Blending Conference and Call for Posters

The NIDA Blending Conference entitled Blending Addiction Science and Practice: Evidence-Based Treatment and Prevention in Diverse Populations and Settings will be held April 22-23, 2010, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Early Bird conference registration is $79 and includes all applicable sessions, continental breakfast, refreshments, lunch, and course materials. To get this reduced rate, register by March 1st, 2010. The information and registration web site is www.NIDABlendingConference.info

As part of the CTN’s 10th Anniversary, NIDA will showcase posters the CTN has produced during both days of the Blending Conference. All submissions are due by February 20, 2010. For more information or to submit an abstract, visit the conference website at http://www.seiservices.com/BLENDINGALBUQUERQUE/index.aspx.

Upcoming CTN Meetings

The spring CTN Steering Committee will be held April 19-20, followed by the CTN 10th Anniversary event on April 21 and the NIDA Blending Conference on April 23-24. All events will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Albuquerque Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. Registration for this meeting will be available February 8. Here is a preliminary schedule:

**Monday, April 19, 2010**
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Research Development Committee
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Node Coordinators Workgroup
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Research Utilization Committee
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CTP Caucus
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PI Caucus

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Steering Committee
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CTN 0015 (Women’s Treatment for Trauma and Substance Use)

**Wednesday, April 21, 2010**
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CTN 10th Anniversary Symposium (draft agenda is attached at end of Bulletin)

CTN 0046 S-CAST Wave 1 National Training

Study staff for the CTN 0046 study Smoking-Cessation and Stimulant Treatment (S-CAST): Evaluation of the Impact of Concurrent Outpatient Smoking-Cessation and Stimulant Treatment on Stimulant-Dependence Outcomes attended the Wave 1 national training in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 11-13, 2010. Dr. Theresa Winhusen and her team at the Ohio Valley Node welcomed trainees and provided an overview of the study. Staff from the participating Wave 1 sites then received training on performing study procedures, monitoring participant safety, and ensuring accurate data collection, which was presented by representatives from the Ohio Valley Node Lead Team, the CTN Clinical Coordinating Center (EMMES), and the CTN Data and Statistics Center 1 (DCRI).

Trainers from the Mayo Clinic Nicotine Research Program provided instruction on the study smoking cessation intervention “Smoke Free and Living It”. Interventionists and Intervention Supervisors from each Wave 1 site received training on delivering the intervention and had the opportunity to be certified prior to leaving the training. Afterward, Intervention Supervisors learned how to train the intervention and perform the monthly supervision. They also had the opportunity to be certified as supervisors before leaving.

Dr. Winhusen thanks all of the presenters as well as all of the study staff who traveled to Cincinnati to attend the training. Wave 1 sites are now encouraged to finish all remaining training elements and prepare for the Standardized Patient visits and EMMES pre-initiation visits, which should be completed by late February. Enrollment is planned to start soon after the sites are certified and the training has been completed.

Southwest (SW) Node Update

Congratulations to the staff at Totah Behavioral Health Authority, a SW Node affiliate Community Treatment Provider, in Farmington, New Mexico, for training staff and implementing two evidence-based approaches. Recently, Kara Washburn, Deidra Griffith, Sherrie Anderson, Anna Holiday, and Megan Hill have become certified in CRA. In addition, Kara Washburn, Deidra Griffith, and Megan Hill have completed the training requirements for Motivational Interviewing. Nicely done, Totah!
New OppNet Opportunities

From the Women & Sex/Gender Differences Research Group - the following funding announcements provide an opportunity to promote basic behavioral research on sex/gender differences and research on women. The National Institutes of Health has opened the website for its new Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet). Please note the definition of basic behavioral and social science (b-BSSR) at http://oppnet.nih.gov/about-bssr.asp.

OppNet is a trans-NIH initiative to expand the agency’s funding of b-BSSR on mechanisms and processes that influence behavior at the individual, group, community and population level. All NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) share the mission of supporting b-BSSR through OppNet via a common fund. The first 5 OppNet funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) were recently released and are described at http://oppnet.nih.gov/funding-current-funding.asp and are listed below with hyperlinks. Four FOAs solicit competitive revision applications (formerly “supplements”), and one solicits applications for Mentored Career Development proposals, as follows:

COMPETITIVE REVISION FOAs

- **NOT-OD-10-032** Recovery Act Funds for Competitive Revision Applications to R01, R03, R15, R21, R21/R33 or R37 NIH “parent” Grants. Application due date: March 2, 2010

- **NOT-OD-10-033** Recovery Act Funds for Competitive Revision Applications to R01, R03, R15, R21, R21/R33 or R37 NIH “parent” Grants, for HIV/AIDS-related Research Application due date: March 25, 2010

- **NOT-OD-10-034** Recovery Act Funds for Competitive Revision Applications for Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Transfer Technology NIH “parent” Grants (R43/R44 and R41/R42 Application due date: March 25, 2010

- **NOT-OD-10-036** HIV/AIDS Funds (Not Recovery Act) for Competitive Revision applications to R01, R03, R15, R21, R21/R33 or R37 NIH “parent” Grants, for HIV/AIDS related research Application due date: May 7, 2010

For these competitive revision announcements, applications must incorporate new b-BSSR research objectives and aims that are outside of the scope of the approved “parent” grant. This significant expansion can be accomplished by either: (1) extending the scope of extant b-BSSR by adding a fundamentally different b-BSSR objective or aim; (2) supplementing applied research in the behavioral and social sciences with b-BSSR; or (3) incorporating b-BSSR into biological, clinical, or translational research.

