Delaware Valley Node News

We would like to express our deep appreciation to Dr. Susan Gordon for her many years of service as CTP representative for the Delaware Valley Node, and for her contributions to the Clinical Trials Network. Sue has selflessly given us her time and expertise since joining our Node shortly after its inception in 1999. She has represented us on the Steering Committee and participated in many CTN committees including the CTP Caucus and gender special interest groups, has authored or co-authored CTN publications, served on a NIDA study section, and made many friends in the CTN family. We will miss her input as our CTP representative but look forward to her continuing participation in our Node and the CTN. Thanks Sue!!

Welcome to Terry Horton, M.D., DV Node CTP Representative

The DV Node would like to welcome Dr. Terry Horton as our new CTP Representative effective September 1, 2010. Terry is a member of the teaching faculty of the Department of Medicine and an Attending Physician at Christiana Care Health Services in Wilmington, Delaware. In addition to teaching medical students and residents in inpatient and outpatient medicine, he chairs the Alcohol Withdrawal Work Group which is developing and implementing alcohol screening, treatment and referral protocols for the institution. His interests include the care of the hospitalized addict, addressing addiction issues in primary medical care, pain medicine, and physician and student training.

Previously, Dr. Horton worked as the Medical Director and Vice President of Phoenix House Foundation in New York developing innovative models of on site primary care and detoxification services within substance abuse treatment settings. While at Phoenix House, Terry participated in CTN 0001. We look forward to his participation in our Node as our new CTP representative as we move into the next funding cycle.

Conferences, Meetings, Trainings

ASI Booster Training

Webinar

Ron Jackson, Pacific Northwest Node, and Charlotte Royer-Malvestuto, Delaware Valley Node, provided an ASI Booster Training with the assistance of Moderator, Liz Buttery, CCC, on August 19, 2010.

Delaware Valley Node Local Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 19, 2010 at 2 p.m. at TRI.
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Inc. (AATOD)
National Conference
October 23-27, 2010
Chicago, IL

Drs. Stephen Weinstein and Robert Sterling, Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine, will be part of a Symposium organized by Donald Calsyn, Ph.D., Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington and CTN Co-Investigator for HIV-Related Studies. Findings from CTN 0018, “Reducing HIV/STD Risk Behaviors: A Research Study for Men in Drug Abuse Treatment”, will be presented. For more info on the conference, visit: http://www.aatod.org/

Del Val Node Current Studies

CTN 0027- Retention of Suboxone Patients in START: Perspectives of Providers and Patients (ROSP)
This ancillary study is related to CTN-0027, "Starting Treatment with Agonist Replacement Therapies (START)." The overall purposes of this supplemental study are (1) to identify barriers for retaining Suboxone patients in START, and (2) to address the barriers if study conditions and findings permit. Lead Node interviews scheduled for the week of August 30th.

Delaware Valley Node Dissemination Conference – Early Spring 2011, Date TBD

Save the Date...

CPDD 2011
June 18-23, 2011 and INRC
June 21-25, 2011
Westin Hotel
Hollywood, FL

www.cpdd.org

The announcement for the 73rd Annual Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence will be mailed in a few months.

For a complete list of upcoming conferences, please visit the CTN Dissemination Library.

The CTN DISSEMINATION LIBRARY is a digital repository of resources created by and about NIDA's National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN). It provides CTN members and the public with a single point of access to research findings and other materials that are approved for dissemination throughout the CTN and to the larger community of providers, researchers and policy-makers. Visit http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org

LAX Pilot Project: Staying or Not Staying in HIV Treatment
Site: Jonathan Lax Clinic, Phila., PA
Anna Pecoraro, Psy.D., Co-Investigator,
University of Pennsylvania; Allen Howell, LAX, Study Coordinator.
Recruitment is ongoing at the Jonathan Lax Center at Philadelphia Fight. To date, 75 patients have been interviewed: We are getting...
close to our recruitment goal of 100!
Preliminary analyses show significant differences between patients who are lost-to-care and those who are engaged in their HIV treatment. Illicit drug use within the past 30 days and homelessness are the most important predictors of lost-to-care status. The pilot has been chosen for oral presentation at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine’s 2010 Biomedical Postdoctoral Program Symposium.

