

Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration
Advisory Committee for Women's Services
August 10, 2017
Rockville, Maryland
Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Anita Fineday, J.D., M.P.A.

Sparky Harlan, M.A. (via telephone) Kathryn

Icenhower (via telephone)

Dan Lustig, Psy.D.

Jeanette Pai-Espinosa, M.Ed. (via telephone)

Brenda Smith, J.D.

Committee Member Absent: Shelly F.

Greenfield, M.D., M.P.H. Hendree Jones, Ph.D.

Carole Warshaw, M.D.

SAMHSA Leadership:

Kana Enomoto, M.A., Acting Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

Sharon Amatetti, M.P.H., Women's Issues
Coordinator

Mary Fleming, M.S., Associate Administrator
for Women's Services

CDR Carlos Castillo, Committee Management
Officer

Presenters:

Brian Altman, J.D., Acting Director,
SAMSHA Office of Legislative Affairs

Anita Everett, M.D., SAMHSA Chief Medical
Officer

Margaret Matson, Ph.D., Center for
Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality
(CBHSQ)

Deborah Parker, Tulalip Tribes

Kathryn Power, M.Ed., SAMHSA Region
One Administrator

Jessica Tytel, Senior Advisor to the Director
of the Office on Women's Health, HHS

Call to Order

CDR Castillo called the meeting of SAMHSA's ACWS to order on August 10, 2017 at 9:03 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

- CDR Castillo and Ms. Fleming welcomed participants to the meeting. ACWS members and SAMHSA staff introduced themselves. Ms. Fleming thanked Sharon Amatetti and Nadine Benton, Acting Designated Federal Officer for the ACWS, for their services to the Council. Valerie Kolick will assume the role of Designated Federal Officer going forward.
- ACWS members unanimously approved the minutes of the ACWS meeting held on February 1, 2017.
- Ms. Fleming updated the ACWS on SAMHSA personnel changes, including the recent confirmation of Elinore McCance-Katz, M.D., Ph.D., as the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and President Donald Trump's appointment of Art Kleinschmidt, Ph.D., as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary. She also reported on recent SAMHSA activities related to women's services, including an upcoming joint memo with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to provide guidance and resources on the intersection of substance use and domestic violence; the status of a maternal depression grant program and expert panel meeting; the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grants; and the mental health needs of refugees being resettled in the United States. Ms. Arnatetti reported on the development of a new Technical Assistance Publication (TAP) on the integration of substance abuse and domestic violence treatments, and initiatives around substance use recovery through a gender lens.

Discussions of Research/ Analytic Topics of Interest to Committee

Presenter: Margaret Matson, Ph.D.; **Discussant:** Sparky Harlan, ACWS Member

- Ms. Matson reviewed the mandate and activities of the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ), including its databases, planning processes, and publications. All CBHSQ survey data can be analyzed by gender, and some reports are gender-specific. CBHSQ has set eight priority topic areas to guide its work; additional topics may be added next year.
- Members discussed the impact of homelessness and housing on women's mental health and substance use. They made the following recommendations:
 - Assess the impact of housing and homelessness on women's mental health and substance use, e.g., housing as a social determinant of health; housing and homelessness in women aged 50 and older; domestic violence and its impact on homelessness among women and children.

- o Identify non-SAMHSA datasets (e.g., the Homeless Management Information System [HMIS] from Housing and Urban Development and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System [AFCARS] from ACF) and assess their availability and feasibility for analysis of housing issues related to women’s mental health and substance use.
- o Collaborate with other federal agencies to analyze available data pertaining to mental health and substance use related issues using a gender lens, e.g., the relationship of foster care and homelessness with ACF and incarceration/reentry with the Bureau of Justice Statistics
- o Recommend that housing be included this year as a CBHSQ learning agenda priority.

Role of OCMO and Emerging Issues for Women

Presenter: Anita Everett, Chief Medical Officer; *Discussant:* Dan Lustig, ACWS Member

- Dr. Everett reviewed the role of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO); shared information about recent reports that document women’s mental health and substance use issues, including *Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women* from the Office on Women’s Health (OWH); and reviewed recent SAMHSA meetings, including ones on eating disorders and parity; pediatric integrated care; suicide; and optimizing the role of pharmacists in behavioral health care.
- ACWS members discussed the significant impact that sex trafficking has on women’s mental health and substance uses, noting the need for more research and data on this topic.

