

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST VIRGINIA PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH NETWORK
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

2020 WVPBRN VIRTUAL RETREAT SCHEDULED NOV. 6

The WVPBRN is excited to announce its first ever virtual retreat scheduled for Friday, November 6 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The conference will begin with a brief “State of the Network” delivered by co-directors Bill Lewis and Jennifer Boyd.

This year’s main event, a publication panel is set to begin around 12:00 pm. Representatives from three journals will present their research priorities, tips for clinician-investigators submitting publications, and answer any questions from

participants. We are excited to welcome our three panelists: Alfredo Morabia, MD, PhD, Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal Public Health; Holly Andrilla, MS, editor for the Journal of Rural Health; and Linda Nield, MD, Managing Editor of the WV Medical Journal. The retreat will conclude with an opportunity to receive feedback from the panelists on specific projects.

To register for this free event, please visit <https://is.gd/2020VirtualRetreatRegistration>. Participants can also submit questions to panelists beforehand at this link. For any questions, please contact Tracy Sun at tracy.sun@hsc.wvu.edu.

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THE PANELISTS



**Alfredo Morabia,
MD, PhD**

American
Journal of Public
Health



**Holly Andrilla,
MS**

Journal of Rural
Health



**Linda Nield,
MD**

West Virginia
Medical Journal

SCHEDULE

11:30 to 11:50

WVPBRN Presentation

12:00 to 1:00

Publication Panel

1:00 to 1:30

1-On-1 Publication
Support

WVPBRN SPOTLIGHT: FORE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AT CABIN CREEK



Few areas in the United States have been hit harder by the opioid and drug epidemic than southern WV. Earlier in February, Cabin Creek Health Systems (CCHS) was awarded grant funding from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) to help combat the crisis. CCHS serves eastern Kanawha County and large portions of Charleston. According to Josh Carter, director of addiction services, the goals of the additional funding are to expand the availability of treatment and types of services offered. “A lot of times addiction treatment is mainly focused on substance use, but that’s actually a pretty small part of it, especially as you get further along recovery. We’ve been able to offer a more holistic treatment,” he said.

Not surprisingly, COVID-19 has provided challenges for healthcare providers, especially those in addiction medicine. However, Cabin Creek has still been able to expand the number of

participants of their medication-assisted therapy (MAT) program. “The MAT team has done a really excellent job at implementing these enhanced services and expanding the program and number of participants during COVID,” said Amber Crist, chief operations officer.

The additional funding has also allowed Cabin Creek to focus on other social determinants of health, which are hugely important in the treatment of addiction. This more comprehensive model addresses issues like underlying pain issues, family dysfunction, and the development of work skills to enhance long-term recovery and social and financial stability.

“The FORE-funded program fits into the context of broader primary care with its focus on the need to address social determinants, especially in dealing with chronic disease. We’re trying to improve our primary care programs by addressing social conditions and situations that are barriers to improving people’s health,” said Craig Robinson, executive director.

Funding from FORE grant and expansion of the program will continue into 2022. The WVPBRN would like to congratulate the team and wish them continued success with implementation.

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– Craig Robinson
Executive Director, Cabin Creek Health Systems



The mission of the WVPBRN is to improve the health of West Virginians by collaborating with primary care practices to conduct translational practice-based research.

WVU NAMED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

The Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute has been named a Center of Excellence in Addiction and was awarded a four-year, \$2.9 million grant by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR). It is the only addiction program in the state to be recognized as a Center of Excellence by the WV DHHR.

The grant will allow the

department to provide training on evidence-based approaches to addiction treatment and coaching through WV Project ECHO. The WVPBRN is also an a partner for the dissemination of information on resources.

“This recognition is an outgrowth of the long relationship between our Department and the WV DHHR and the work we have done together,” Marc Haut, PhD, WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute vice chair and director of clinical research and education, said. “The funding provided by this grant will allow the addiction program to continue to expand its reach in order to help more individuals with substance use disorder.”



