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INTERDEPARTMENTAL SMI COORDINATING COMMITTEE RELEASES ITS FIRST REPORT TO CONGRESS

Individuals in the United States (U.S.) who experience serious mental illness (SMI) and serious emotional disturbances (SED) need greater access to quality, affordable health care, according to a report released by the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC). The report, *The Way Forward: Federal Action for a System That Works for All People Living with SMI and SED and Their Families and Caregivers*, was submitted to the U.S. Congress on Wednesday, December 13. This first report from the ISMICC provides a roadmap for improving mental health services for adults living with SMI and children and youth who experience SED.

Press Release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/12/14/ismicc-releases-its-first-report-to-congress.html>

LEADING NEUROPSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY ORGANIZATION PROMOTES NIMH DIRECTOR TO FELLOW STATUS; DR. JOSHUA GORDON RECOGNIZED BY THE ACNP

Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), has been promoted to Fellow status by the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP). The announcement was made by Joseph Coyle, M.D., ACNP Secretary. In addressing Dr. Gordon, Coyle said, “Your advanced status provides new opportunities for you to contribute to the College and to share your expertise in additional ways with the ACNP.”

Press Release: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2017/leading-neuropsychopharmacology-organization-promotes-nimh-director-to-fellow-status.shtml>

NIH’S 2017 MONITORING THE FUTURE SURVEY SHOWS BOTH VAPING AND MARIJUANA ARE MORE POPULAR THAN TRADITIONAL CIGARETTES OR PAIN RELIEVER MISUSE

Nearly one in three students in 12th grade report past year use of a vaping device, raising concerns about the impact on their health. What they say is in the device, however, ranges from nicotine, to marijuana, to “just flavoring.” The 2017 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey also revealed that use of hookahs and regular cigarettes is declining. These findings come from the survey, reported by the director of MTF. MTF is a nationwide survey of eighth, 10th, and 12th graders, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and conducted annually by the University of Michigan, that asks teens about “any vaping” to measure their use of electronic vaporizers. Other research suggests that many teens do not actually know what is in the device they are using and, even if they read the label, not all labeling is consistent or accurate.

Press Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2017/12/vaping-popular-among-teens-opioid-misuse-historic-lows>

COCAINE CONTRIBUTES TO OVERDOSE DEATHS AMONG SOME MINORITIES

Drug overdose deaths are a major public health concern across all racial/ethnic groups, and are often associated with opioid use; however, a new study shows that cocaine is also a consistent contributor to overdose deaths. The research suggests that rates of cocaine-related overdose deaths in the non-Hispanic black population are similar to heroin-related deaths among non-Hispanic white women and prescription opioid-related deaths among non-Hispanic white men. The study was conducted by researchers at NIDA and the National Cancer Institute.

Press Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2017/12/cocaine-contributes-to-overdose-deaths-among-some-minorities>

CAN TREATMENT DURING SURGERY REDUCE POSTOPERATIVE OPIOID USE?

With the current concerns related to opioid addiction and overdose, NIDA researchers are exploring ways to reduce the use of opioids for pain relief, while still effectively managing pain. In a randomized clinical trial, 422 patients undergoing a variety of operations were given the medicine gabapentin during and after surgery, while other patients were given placebos. Gabapentin is an anticonvulsant medication that is used to treat epilepsy) and certain kinds of nerve pain. The study showed that 72 hours of perioperative gabapentin did not eliminate postsurgical pain more quickly, but it did significantly reduce the duration of opioid use. These findings suggest that gabapentin may be a valuable adjuvant to prevent the development of postoperative chronic opioid use.

Press Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2017/12/can-treatment-during-surgery-reduce-postoperative-opioid-use>

NEW NIH CONSORTIUM AWARD TO ENHANCE CLINICAL TRIALS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, RELATED DEMENTIAS; EFFORT STREAMLINES STUDY INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT DIVERSITY, ADVANCE RESEARCH

A new National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded clinical trials consortium, called the Alzheimer's Clinical Trial Consortium, is expected to accelerate and expand studies for therapies in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The infrastructure of 35 sites across the U.S. will address the timeframe, complexity, and expense of the recruitment process and site activation for Alzheimer's trials to find new and effective ways to treat or prevent these devastating disorders.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-nih-consortium-award-enhance-clinical-trials-alzheimers-disease-related-dementias>

NEW FORECAST SHOWS SIX MILLION PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT; THE NUMBERS WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE TO 15 MILLION BY 2060

