

FYI Fridays

(Policy Guidance and DBH Updates)

May 4, 2018

1. **Budget Update** – Unavailable – look for one this next Friday.
2. **Dr. Young Walker honored by APA** – Dr. Laine Young-Walker, DMH’s Chief Medical Director – Children’s Services, will be honored this month by the American Psychiatric Association (APA). Dr. Young-Walker will be recognized with the “Distinguished Fellowship” award, which goes to outstanding psychiatrists who have made significant contributions to the psychiatric profession in at least five of the following areas: administration, teaching, scientific and scholarly publications, volunteering in mental health and medical activities of social significance, community involvement, as well as for clinical excellence. Distinguished Fellow is the ***highest membership honor*** the APA bestows upon members. Awardees are nominated by the local branch of the APA (Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association) and then voted on by the APA membership committee and board of trustees. Congratulations, Dr. Young-Walker!
3. **ACT Grant Opportunities** – SAMHSA’s, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) [2018 Grants to Establish and Expand Assertive Community Treatment \(Short Title: ACT\)](#). The purpose of this program is to establish or expand and maintain ACT programs for individuals with a serious mental illness (SMI). SAMHSA expects this program will improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals by reducing rates of hospitalization, mortality, substance use, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system. ACT is considered to be one of the most effective evidence-based programs designed to support community living for individuals with the most severe functional impairments associated with SMI. Such individuals tend to need services from multiple providers (e.g., physicians, social workers) and multiple systems (e.g., social services, housing services, health care). Mental Health agencies may apply. More Info: [Access full details of the funding announcement and application materials!](#)
4. **Children’s Collaboration Meeting**- On April 25, 2018, the Department of Social Services Children’s Division, and Department of Mental Health’s DBH and DD Divisions gathered for a discussion to address gaps, barriers, and ways to improve collaboration in meeting the needs of children that are mutually served. One strategy identified was the development of local and state level Collaborative Systems Team Meetings (C-STM). The collaborative teams involve regional and local agency personnel and will be solution and system focused. C-STM teams will begin meeting in June and July.
5. **Opioid Crisis Management Team Training** - The next Opioid Crisis Management Training will be held in Kansas City on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 (1pm to 5pm). The focus of the trainings will be on the Medical, Psychosocial, and Administrative aspects of implementing evidence-based opioid treatment programs. Each event will include brief presentations, followed by topic-specific breakout sessions and group dialogue about barriers and solutions. Please register at the link below, and please send this to colleagues who you think would be interested:

The Aladdin Holiday Inn Hotel
Roof Garden Ballroom 16th Floor
1215 Wyandotte Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

Register here: <https://katiehorst.wufoo.com/forms/mfumvbb0m3phgd/>