CANCER INSTITUTE OFFERS FREE ONLINE COURSE

The WVU Cancer Institute is offering the Living Beyond Cancer web course, four 20-minute modules featuring the most up-to-date information on caring for cancer survivors in a primary care setting. The professional education webinar segments are led by Nicole Stout, DPT, CLT-LANA, FAPTA, from the WVU Cancer

Institute’s Cancer Prevention and Control and the WVU School of Medicine’s Division of Hematology/Oncology. Dr. Stout is a renowned healthcare researcher, consultant, educator, and advocate.

The course information will remain available indefinitely, but free continuing education is offered on a limited basis. To view the web course and (if desired) acquire free continuing education credit, visit <https://bit.ly/survivorshipce>.



WV PROJECT
ECHO
MEMORY HEALTH
 1ST TUESDAYS 4-5PM

Date	Topic	Presenter
10/06/2020	Diseases Causing Dementia	Marc Haut
11/03/2020	Person-Centered Care	Mark Miller
12/01/2020	Signs & Symptoms and Assessment Tools	Marc Haut
01/05/2021	Evaluation/Diagnosis in Primary Care	Oswaldo Navia

PROJECT ECHO LAUNCHES MEMORY HEALTH PROJECT

In collaboration with West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI), West Virginia University's Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI), and the Alzheimer's Association, WV Project ECHO will be launching a new ECHO project around Memory Health this fall. This project will provide an opportunity for

primary care providers and others to present de-identified cases to a panel of expert Hub members in the fields of neurology, radiology, geriatrics, palliative care, nursing, social work, and receive mentoring in the management of memory health conditions such as Alzheimer's. These sessions also include didactic presentations on a variety of memory health topics including assessment of symptoms, routine care planning, and advanced care planning.

These sessions will take place on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 4-5pm via Zoom starting on October 6th and will be offered at no cost to those who participate. The sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the WV Project ECHO YouTube page for additional viewing. WV Project ECHO will also offer 1 hour of general continuing medical education credits for all who participate. Please contact Mithra at mm0175@hsc.wvu.edu for any questions.

PCP OPINIONS ON UNIVERSAL SUICIDE RISK SCREENING

Dr. Mary LeCloux (WVPBRN member and assistant professor at WVU) recently published a study in the

Journal of Rural Health, describing the opinions of primary care providers (PCPs) in WV regarding universal suicide risk screening, barriers to implementation, and strategies to increase the feasibility of screening in



their practices. Dr. LeCloux interviewed several WVPBRN members for this project. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the study. To read the article and for more information, please visit <https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12508> Congratulations, Dr. LeCloux!

WVPBRN PROJECT UPDATES

Infant Mortality Project

Dr. Lauri Andress is currently recruiting female adults between the ages of 18 and 45 years old who are physically able to bear a child OR have lost a child less than age 12 months of age in hopes of better understanding factors influencing infant mortality. Interviews will take approximately 60-90 minutes and participants will receive a \$40 gift card. Please email laandress@hsc.wvu.edu if you know anyone interested.

Appalachian Mind Health Initiative (AMHI)

AMHI is still accepting sites for

enrollment in their PCORI-funded depression study. If your site is interested, please contact Dan Shook at daniel.shook@hsc.wvu.edu. Each participating site will receive a \$1000 incentive.

International Medical Graduates

Researchers from Davidson College and University of Chicago recently submitted a project to the WVPBRN for review. They are interested in learning from international medical graduates (IMGs), health system administrators, and community leaders to participate in interviews on the experiences of IMGs and the ways that health and immigration policies affect their ability to work in

underserved areas, particularly in WV. More information will be available soon. Please contact Tracy Sun at tracy.sun@hsc.wvu.edu for more information.

Appalachian Translational Research Network (ATRN) Survey

In collaboration with the ATRN, the WVPBRN is looking for community members interested in completing a brief, but thorough survey regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on their lives. The survey is completed through REDCap and takes no more than 15-20 minutes. Please feel free to forward the link to anyone who may be interested.

