTBI and the role of symptoms in differential diagnosis. Additionally, findings from pharmacological and psychological interventions studies of PTSD and mTBI will be reviewed in order to highlight important strategies for patient care. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/3213466029140263937>

WEBINAR: SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS AND RESOURCES FOR THE UNINSURED

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, 2:00 PM ET

The HHS Partnership Center offers updated webinars on the healthcare law for faith and community organizations. These webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session. The healthcare law has created special enrollment periods for those who experience special circumstances such as graduating from college and losing health insurance, getting married and needing coverage for a spouse, losing employer insurance, or turning 26 and losing coverage on a parent's health plan. Join this webinar to learn more about special enrollment periods and how to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM). For those who are uninsured and don't qualify for the special enrollment period, learn what resources are available and when and how to enroll in the HIM. Please email ACA101@hhs.gov by September 30 at 10:00 am ET with any questions. To Join By Phone Only: Dial +1 (646) 307-1719, Access Code: 754-339-340. For those joining by phone only, the Pin Number is the # key.

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/637483015>

WEBINAR: GOT COVERAGE? NEXT STEPS IN USING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE

OCTOBER 8, 2014, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

The HHS Partnership Center offers updated webinars on the health care law for faith and community organizations. These webinars are open to the public and include a question and answer session. Many people now have health insurance but may not know how to use it. This webinar and conference call will discuss how to read an insurance card, how to find a doctor, what one needs to know in making an appointment, and what to do in case of a health emergency. Key terms will be discussed as well as recommended health screenings. To Join By Phone Only: Dial: +1 (415) 655-0055, Access Code: 419-247-290. For those joining by phone only, the Pin Number is the # key.

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/164385279>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: BENEFICIARY ENGAGEMENT, INCENTIVES, AND BEHAVIORAL INSIGHTS

CMS released a Request for Information to seek input from stakeholders on the possibility of the CMS Innovation Center testing innovative models to increase the engagement of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, dual-eligible beneficiaries, and/or Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries in their health and healthcare. Comments accepted through 11:59 PM on September 15, 2014.

<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Beneficiary-Engagement/>

MILLION HEARTS® HYPERTENSION CONTROL CHALLENGE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2014 MILLION HEARTS® BLOOD PRESSURE CONTROL CHAMPIONS

In 2012 and again in 2013, Million Hearts® recognized Hypertension Control Champions for their success in achieving hypertension control among their patient populations with high blood pressure. This year, Million Hearts® want to recognize even more Hypertension Control Champions. Clinicians, practices, and health systems that provide primary care and have achieved hypertension control rates greater than 70 percent are eligible to enter. Submit a nomination or encourage high-performing small and large practices to enter the 2014 Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Challenge by October 10, 2014.

http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/aboutmh/htn_champions.html

CLINICAL TRIAL RECRUITMENT

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: NIMH ADULT DEPRESSION RESEARCH STUDY: IS YOUR MAJOR DEPRESSION HARD TO TREAT?

This inpatient study is enrolling eligible participants to assess the effectiveness of the oral medication diazoxide versus placebo to rapidly improve hard-to-treat depressive symptoms. Eligibility criteria include people ages 18-65, who are diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder (MDD), have previously failed to respond to treatment, and who are free of other serious medical conditions. This study can last up to 12 weeks and is conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

There is no cost to participate. The study can enroll eligible participants locally and from around the country. Travel arrangements are provided and costs are covered by NIMH (arrangements vary by distance). After completing the study, participants receive short-term follow-up care at the NIH while transitioning back to a provider.

For more information, call: 1-877-MIND-NIH (1-877-646-3644), TTY: 1-866-411-1010, or e-mail:
moodresearch@mail.nih.gov

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<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/adult-studies/treatment-resistant-major-depression-and-diazoxide.shtml>

FUNDING INFORMATION

NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH OUTREACH AND EDUCATION GRANT

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=263028>

HEALTHY TOMORROWS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=263409>



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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state nonprofit organizations. For more information about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/index.shtml>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>.

The information provided in the **Update** is intended for use by NIMH Outreach Partners, National Partners and their associates for the express purpose of exchanging information that may be useful in the development of state and local mental health outreach, information, education and partnership programs.