Using new methodology, scientists calculate that approximately six million American adults have Alzheimer's disease or mild cognitive impairment, which can sometimes be a precursor to Alzheimer's disease. The forecast also estimates that these numbers will more than double to 15 million by 2060, as the population ages. This new forecast differs from earlier estimates. For the first time, scientists have attempted to account for numbers of people with biomarkers or other evidence of possible preclinical Alzheimer's disease, but who do not have impairment or Alzheimer's dementia. People with such signs of preclinical disease are at increased risk of developing Alzheimer's dementia. The researchers say they factored those rates of transition in their multi-state model. The model also enables researchers to estimate the impact of some possible prevention efforts on the number of future cases.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-forecast-shows-6-million-alzheimers-disease-cognitive-impairment>

TO SLEEP OR NOT: RESEARCHERS EXPLORE COMPLEX GENETIC NETWORK BEHIND SLEEP DURATION

Scientists have identified differences in a group of genes they say might help explain why some people need a lot more sleep — and others less — than most. The study, conducted using fruit fly populations bred to model natural variations in human sleep patterns, provides new clues to how genes for sleep duration are linked to a wide variety of biological processes. Researchers say a better understanding of these processes could lead to new ways to treat sleep disorders such as insomnia and narcolepsy. Led by scientists with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the study was published on December 14 in *PLOS Genetics*.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/sleep-or-not-researchers-explore-complex-genetic-network-behind-sleep-duration>

IHS ANNOUNCES \$3.2 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR ZERO SUICIDE INITIATIVE; EIGHT IHS AND TRIBALLY-RUN SITES SELECTED FROM ACROSS THE U.S.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is announcing eight grants for the Zero Suicide Initiative. This program supports projects that promote improvements within a system of care for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive and culturally-informed approach to providing suicide care in the Indian health system.

Press Release: <https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2017pressreleases/ihs-announces-3-2-million-in-grants-for-zero-suicide-initiative>

FDA APPROVES FIRST ONCE-MONTHLY BUPRENORPHINE INJECTION, A MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT OPTION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER; AGENCY ENCOURAGES SAFE ADOPTION AND MORE WIDESPREAD USE OF FDA-APPROVED TREATMENTS TO HELP COMBAT OPIOID ADDICTION

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Sublocade, the first once-monthly injectable buprenorphine product for the treatment of moderate-to-severe opioid use disorder (OUD) in adult patients who have initiated treatment with a transmucosal buprenorphine-containing product. It is indicated for patients that have been on a stable dose of buprenorphine treatment for a minimum of seven days. Buprenorphine for the treatment of OUD is currently approved to administer as a tablet or film that dissolves in the mouth, or as an implant. Sublocade provides a new treatment option for patients in recovery who may value the benefits of a once-monthly injection compared to other forms of buprenorphine, such as reducing the burden of remembering to take medication daily as prescribed.

Press Release: <https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm587312.htm>

HHS ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE HHS OPIOID CODE-A-THON

On December 6 and 7, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hosted a first-of-its-kind two-day Code-a-Thon to help turn data into lifesaving solutions to the opioid epidemic. Fifty teams, comprised of three to five members of computer programmers, public health advocates, and innovators, worked for over 24 hours to create data-driven solutions that can have immediate and practical impact on the opioid crisis. Teams used data from HHS and other federal agencies, some of it released for the first time, to analyze trends and patterns and propose solutions in three challenge areas.

Press Release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/12/08/hhs-announces-winners-hhs-opioid-code-thon.html>

AIMED AT PREVENTING SUICIDES, VA INVITES SEVEN CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MAYOR'S CHALLENGE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the HHS' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the inaugural Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among service members, Veterans, and their families. The goal of the Mayor's Challenge is to eliminate suicide by using a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention. VA and SAMHSA will invite seven cities to participate in a policy academy process that up until now has been available only to states and territories. The cities will be invited based on Veteran population data, suicide prevalence rates, and capacity of the city to lead the way in this first phase of the Mayor's Challenge.

Press Release: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=3989>

NEW FROM NIMH

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: ON BEING ILL

After an emergency room visit on Thanksgiving, NIMH Director Joshua Gordon reflects on treatments for injury versus psychiatric conditions. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/messages/2017/on-being-ill.shtml>

LATEST ISSUE OF OUTREACH CONNECTION: NEWSLETTER OF THE NIMH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Learn how NIMH Outreach and National Partners are disseminating NIMH information and research in the latest issue of the *Outreach Connection*.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIMH/bulletins/1cba645>

EVENT SUMMARY: MENTAL HEALTH: YOUTH IN TRANSITION

For Mental Health Awareness Week, NIMH partnered with the Embassy of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to host a panel discussion about mental health challenges faced by youth—including indigenous peoples—during the transition to adulthood. A summary of the event is now available. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/events/2017/mental-health-youth-in-transition.shtml>

NEW FROM NIH

DRUGS AND HEALTH BLOG: ADDICTED TO AGGRESSION?