REGISTER FOR:

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

2020 SYMPOSIUM SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH

NOVEMBER 9-13, 2020

2020 SYMPOSIUM ON SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH

WVCTSI will be co-hosting the 2020 Symposium on Substance Use Research along with the Rural Drug Addiction Research

(RDAR) COBRE and the COBRE on Opioids and Overdose. The event will be held virtually during the week of November 9th, 2020. The digital format will include two to three daily presentation sessions and numerous networking sessions

throughout the week to accommodate various schedules. Attendees will be able to choose relevant online sessions from the conference webpage prior to participation. To register and for more information, visit <https://bit.ly/35rkmeX>.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next **Design Studio** will be **Dec. 11 from 12 to 1pm**. Visit <https://is.gd/wvpbrnDesignHub> to submit your idea.
- The next **Metabolic Health Group meeting** will be October 20 from 12 to 1 pm. Join this session to learn more about recommendations for patients struggling with obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and more.
- Congratulations to WVPBRN member **Dr. Samantha Minc** for being named a 2020 Research Scholar!
- WVCTSI's In Focus Series will continue on **October 29 from 11 to 1pm** and feature a presentation from Dr. Anthony Fauci on the impacts of COVID-19 on rural communities.

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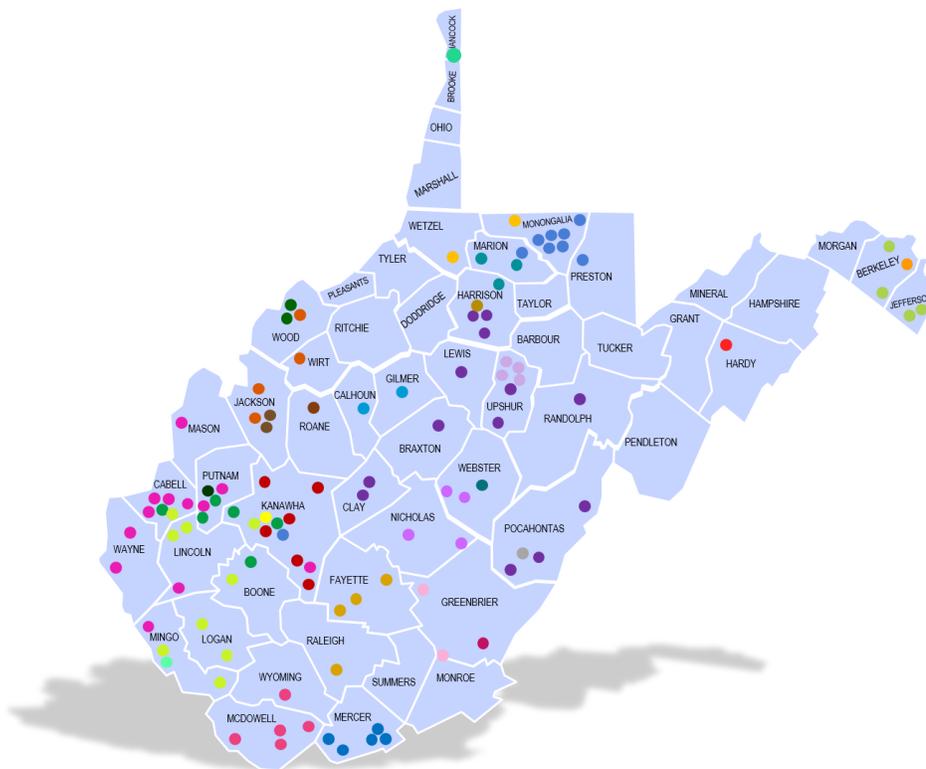
Community Perceptions of COVID-19 Mitigation Factors

The CEO Core is still interviewing community members about their thoughts regarding coronavirus and mitigation efforts like mask-wearing and social distancing. We are looking for a diverse range of beliefs and opinions. Participants receive a \$20 gift card. Contact Tracy Sun at tracy.sun@hsc.wvu.edu if you or someone you know is interested!

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