Michele Ma, BA, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and rising second year medical student at the University of Michigan, School of Medicine, completed a summer internship under the mentorship of Drs. Woody and Pecoraro. She assisted in interviewing patients at the Jonathan Lax Clinic and in writing several articles. We are grateful for her assistance and wish her the best of luck.

Reykjavik, Iceland
The Extended Release Naltrexone for Treating Amphetamine Dependence in Iceland protocol began enrollment earlier this month. To date, 9 participants have been enrolled and 3 have received their first study injections.

Local Activities

Join PRO-ACT’s Recovery Walks! at Penn’s Landing on September 25th!

Registration
Begins: 7:00 AM
For more info, visit: www.recoverywalks.org

Sunday, October 17, 2010
Remember why we walk/run:
Over 30,000 people in the Delaware Valley are living with HIV/AIDS. Many of our friends, family and neighbors are in desperate need of health care services and other life-saving programs, but with cutbacks in government dollars, these programs are often under-funded. Now, more than ever, your donations are needed to support organizations providing HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention education, counseling and testing and care services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Interested in sponsoring a walker in this year's AIDS Walk? go to: http://www.aidswalkphilly.org/walk/sponsor.php

Doreen Cardillo’s team name is “IMAGINE”…Team #3026
Please help me reach my goal of $300!

Sad News

Karst J. Besteman, 78, of Memphis, TN. died August 16, 2010 following a heart attack. Mr. Besteman spent twenty-seven years in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps retiring as Assistant Surgeon General (RADM) in 1984. His major assignments included seven years as Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse and four years as the Regional Health Administrator, Reg. II, in New York City. Subsequent to his federal service he was Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Problems Association of North America in Washington DC and later administered drug treatment research clinics for the Institutes for Behavioral Resources of Baltimore MD. He then worked as a consultant to the Center for Clinical Trials at the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In the
spring of 2004 he retired and moved to Memphis, TN. In retirement, he continued to serve as a consultant to the Clinical Trials Network.

Grants Corner
The following funding opportunities may be of interest to researchers:

**Title:** Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain: Addressing HIV among Vulnerable Populations (R01)

(RFA) Number: RFA-DA-11-001


**Notices**

NIH-RAID Updates on Program Scope and Procedures: Biologics Manufacture, Lead Selection, and Product Development Plans

(NOT-RM-10-012)

NIH Roadmap Initiatives


IH, AHRQ, and NIOSH to Eliminate Error Correction Window for Due Dates On or After January 25, 2011

(NOT-OD-10-123)

National Institutes of Health

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health


Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

Program Contract Solicitation (PHS 2011-1)

Now Available

(NOT-OD-10-124)

National Institutes of Health


Outstanding Mentors are Eligible for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESEM)

(NOT-OD-10-122)

Office of the Director, NIH


Website for the DelVal Node is now live:
Visit us at:

http://www.med.upenn.edu/dynode/

Links to Delaware Valley Node CTPs/Collaborators

Belmont Center for Comprehensive Treatment

http://www.einstein.edu/facilities/belmont/article9780.html

Caron Treatment Centers

http://www.caron.org/

Central East ATTC

http://www.attcnetwork.org/regcenters/index_centraleast.asp

Christiana Care Health System

http://www.christianacare.org/

Firetree, Ltd.

http://www.firetree.com/

Fresh Start Foundation

http://www.freshstartfoundation.org

Jonathan Lax Center

http://www.fight.org/

NET

http://www.net-centers.org/

Northeast ATTC

http://www.attcnetwork.org

PHMC

http://www.phmc.org/

Princeton House

http://www.princetonhcs.org/page1848.aspx

Presbyterian

http://pennhealth.com/behav_health/addiction/presby/

Rehab After Work (RAW)

http://www.rehabafterwork.com/contact.htm

Thomas Jefferson University

http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/psychiatry/article4821.html

Treatment Research Institute

www.tresearch.org

The University of Pennsylvania, Center for Studies on Addiction (TRC)

http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/trc/

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