Aggressive behavior can be physical or verbal. What does a person who exhibits aggressive behavior have in common with someone who has a substance use disorder? This NIDA Drugs and Health blog post describes what scientists who study the brain and behavior have discovered about the similarities between those who tend to be aggressive and hostile and those with substance use disorders.

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/addicted-aggression>

DRUGS AND HEALTH BLOG: BABIES BORN TO WOMEN ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS

What happens to babies born to women who are addicted to opioids? Many of these babies go through difficult withdrawal symptoms that are part of “neonatal abstinence syndrome.” This blog post describes what scientific research is teaching us about how to treat both the mothers and their babies.

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/babies-born-women-addicted-opioids>

ALL OF US BLOG: NEW COMMUNITY, PROVIDER, AND LIBRARY PARTNERS

All of Us Director Eric Dishman shares the program's latest enrollment numbers and talks about new partnerships with community and provider organizations and libraries across the country.

<https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/videos/dish-new-community-provider-library-partners>

CDC: SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH STATUS AND DETERMINANTS: ADOLESCENT HEALTH, DECEMBER 2017

This infographic from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) focuses on data pertaining to the health status and determinants of adolescent health, including teenage childbearing, tobacco use, suicide, and obesity. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/spotlight/2017-december.htm>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS INFORMATION AND RESOURCE KIT

This kit discusses the consequences of substance misuse among college students, including the misuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. It explores various causal factors such as peer pressure, stress, social norms, and advertising messages. <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Behavioral-Health-Among-College-Students-Information-and-Resource-Kit/All-New-Products/SMA17-5052>

RX PAIN MEDICATIONS: KNOW THE OPTIONS, GET THE FACTS

This series of 13 fact sheets are designed to increase awareness of the risks associated with prescription opioid use and misuse, educate patients who are prescribed opioids for pain about the risks, and provide resources on methods for alternative pain management. <https://store.samhsa.gov/list/series?name=Rx-Pain-Medications&pageNumber=1>

TIPS FOR SURVIVORS OF A DISASTER OR OTHER TRAUMATIC EVENT: COPING WITH RE-TRAUMATIZATION

This brochure explains the signs and symptoms of re-traumatization. It gives guidance on how to manage the symptoms, and provides resources for building resilience and an adequate support system for dealing with triggering events. <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Tips-for-Survivors-of-a-Disaster-or-Other-Traumatic-Event-/SMA17-5047>

THE INTEGRATION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTO PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS

The SAMHSA Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) initiative provides grants to states, tribes, and local communities to support behavioral health integration into primary care settings, among other activities. This issue brief highlights selected promising behavioral health integration strategies that the Project LAUNCH grantees used to improve the delivery and quality of care for children and families. It also describes common lessons from the grantees that can promote the successful integration of behavioral health services, in addition to mechanisms for sustaining and spreading these efforts. <https://healthysafechildren.org/sites/default/files/The-Integration-of-Behavioral-Health-into-Pediatric-Primary-Care-Settings.pdf>

REAL WARRIORS: UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING REACTIONS FROM EXPERIENCES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

This article from the Real Warriors campaign educates service members about common reactions to experiences of sexual assault, and includes information on reporting sexual assaults and reaching out for help. <https://www.realwarriors.net/active/psychological-strength/coping-with-sexual-assault>

VA PODCASTS: SUICIDE PREVENTION

TRANSGENDER VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH CARE: INTRODUCTION TO TERMINOLOGY, ENHANCING CLINICAL SKILLS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Did you know that transgender people are up to three times more likely to serve in the U.S. military? Or that rates of transgender-related diagnoses are five times higher in the VA compared to the civilian population? As transgender Veterans seek VA health care at higher rates than ever before, VA providers often have questions regarding how to provide these Veterans with the best care. In this Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers for VA Suicide Prevention podcast, Dr. Shelby Scott, Denver VA clinical psychologist and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Veteran Care Coordinator provides an introduction to this topic. https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/11_20_2017.asp

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHORT TAKES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION: MAKING A FREE, ONLINE COURSE CALLED "HELPING OTHERS HOLD ON"

