

## FYI Fridays

### DBH Updates, Notices, and Policy Guidance

April 17, 2020

1. **Budget Update** – The General Assembly is due to return to the Capitol on Monday, April 27. We know that the FY21 budget previously moving through the approval process is now scrapped. Given the COVID-19 crisis, the budget is being completely redone, clearly under a tight deadline. Unfortunately, we expect that DMH will be significantly impacted by restrictions, if not reductions.
2. **Allocation Transfers** - At this time Medicaid to Non-Medicaid transfers will be allowed. Please be advised that we will NOT allow the following:
  - Transfers of funding between agencies;
  - Transfers of funding between contracts within a single agency; and
  - Funding over allocation within CIMOR will not be done.
3. **COVID-19 Emergency Grant** - Yesterday, the DBH received our Notice of Award (NOA) for the \$2M emergency grant. As I noted on the provider calls, this grant will focus primarily on co-occurring disorders, but there is also a carve-out for treating healthcare providers specifically. The grant requires completion of the GPRA. There was just enough time to provisionally plan it and write it...now we dive into the necessary details. More information about the rollout of this grant is forthcoming!
4. **Welcome to DBH!**
  - **Cara Bland** started as a Research Analyst III on April 15.
  - **Miranda Robinett** started as the Manager of Certification and Program Monitoring on April 15.
5. **COVID-19 Update** – At this point, we will continue to do one call per week on Wednesdays at 12:00p.m. Resources that we encourage you to check out (these pages all continue to be updated):

DBH COVID-19 Guidance/Resources - <https://dmh.mo.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

DMH Disaster Services Website - <https://dmh.mo.gov/disaster-services/covid-19-information>

MO DHSS Website - <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/>

CDC Website - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CMS Website - <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-publishes-first-set-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-fags-state-medicare-and-childrens-health>

### Info and Resources

1. **ONDCP Releases COVID-19 Fact Sheet** - The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released a [COVID-19 fact sheet](#) detailing the Administration's priorities related to substance use disorders (SUD). ONDCP has identified the following priorities in response to the pandemic: helping Americans who struggle with addiction; expanding the use of telemedicine and electronic prescribing; increasing flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine; ensuring access to controlled substances; and supporting rural communities. Each priority includes various resources from federal agencies and links to guidance documents that have been issued to address the pandemic. *(This resource will be added to the DBH COVID-19 website.)*

2. **Probation and Parole Regional Oversight Meetings** – These are subject to change given rapidly changing plans regarding COVID-19.

**June 5 – Southwest Region** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: Library, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield

**June 9 – Western Region** - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: KC-ATC, 2600 E. 12th St. Kansas City

**June 22 – North Central Region** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: Columbia P&P Office, 1903 N. Providence, Columbia

**June 23 – NE Region** – (Districts 11, 16, 17, and 38) – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: P&P Office, Spencer Road Library, 427 Spencer, St. Peters

**June 30 – SE Region** – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: La Croix Methodist, 3102 Lexington, Cape Girardeau

**TBD – NE Region** – (Districts 3, 18 and 26) 9:00 am – 11:00 am - (To be rescheduled from April 14)  
Location: P&P Office, 1317 E. Highway 24, Suite B, Moberly

**TBD – Eastern Region** – 9:30 am – 12:00 pm - (To be rescheduled from April 20)  
Location: P&P Office District 7S, 3101 Chouteau, St. Louis