K18 FOA

- **NOT-OD-10-036** Recovery Act Funds for Short-term Mentored Career Development Awards for Mid-Career and Senior Investigators (K18) Application due date: February 18, 2010

OppNet has dedicated approximately $8 million in ARRA funds, to be obligated by September 30, 2010, for competitive revision applications to three “Recovery Act Fund” Notices above (i.e., NOT-OD-10-032, 033, and 034). It is expected that 20 to 30 competitive revision awards will be made in FY 2010, pending the number and quality of applications and availability of funds.

For the HIV/AIDS solicitation not supported by Recovery Act Funds (NOT-OD-10-036), this solicitation differs from NOT-OD-10-033 in two ways: First, it encourages investigators with any eligible NIH research grant (i.e., not only AIDS-related NIH grants) to supplement “parent” grant studies with additional research that applies to b-BSSR and to HIV/AIDS risk, prevention, disease progression, and/or treatment. Second, OppNet expects to make between 5-10 competitive revision awards in FY2010 from $2 million in Congressionally-appropriated funds for HIV/AIDS-related research under this Notice.

To reiterate differences among these FIVE FOAs, please note that for four of these (NOT-OD-10-032, 033, 034 and RFA-OD-10-003), grants will be supported from Recovery Act funds (see http://recovery.nih.gov/ for additional information), and for the remaining FOA, support will come from Congressionally-appropriated funds for HIV/AIDS-related research.

Please visit OppNet’s website, http://oppnet.nih.gov, for more information about the overall OppNet initiative and answers to FOA-related FAQs.

Ohio Valley Node Update

The Ohio Valley Node welcomes its newest “member.” Lee Ann Williams, Maryhaven Study Coordinator for CTN 0031, CTN 0031A, and CTN 0046, delivered a bouncing baby boy on Tuesday, January 12th. Congratulations to Lee Ann and her family!
New England Node – CTP Honored

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare announces that its 2010 award for Excellence in Addictions Treatment goes to The Hartford Dispensary, Paul McLaughlin Executive Director! The Hartford Dispensary is one of the Community Treatment Providers in the New England Node. Fifteen exemplary individuals and organizations will be presented with the National Council Awards of Excellence on March 16, 2010, during the 40th Annual Conference of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare in Orlando, FL. The Awards of Excellence honors those who have significantly shaped the mental health and addictions industry and improved the lives of those in need of treatment and support.

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare is a not-for-profit association of 1,700 behavioral healthcare organizations. These groups provide treatment and rehabilitation for mental illnesses and addictions disorders to nearly six million adults, children and families in communities across the country. Congratulations Paul!

Florida Node Update

Gateway Community Services, a Community Treatment Program in the Florida Node, will be hosting the 2010 Spring Conference, “Integrating Technology into Treatment: Therapy Anywhere/Anytime,” on April 7-9, 2010. The conference will be held at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida. Conference participants will join the experts to learn how to use technology to overcome barriers to behavioral and mental health treatment. The conference will give participants a solutions-based look into the future of treatment and will bring together researchers, community-based treatment providers, counselors, state licensing staff, and third party payers. There will be a keynote presentation by the Disney Institute – “Inspiration to Innovation.” For more information and conference registration go to: www.gatewaycommunity.com

New Grants

The following grant opportunities may be of interest to researchers:

- PHS 2010-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications (Parent SBIR [R43/R44]) (PA-10-050) http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/par-files/PA-10-050.html
- PHS 2010-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH for Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Applications (Parent STTR [R41/R42]) (PA-10-051) http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/par-files/PA-10-051.html
- The Request for Information (RFI) of the NIDA PPP Taskforce has been published: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-10-006.html

A new Stimulus Act FOA to advance training/mentoring in Comparative Effectiveness Research:

- Recovery Act Limited Competition: Institutional Comparative Effectiveness Research Mentored Career Development Award (KM1) RFA-OD-10-011
Note the upcoming Application Due Date: March 25, 2010, for questions contact Dr. Mimi M. Ghim, e-mail at ghimm@mail.nih.gov, or telephone 301-402-1918. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-10-011.html

Where to Get Information on the CTN and NIDA

The NIDA CTN website includes information on the CTN Nodes, CTPs, and studies. For more information go to: http://www.nida.nih.gov/CTN/Index.htm
For information on NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse), please go to: http://www.drugabuse.gov/
CTN Dissemination Library Update

The CTN Dissemination Library is managed by the Pacific Northwest Node of the Clinical Trials Network. Looking back at Year 2009, the website visitors, downloads, and requests for publications have increased steadily since the Dissemination Library went online in Year 2003. Additionally, the scope of the CTN Dissemination Library’s activity has expanded with the addition of features such as a comprehensive calendar of scientific and clinical conferences related to addiction; web pages with resources on implementation and training; resources on quality assurance; and a searchable archive of the CTN Bulletin. The librarians provide occasional literature searches or special services for staff of EMMES and DCRI, as well as services requested by CCTN staff.