A Conversation with Kana Enomoto, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

- Ms. Enomoto introduced Presidential appointee Art Kleinschmidt, Ph.D. She noted that the President and Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tom Price, M.D., have made opioids a top inter-agency priority; SAMHSA is actively involved in addressing all of the Secretary’s opioid priorities. The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget has a 9 percent cut in prevention and mental health services, which compares favorably to HHS’s overall 18 percent cut, and Ms. Enomoto is optimistic that SAMHSA can help the President achieve his mental health/substance use goals.
- Members expressed appreciation for Ms. Enomoto’s leadership and expressed hope that she would continue to contribute to SAMHSA leadership.

Legislative Update

Presenter: Brian Altman, Acting Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs

- Mr. Altman updated Council members on SAMHSA's implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA). Cures Act activities include implementing the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant program; working on the HHS Strategic Plan; participating in an HHS evaluation of department-wide behavioral health activities; establishing a National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Lab; implementing a new adult suicide prevention initiative; establishing a new maternal depression grant program; clarifying HIPAA rules for compassionate communication related to mental health and substance use; and working with Federal partners on mental health parity issues. CARA implementation has included development of minimum training requirements for midlevel prescribing of buprenorphine and the approval of 2,634 mid-level practitioners as prescribers, along with the creation of four new grant programs. These include Pregnant and Post-Partum Women state grants; Building Communities of Recovery; First Responder Training; and Improving Access to Treatment for overdoses among Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Women and Opioids-Office of Women's Health Report on Women and Opioids and States' Responses Region I

Presenters: Jessica Tytel, OWH; Kathryn Power, Region I Administrator; *Discussant:* Sharon Arnatetti

- Ms. Tytel reported on opioid-related initiatives at OWH, including its new report on *Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women*; the HHS Opioid Strategy; the September 2016 National Meeting on Opioid Use, Abuse, and Overdose in Women; an OWH grant program to prevent opioid misuse among women and girls; and an OWH partnership with the Indian Health Service to address opioid misuse in pregnancy and postpartum in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.
- Ms. Power reported on the October 2016 Region I Women and Opioids Invitational Symposium in Nashua, NH, that was a regional follow-up to the National Meeting sponsored by OWH, as well as state based and regional activities that have emerged from the regional symposium.
- Follow-up discussion addressed Region I approaches to working on mental health and substance use issues with incarcerated women and with AI/AN populations; infant and early pediatric mental health programs; the impact of homelessness on mental health and substance use among women; and the importance of family-centered treatment. ACWS recommendations included:
 - Disseminate the Region I model of addressing opioid use among women to other SAMHSA regions.
 - Educate the field on the value of family-based treatment.
 - Advocate for changes in the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMO) exclusion, which prevents women from accessing needed treatment.

The Invisibility of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Women

Presenter: Deborah Parker; *Discussant:* Anita Fineday, ACSW Member

- Ms. Parker discussed spirituality, the space in which people heal. The destruction of the Indian way of life has led to inter-generational trauma. The traditions that fed the Indian spirit were demolished, leading to high rates of addiction, domestic violence, and physical and mental health problems. Because their number is small in comparison to other demographic groups, American Indians have difficulties accessing sufficient funds to mount the culturally-appropriate prevention and treatment programs that they need. Their absence in media programs and textbooks renders them invisible to the larger society, further drawing attention away from the hopelessness and despair that too many American Indians experience. She emphasized that Indian people need to be acknowledged for the gifts they bring to society.
- ACWS recommendations included:
 - Work with the Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy to develop a white paper focused on resilience among American Indians/Alaska Natives and how it may be increased.
 - Continue the conversation about the invisibility of AI/AN women in future meetings with new Council members and with the Native American TTAC.
 - Explore meeting at an AI/AN location in the future in order to understand the Indian experience more deeply.

Public Comment

Time was set aside for public comment, but no one chose to speak.

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Ms. Fleming thanked Council members Brenda Smith and Anita Fineday for their ACWS service. SAMHSA is unsure when new ACWS members will be named, since the nomination process has changed. Ms. Fleming adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes and the attachments are accurate and complete.

10-10-17
Date

/Signed/
Mary Fleming, M.S.
Associate Administrator for Women's Services
SAMHSA

Minutes will be considered formally by SAMHSA's Advisory Committee for Women's Services at its next meeting, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.