In this podcast, Dr. Craig J. Bryan, Executive Director of the National Center for Veteran Studies at The University of Utah, and Carie Rodgers, Ph.D., Education Director of PsychArmor Institute provide an overview of the *Helping Others Hold On* training and discuss the coded language of suicide, the importance of sleep, and crisis response planning.

https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/12_6_2017.asp

EVENTS

WEBINAR: ACHIEVING STABILITY AND RECOVERY WITH SOAR

DECEMBER 20, 2017, 1:00-2:15 PM ET

SAMHSA's Homeless and Housing Resource Network announced the first webinar in its *Persons with Lived Experience Spotlight Series*. The first of a four-part series, this webinar will feature two special guests who were able to transform their lives with assistance from SAMHSA's Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program and secure access to SSI/SSDI benefits. Joining them, SOAR Technical Assistance Center Liaison will talk about the impact of peer support in SOAR and how it helps improve outcomes and save lives.

<http://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/l2oer--e08x9-rbkg5f6>

WEBINAR: RECOVERY LIVE! GENDER RESPONSIVE RECOVERY SUPPORTS

DECEMBER 28, 2017, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

The SAMHSA Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy is hosting this conversation with experts about gender responsive approaches to supporting behavioral health recovery. Research suggests that the experience, prevalence, and trajectory of mental and substance use disorders differ between gender groups, as does the effectiveness of different forms of treatment. This event will include discussions of practical approaches to providing gender responsive recovery supports such as frameworks and vocabulary for understanding the different dimensions of gender and how to engage different gender groups.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recovery-live-gender-responsive-recovery-supports-tickets-41119727211>

NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS WEEK

JANUARY 22-28, 2018

Prevention partners are invited to participate in National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week sponsored by NIDA and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. This week-long health observance is an opportunity for teens to learn the facts about drug and alcohol abuse and addiction from scientists and other experts. Organize and promote an educational event or activity for teens during this week, and help shatter the myths about drugs and alcohol. Register your event and receive support from NIDA staff to plan a successful activity. NIDA staff can help you order free, science-based materials to complement your event, brainstorm activity ideas, and partner with other organizations. <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week/register>

VIDEOCAST: ADOLESCENT SUICIDE PREVENTION: RECOGNIZING TEENS AT RISK AND RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY

JANUARY 24, 2018, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM ET

Over 44,000 people die by suicide each year in the U.S., and suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people aged 10-24 both in the U.S. and worldwide. Suicide is complicated and tragic, but it is often preventable. Knowing the warning signs for suicide and how to get help can save lives. Join experts for this NIMH workshop about adolescent suicide prevention, which will include techniques for early detection and management of young people at risk. Talks will include the keynote by David A. Brent, M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh titled, *What Do I Do Now? A Clinician's Guide to the Assessment and Management of Youth at Imminent Risk for Suicidal Behavior*, and a presentation by NIMH Intramural Research Program (IRP) scientist Elizabeth Ballard, Ph.D. titled, *The Neurobiology of Suicide Protocol*. Other speakers include NIMH IRP scientists Lisa Horowitz, Ph.D., M.P.H. and Argyris Stringaris, M.D., Ph.D., and Anne Moss Rogers from the Beacon Tree Foundation. The event will be live-streamed and archived on the NIH videocast website. <https://videocast.nih.gov/live.asp?live=26845&bhcp=1>

WEBINAR: TACKLING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN THE CHICKASAW NATION

JANUARY 25, 2018, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Define Your Direction is a comprehensive prescription opioid abuse prevention movement created by the Chickasaw Nation using SAMHSA and Southern Plains Tribal Health Board funding. *Define Your Direction* utilizes multiple strategies aimed at increasing awareness, reducing access to drugs and alcohol, and preventing overdose deaths. The webinar, presented by the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) National Partnership for Action, will highlight the movement's various components, challenges experienced during its development and implementation phases, and successes. <https://tinyurl.com/aianwebinarregistration>

SAMHSA'S 14TH ANNUAL PREVENTION DAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2018, NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

This event will feature presentations, training sessions, technical assistance, and resources to support prevention practitioners, community leaders, researchers, and consumers in successfully addressing emerging substance misuse prevention issues. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/news-announcements/conferences-trainings/samhsa%E2%80%99s-14th-annual-prevention-day>

8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NETWORK TO ELIMINATE DISPARITIES IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEARN TRAINING PROGRAM

APRIL 15-18, 2018, SANTA ANA PUEBLO, NM

The National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health Learn training program, sponsored by SAMHSA, is designed for community-based organizations, and offers them an opportunity to learn and implement evidence-based, adapted, and culturally-specific behavioral health practices. The deadline for applications for this on-site training is December 18, 2017. <http://nned.net/nnedlearn>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORT

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Effective Health Care Program encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. The Program uses these comments to help focus its research, and ensure that the final comparative effectiveness reviews answer the most important questions that clinicians, patients, consumers, and policymakers have about a given treatment, test, or procedure. The Program is currently seeking comments for:

NONINVASIVE, NONPHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC PAIN: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
(COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 26, 2017)

<https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/node/31611>

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENTS FOR ADULTS WITH PTSD: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW UPDATE (COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2017)

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topics/ptsd-adult-treatment-update/draft-report>

CDC CALLS FOR AI/AN PUBLIC HEALTH SUCCESS STORIES

Tribal nations are active and important contributors to public health, and tribal cultures have long fostered health and wellness among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. CDC invites the public to share stories that show how tribal communities are doing just that, so they can be a part of an exciting new exhibit at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum in Atlanta, GA. The exhibition—to be held from Sept 22, 2019 through May 1, 2020—will recognize the public health contributions of the AI/AN community in a visually-compelling, culturally-appropriate manner. CDC’s exhibition will showcase how native traditions and wisdom have affected public health in the past and present, and how AI/AN communities have made a difference in the health of their people.

CDC is interested in stories that highlight how native traditions and wisdom have affected health, or show contributions of specific AI/AN individuals to health and wellness among AI/AN people. CDC will consider stories that represent the diverse array of tribes, tribal organizations, health issues, and people of Indian Country and AI/AN culture. Story submissions are accepted through January 15, 2018.

<https://www.cdc.gov/tribal/calls.html>

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FY 2019–2023 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE NIH OFFICE OF DISEASE PREVENTION

The NIH Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) is gathering broad public input on the ODP Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2019–2023. The mission of the ODP is to improve public health by increasing the scope, quality, dissemination, and impact of prevention research supported by the NIH. The ODP fulfills this mission by providing leadership for the development, coordination, and implementation of prevention research in collaboration with NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices, as well as other partners.

Respondents are encouraged to review and provide comments on a set of draft strategic priorities, which will outline activities coordinated by the ODP to assess, facilitate, and stimulate research in disease prevention, and disseminate the results of this research to improve public health. It also will include other strategic priorities and scientific opportunities not already proposed by the ODP, suggested new partnerships, and areas that transcend disease prevention research that the Office should consider as it develops its new plan. Responses are accepted through January 22, 2018.

<https://prevention.nih.gov/strategic-plan/request-for-information>

SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY HEALTH

The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health. The Committee provides advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations, and on the development of goals and specific program activities of OMH. The deadline for nominations is January 3, 2018.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/10/05/2017-21500/solicitation-of-nominations-for-appointment-to-the-advisory-committee-on-minority-health>

THE 2018 OPERATION PREVENTION VIDEO CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTING ENTRIES

Operation Prevention, an initiative of the Drug Enforcement Administration and Discovery Education, aims to combat the growing epidemic of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use by educating students about the science behind addiction and its impacts on the brain and body. The Operation Prevention Video Challenge encourages students to send a message to their peers about prescription opioid misuse by creating a 30 to 60 second original public service announcement. Encourage teens in your communities to start brainstorming today. The Challenge closes on March 20, 2018.

<https://www.operationprevention.com/video-challenge>

FUNDING INFORMATION

NETWORKING, CERTIFYING, AND TRAINING SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINES AND DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINES

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-001>

USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT SYSTEMATIC SCREENING AND TREATMENT OF DEPRESSION IN CANCER

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-493.html> (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-492.html> (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

DETECTING AND PREVENTING SUICIDE BEHAVIOR, IDEATION AND SELF-HARM IN YOUTH IN CONTACT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (R01- CLINICAL TRIAL REQUIRED)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-479.html> (R01 Clinical Trial Required)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-228.html> (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

INITIATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY NAVIGATOR MODEL TO PROMOTE EARLY ACCESS, ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS (R01 CLINICAL TRIAL REQUIRED)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-428.html>

PILOT STUDIES TO TEST THE INITIATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH, FAMILY NAVIGATOR MODEL TO PROMOTE EARLY ACCESS, ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS (R34 CLINICAL TRIAL REQUIRED)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-429.html>

DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICATIONS TO PREVENT AND TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDERS AND OVERDOSE (UG3/UH3) (CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONAL)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-19-002.html>



National Institute
of Mental Health

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 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.