FY 2018 Report on Conference Spending by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

**Center for Mental Health Services**

**Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Policy Academy: Implementing Suicide Prevention - Mayor's Challenge with VA**

**Dates:** 3/14-16/18  
**Venue, City, State or Country:** Park Hyatt, Washington, DC  
**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** This event was held with VA federal partners to meet with mayor-endorsed, interagency teams from seven states/territories to work on formulating strategic plans for the purpose of focusing on addressing Veteran Suicide in their region.  
**Total Estimated Cost:** $447,703  
**Total Attendees:** 105  
**Total Feds on Travel:** 6  
**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 91

**Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Combined Grantee Meeting**

**Dates:** 3/19-21/18  
**Venue, City, State or Country:** Renaissance, Washington, DC  
**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** This meeting was held to focus on promoting comprehensive implementation of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) in order to achieve demonstrable reductions in youth suicide and youth suicide attempts.  
**Total Estimated Cost:** $148,685  
**Total Attendees:** 500  
**Total Feds on Travel:** 5  
**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 20

**Combined State Juvenile Justice Financing Diversion and Re-Entry Policy Academies**

**Dates:** 4/17-19/18  
**Venue, City, State or Country:** Alexandrian, Alexandria, VA  
**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** This combined policy academy enabled the rollout of tools and the development of state strategic plans to utilize financing policies and strategies in states and jurisdictions.  
**Total Estimated Cost:** $191,779  
**Total Attendees:** 86  
**Total Feds on Travel:** 4  
**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 82
National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day
Date: 5/10/18
Venue, City State or Country: GWU, Washington, DC
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This annual event was held to raise awareness with the media and general public about the importance of children's mental health from birth, as well as showcase youth who have learned to thrive with mental health challenges.
Total Estimated Cost: $121,116
Total Attendees: 420
Total Feds on Travel: 57
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 23

Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Conference: Implementing and Strengthening Veteran Suicide Prevention Practices
Dates: 5/16-17/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Westin, Crystal City, VA
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The purpose of this event was to bring together key veteran stakeholders for Suicide Prevention Gateway Training. This nation loses 20 veterans each day to suicide and only six of those are accessing VA care. Community members have a large role to play in reducing suicide deaths and increasing access to care for our nation's heroes.
Total Estimated Cost: $355,251
Total Attendees: 175
Total Feds on Travel: 6
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 125

Youth Policy Academy
Dates: 8/7-9/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Capitol Hilton, Washington, DC
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to assist states in developing and implementing action plans that address development of systems, service provision, and treatment for youth experiencing homelessness.
Total Estimated Cost: $419,650
Total Attendees: 123
Total Feds on Travel: 15
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 108
Voice Awards

Date: 8/8/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Bryce Hall, U of CA, Los Angeles, CA
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to honor consumer/peer leaders who have played a vital role in raising awareness and understanding of mental illness and substance use disorders, and promoting the reduction of negative perceptions of people with behavioral health problems.
Total Estimated Cost: $190,539
Total Attendees: 520
Total Feds on Travel: 5
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 19

Homeless Policy Academy – Outreach and Engagement

Dates: 8/13-15/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Westin, Los Angeles, CA
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to assist states in developing and implementing action plans that address development of systems, service provision, and treatment.
Total Estimated Cost: $420,142
Total Attendees: 77
Total Feds on Travel: 15
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 62

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

MFP Workforce Development

Dates: 3/16-18/18
Venue, City State or Country: Marriott, Little Rock, AR
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to provide and share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.
Total Estimated Cost: $239,245
Total Attendees: 120
Total Feds on Travel: 1
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 10
Maternal Opioid Exposure Meeting

Dates: 4/9-10/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Hilton, Rockville, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The meeting was on providing care for patients with opioid use disorder or those at risk for opioid overdose and addressed workforce competency for addiction and general healthcare professionals on reducing the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs.

Total Estimated Cost: $125,000
Total Attendees: 57
Total Feds on Travel: 13
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 26

MFP Workforce Development

Dates: 5/21-22/18
Venue, City State or Country: Sheraton, Reston, VA

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to provide and share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.

Total Estimated Cost: $239,245
Total Attendees: 120
Total Feds on Travel: 0
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 10

MFP Workforce Development

Dates: 6/14-16/18
Venue, City State or Country: Renaissance, Baltimore, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to provide and share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.

Total Estimated Cost: $239,245
Total Attendees: 120
Total Feds on Travel: 0
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 10
MFP Workforce Development

Dates: 7/31-8/2/18
Venue, City State or Country: Embassy Suites, Richmond, VA
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to provide and share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.

Total Estimated Cost: $239,245
Total Attendees: 120
Total Feds on Travel: 0
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 10

MFP Workforce Development

Dates: 8/7-8/18
Venue, City State or Country: Canopy Hotel, Rockville, MD
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to provide and share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.

Total Estimated Cost: $239,245
Total Attendees: 120
Total Feds on Travel: 0
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 10

TAP Meeting Region 5

Dates: 8/22-24/18
Venue, City State or Country: Intercontinental Riverfront, St. Paul, MN
How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This event was held to bring together SAMHSA staff and treatment professionals from the field to provide and/or share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.

Total Estimated Cost: $94,418
Total Attendees: 93
Total Feds on Travel: 3
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 90
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

SAMHSA’s 14th Annual Prevention Day

Dates: 2/5/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Gaylord, Oxon Hill, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: The annual Prevention Day event was held to communicate, coordinate, and collaborate with all of SAMHSA’s grantees to address behavioral health in communities and states. It also offered in-depth training sessions geared specifically toward behavioral health professionals to provide assistance specific to substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion.

Total Estimated Cost: $277,774
Total Attendees: 2589
Total Feds on Travel: 120
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 44

Office of Program Policy and Innovation

Criminal Justice Expert Panel

Dates: 3/12/18
Venue, City, State or Country: SAMHSA, Rockville, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This meeting was held with experts who will guide the formation of a public health approach to criminal justice for SAMHSA’s criminal justice portfolio. The meeting will have a focus on using social determinants of health and justice involvement to drive SAMHSA’s program and policy activities.

Total Estimated Cost: $163,960
Total Attendees: 65
Total Feds on Travel: 20
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 45

Serious Mental Illness

Dates: 7/30-31/18
Venue, City, State or Country: Hilton, Rockville, MD

How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency: This meeting was held to provide an important forum and opportunity for state mental health directors to discuss emerging financing and delivery issues impacting mental health systems; to share experiences and innovative developments and best practices in financing, programmatic, administrative, and scientific areas; dialogue with key federal leaders; and to develop a consensus on key policy issues.

Total Estimated Cost: $310,279
Total Attendees: 250
Total Feds on Travel: 10
Total Non-Feds on Travel: 107
SAMHSA Tribal Behavioral Health Conference

**Dates:** 8/20/18

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Tamaya Hyatt, Albuquerque, NM

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** This event was held to bring together SAMHSA staff and treatment professionals from the field to provide and/or share knowledge of recent new developments, emerging issues, and trends related to behavioral health issues in the field.

**Total Estimated Cost:** $105,852

**Total Attendees:** 250

**Total Feds on Travel:** 15

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 196