Here are a few numbers for 2009:

1) Added to the Library in 2009 -
   - Articles (Peer-Reviewed): 39
   - Presentations/Posters: 14
   - Treatment Manuals: 3
   - Videos: 2
2) Visitors: 11,592 (up from 10,489 in 2008)
3) Pages Viewed: 37,407 (up from 29,150 in 2008)
   Our virtual visitors came from over 110 different countries & territories!
4) Number of articles requested by users: 344 (up from 77 in 2008!)
5) Top 5 pages viewed (aside from the home page):
   - Protocols Page, Search the Library page, Nodes Page, Resources & Policies, and Library Item 146 (MIA:STEP Blending Product)

The Dissemination Workshop video is finally up and running on the CTN Dissemination Library website. It’s noted on the front page and in ‘What’s New’ and the ‘Trainings’ page. The workshop, “Methods for Disseminating Evidence-Based Treatments from the Frontlines of Community Treatment Programs,” was organized by the Research Utilization Committee and was held at the March 2009 CTN Steering Committee meeting. The workshop features presentations from a variety of CTPs and researchers, as well as a demonstration about using the CTN Dissemination Library.

NAADAC Contact Credit Hours are available for viewing the workshop on evidence-based treatments.
You can earn 3 NAADAC contact credit hours for watching the 2-hour workshop. The workshop highlights different methods community treatment programs have used to disseminate evidence-based treatment into their practice settings. It also showcases the online CTN Dissemination Library, which provides valuable information about trials conducted in the CTN and publications and treatment dissemination resources available to the research and practice communities. Representatives from five community programs and the Library cover the following topics:

1) The use of opinion leaders in promoting the use of buprenorphine;
2) Adapting contingency management for clinical practice;
3) The use of written materials to disseminate information to patients about treatment and recovery;
4) Implementing a trauma-focused practice for women;
5) Implementation of evidence-based practices through broad organizational change; and
6) A demonstration of the CTN Dissemination Library website along with tips on how the site can also be used to transfer evidence-based treatments from research to practice.

For a small fee, 3 NAADAC contact credit hours are available from the National Office of the Addiction Technology Transfer Center, upon viewing the video and taking a quiz. You will need to view all the presentations in order to answer the quiz questions. The video shows all presentations in sequence, automatically advancing the slides in sync with the video. It works best when viewed on a PC (e.g. with Firefox or Internet Explorer browsers), and may not run properly on Macintosh computers. To view the workshop video and take the quiz, go to: http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/display/402.htm.

Federal Offices Closed

The CCTN office and NIDA will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2010, for the Presidents Day holiday observance.

Updates for this Bulletin should be sent to Carol Cushing at: ccushing@nida.nih.gov
Celebration and Symposium in Honor of the
10th Anniversary of the
National Drug Abuse Treatment
Clinical Trials Network

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque

MEETING AGENDA (draft Jan. 28, 2010)

8:30 Welcome
Nora Volkow, M.D.
Betty Tai, Ph.D.

8:40 IOM Report: 10 Years After & More Coming
Mitch Greenlick, Ph.D.

9:10 Psychosocial Findings Panel
Kathleen Carroll, Ph.D.
Scott Kellogg, Ph.D.
Varda Shoham, Ph.D.
Michael Rohrbaugh, PhD

10:30 Break

10:50 Psychology’s Contributions to the CTN
James Bray, Ph.D.

11:20 Dissemination/Implementation & Policy/Practice Implications Panel
Timothy Condon, Ph.D.
Betsy Wells, Ph.D.
Paul Roman, Ph.D.
Louise Haynes, M.S.W.
Beverly Holmes, M.S.W.

12:45 Lunch

2:00 Community Expectations of CTN & Drug Treatment Research
David Rosenbloom, Ph.D.

2:30 Pharmacology Findings Panel
Kathleen Brady, M.D., Ph.D.
Al Cohen, M.A., M.F.T.
Geetha Subramaniam, M.D.

3:50 Break

4:10 International Collaborations and the CTN
Gilberto Gerra, M.D.

4:40 Smoking Cessation Research and the CTN
Jack Henningfield, Ph.D.

5:20 Closing Remarks
Nora Volkow, M.D.

6:00 Adjourn