

# **FY 2015 Report on Conference Spending by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

## **Center for Mental Health Services**

### **Tribal Justice Policy Academy**

**Dates:** 6/09/2015 – 6/11/2015

**Venue, City State or Country:** Westin Crystal City, Arlington, VA

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** This policy academy for tribes focused on the reentry of tribal youth involved with the juvenile justice system transitioning from the justice system to community based behavioral health services. Members of multi-jurisdictional teams worked together to identify and implement innovative and culturally relevant approaches and strategies for their reentry. The hope was to increase collaboration and communication among key tribal stakeholders who are responsible for plan implementation at the policy and operational levels so plans could be implemented when tribes returned home.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$241,292

**Total Attendees:** 58

**Total Feds on Travel:** 4 (local)

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 44

### **State Justice Policy Academy**

**Dates:** 4/28/2015 - 4/30/2015

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** Held for states to increase the number of successful re-entry into their communities of tribal youth with behavioral health issues who have come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$183,172

**Total Attendees:** 92

**Total Feds on Travel:** 5 (local)

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 52

## **Center for Substance Abuse Prevention**

### **Prevention Leadership Academy - 2015**

**Dates:** 5/4/2015 - 5/6/2015

**Venue, City, State or Country:** SAMHSA 1 Choke Cherry, Rockville MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The Prevention Leadership Academy is SAMHSA's sole workforce development activity for the nation's state leaders in the substance abuse prevention field. This interactive training is geared to increase/enhance/build skills of the National Prevention Network representatives.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$111,065

**Total Attendees:** 45

**Total Feds on Travel:** 20 (local)

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 25

## **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment**

### **Pathways to Behavioral Health Equity: Addressing Disparities in Men and Boys of Color**

**Dates:** 3/15/2015 - 3/17/2015

**Venue, City, State or Country:** American Psychological Association (APA) Conference Center, Washington, D.C.

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The meeting addressed disparities in men and boys of color and the knowledge gap on effective evidence-based interventions for addressing trauma and stress-related disorders in men and boys across racial and ethnic minority groups. The meeting focused on issues that created particular concern in the assessment and evaluation of behavioral health conditions among men and boys, including misdiagnosis, diagnostic bias, and the availability of screening instruments and treatment

strategies that are valid and culturally appropriate. This meeting was aligned with the five focus areas and intent of the President's My Brother's Keeper initiative.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$101,263

**Total Attendees:** 85

**Total Feds on Travel:** 4

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 81

## **American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) 2015**

**Dates:** 3/28/2015 - 4/01/2015

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, GA

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The purpose of this conference was to: 1) discuss the impact of health care reform on the delivery of medication assisted treatment (MAT) services and on individuals, families and communities; 2) identify and provide new information of critical importance to the field and evaluate its implications for patients, clinicians, administrators, and policy makers; 3) facilitate the integration of medication assisted recovery into medical care delivery models; 4) demonstrate techniques and highlight programs for improving clinical and program administration, and patient outcomes; and 5) to promote/encourage the benefits of community and healthcare/wellness partnerships and collaborations.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$124,105

**Total Attendees:** 500

**Total Feds on Travel:** 22

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 75

## **2015 Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)**

**Dates:** 4/3/2015 - 4/4/2015

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Embassy Suites, Charleston, South Carolina

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The key goals were to continue to increase and improve public awareness and support of behavioral health in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) campuses and communities and to increase access to high-

quality care to reduce behavioral health disparities. The HBCU directly supports the strategic initiatives of Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, Public Awareness and Support, and Recovery Support. Participants were provided current information on behavioral health prevention and intervention.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$176,644

**Total Attendees:** 120

**Total Feds on Travel:** 7

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 113

## **OFFICE OF PROGRAM POLICY AND INNOVATION (OPPI)**

### **SAMHSA Native Youth Conference**

**Dates:** 11/14/2014 - 11/19/2014

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Gaylord National Harbor Resort; Oxon Hill, MD

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The SAMHSA Tribal Grantees Native Youth Conference directly responded to the Administration's efforts to improve the health and well-being of Native youth. The conference served multiple purposes, including: (1) leveraging grant investments by identifying evidence-based substance abuse prevention and treatment, as well as mental health promotion practices that are culturally tailored and will ultimately be shared by SAMHSA with the 566 federally recognized tribal nations and others working with Native youth; (2) providing information and evidence-based tools to Native youth to promote healthy behaviors, prevent suicide, and combat substance abuse in native communities; and (3) providing mental health skills building training to native youth.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$627,078

**Total Attendees:** 261

**Total Feds on Travel:** 35 (local)

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 226

### **National Network to Eliminate Disparities (NNED) Learn 2015**

**Dates:** 4/12/2015 - 4/15/2015

**Venue, City, State or Country:** Hyatt Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

**How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency:** The National Network to Eliminate Disparities (NNED) in Behavioral Health, a primary workforce development resource for SAMHSA, supports information sharing, training and technical assistance among organizations and communities dedicated to the behavioral health and well-being of diverse racial and ethnic minority communities. The NNED Learn 2015 was a competitive opportunity for NNED members to participate in trainings that would otherwise be cost prohibitive for them to attend. Organizations are selected based on their documented capability to implement and sustain a specific evidence-based practice. This training enabled NNED organizations to better position themselves to meet these requirements and the service capacity expansion needs resulting from the increase in the number of diverse individuals who became eligible for health insurance. The NNED Learn 2015 anticipated that staff from approximately 50 community-based organizations and 10 tribes/tribal organizations were trained.

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$225,590

**Total Attendees:** 117

**Total Feds on Travel:** 5

**Total Non-Feds on Travel:** 112