### **Training Events**

1. **Pain and Opioids: Choices in a Time of Crisis (SOR Training Series, Part 2)** - This **webinar** will feature three leading medical experts in the fields of pain and addiction. We will discuss the challenges in treating long-term pain, complexities of the patient-clinician relationship, as well as a policy analysis of the decline in opioid prescriptions, the pros and cons of opioid tapering, and strategies for integrating treatment for opioid use disorder when identified in patients being treated for pain. Will now include discussion of how COVID-19-related changes are impacting patients and providers in the realms of pain and addiction. **April 20, 2020 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. CST.** To register, [CLICK HERE](#).
2. **Substance Use and the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic** – This is a webinar, “a conversation with the experts,” to be held on **April 23, 2020, at 12:00 pm ET**. More info: [https://www.psychu.org/events/substance-use-and-the-novel-coronavirus-pandemic-a-conversation-with-the-experts/?woo\\_campaign=042320-webinar-promo1&woo\\_content=covid19&woo\\_medium=email&woo\\_source=omlist&utm\\_source=OPEN+MINDS+Promotions+List&utm\\_campaign=b3baaba397-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_04\\_14\\_08\\_43&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_97aa357919-b3baaba397-177774289](https://www.psychu.org/events/substance-use-and-the-novel-coronavirus-pandemic-a-conversation-with-the-experts/?woo_campaign=042320-webinar-promo1&woo_content=covid19&woo_medium=email&woo_source=omlist&utm_source=OPEN+MINDS+Promotions+List&utm_campaign=b3baaba397-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_14_08_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_97aa357919-b3baaba397-177774289)
3. **Webinar Series on Recovery from SMI** - The Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC is proud to offer a webinar series on: *Recovery from Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and the Practices that Support Recovery*. This series will introduce the participant to recovery from SMI and many of the evidence-based and promising practices that support recovery. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**Upcoming events in the series (all events take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. E.T.):**

- **April 23** - Role of Health and Wellness in Recovery: Interventions to Reduce the High Rates of Morbidity and Mortality Among People with Serious Mental Illnesses
- **May 7** - Role of Religion and Spirituality in Recovery: Benefits and Challenges of Religion and Spirituality in Recovery and Strategies for Navigating this Topic
- **May 21** - Recovery in the Hispanic and Latinx Community: What is the Understanding of Recovery in the Hispanic and Latina Community and How Can We Support It

## Recurring Training Opportunities

Please contact the training sponsor as these events may be subject to change given the developing COVID-19 situation.

1. **MCB's Clinical Supervision Trainings** - This training is required for an individual to be a MCB Qualified Clinical Supervisor. If you have any questions, please contact the MCB office at 573-616-2300 or [help@missouricb.com](mailto:help@missouricb.com)
  - **May 14 and 15, 2020** - Kansas City - [Click Here for May Training Registration Form](#)
  - **July 30 and 31st, 2020** - Joplin - [Click Here for the July Joplin CST Training Registration Form](#)
  - **November 19 and 20, 2020** - St. Louis - [Click Here for the November St. Louis CST Training Registration Form](#)
2. **MAT (Buprenorphine) Waiver Course** - Opioid SOR, in partnership with the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare are providing an 8-hour MAT Waiver Course. This **course** is different from the traditional 8-hour live course, as the first 4-hours will be in person and then the last 4-hours will be individual online work. Once you complete the first 4-hour live training, you will receive an email from AAAP with a link for the other 4-hours of individual work. Once that work is completed, they will send you a certificate of completion.

### AVAILABLE TRAINING DATES:

#### St. Louis, Missouri

**Saturday, June 13, 2020** - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Fred Rottnek

**Saturday, August 8, 2020** - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Fred Rottnek

**Saturday, September 26, 2020** - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Evan Schwarz

**Saturday, November 7, 2020** - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Presenter: Dr. Evan Schwarz

Register Here: <http://www.cvent.com/d/chqswm>

*\*Additional dates may be added throughout the year.*

#### **8 Hour Online MAT Waiver Training**

Register Here: <https://learning.pcssnow.org/p/onlinematwaiver>

3. **Certified Peer Specialist Supervision Trainings** - The MCB will be offering the following Certified Peer Specialist Supervision Trainings. The training has been changed slightly and updated for 2020 so if you have attended previously, you are welcome to sign up again. These trainings are free and lunch is provided. [Click Here for the Peer Specialist Supervision Training Registration Form](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MCB office at 573-616-2300 or [help@missouricb.com](mailto:help@missouricb.com).
  - Thursday June 25** - St. Louis, MO
  - Thursday August 13** - Springfield, MO
  - Thursday October 15** - Cape Girardeau, MO
  - Thursday December 17** - Jefferson City, MO

**Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!**