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DIRECTOR'S DESK



[Molly Marsh](#), NACBH Association Director

I cannot express how thrilled I am to be addressing you in this first note from the desk of your Association Director. Since officially taking the helm less than two months ago, I have communicated and met with many amazing NACBH members and leaders, each of whom has revealed to me just what you love and value about this association. You are a group of dedicated, passionate, mission-driven professionals who strive each and every day to serve the needs of children in your communities. It is an honor for my team and me to be here to

serve you and we look forward to all that is to come in the remainder of 2019!

March provided more than a little “madness” as we have geared up our services and team here in the new headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky. We’ve been planning some exciting updates in the relaunch of NACBH News for the coming months, so we hope you’re enjoying this issue. If you are the primary NACBH representative for your organization, you also likely heard from Lily Pennington or me with reminders regarding 2019 Membership Renewal. We’ll be reaching out again, but if you know that you are in need of a renewal invoice for your 2019 membership [click here](#) and we’ll follow up right away.

Most importantly, we wrapped up the month of March with members of the Board of Directors meeting here for a strategic planning session. Not only did we leave with some exciting goals around defining and building NACBH’s **Identity, Membership** and **Sustainability**, we’re well on our way to a comprehensive implementation plan with strategies and tactics to ensure your association’s success in the next 6-18 months, and beyond. Stay tuned for additional information throughout the spring and summer with a full roll-out of the strategic plan at the Public Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., July 18-19, 2019!

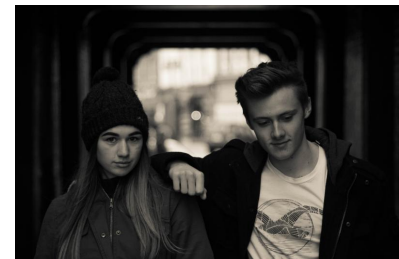
PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE



Juvenile Justice Update

As plans shape up for NACBH’s annual Public Policy Conference, we are delighted to preview a session on juvenile justice developments.

In one of its final actions before adjourning, the 115th Congress sent a five-year re-authorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) to the President, which he signed into law on December 21, 2018.



Since its heyday in the Clinton Administration, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has lost much of its leadership momentum, along with nearly half of its annual funding, which declined from \$546.9 million in FY 2002 to \$282.5 million in FY 2018. Formula grants to states were slashed, discretionary grants disappeared, and OJJDP’s oversight capacity was diminished. With no re-authorization of the JJDP in more than a decade, federal juvenile justice policy stagnated.

The updated law authorizes modest increases in funding through FY 2023, somewhat improving OJJDP’s ability to oversee states’ implementation of the historical four core protections: identifying and addressing disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system, establishing non-institutional responses to status offenses (e.g., truancy, which would not be a crime for an adult); removing juveniles from adult jails, with very limited exceptions; in those limited exceptions, ensuring juveniles’ sight and sound separation from adult inmates.

More significant are new provisions such as: stronger accountability for states’ redress of racial and ethnic disparities; sight and sound separation for youth charged as adults, expanding the protection beyond youth held on juvenile court charges; and elimination within two years of the use of restraints on pregnant youth in secure detention and correctional facilities.

In addition, states must submit plans that: are supported or informed by the science on adolescent development; promote evidence-based and trauma-informed practices; include alternatives to detention; engage families in service delivery; and incorporate community-based prevention and early intervention.

While the incremental funding increase does not support a swift return to the robust technical assistance or research and demonstrations of the 1990s, the updated framing of the JJDPAs core requirements is most encouraging. We look forward to hearing during the Public Policy Conference about how the mental health community can assist improvements in state juvenile justice systems.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Guidance on Strategies to Promote Best Practice in Antipsychotic Prescribing for Children and Adolescents

The safe and effective use of antipsychotic medications for children and adolescents in the United States is a critical issue in mental and substance use treatment. To address this issue, SAMHSA partnered with national experts to develop this guidance. The document provides a “bird’s eye view” of systems-level strategies to inform public and private sector decision-makers, prescribing clinicians, and other key stakeholders in designing and implementing antipsychotic monitoring programs to improve outcomes for youth with mental disorders across the nation.

This guidance:

- Serves as a centralized resource that articulates the scope of available systems-level strategies
- Articulates the available evidence and corresponding recommendations for design and implementation of each strategy
- Highlights the need for multiple strategies to be implemented in a strategic and coordinated manner across youth-serving systems
- Intends to inform public and private sector decision-makers, prescribing clinicians, service providers, commercial insurers, and youth and their families

[Read the guidance](#)

Launch of the FFPSA Resource Center

COA has kept careful watch on the needs of the field after the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed in 2018. With the volume of information available and time it takes to sort through it, we wanted to create a one-stop shop to make it easier to find resources and information on FFPSA and the accreditation process.

Thus the FFPSA Resource Center was born! The site includes:

- Information and links to upcoming trainings and events,
- Tools to assist agencies in choosing an accreditor,
- Federal guidance,
- National and state news, and
- Information to assist agencies already engaged in the accreditation process.

Content updates and additions will be ongoing. If you have anything you'd like to see added to the site, please contact PublicPolicy@coanet.org. This is meant to be a community resource, and we'd love to have your input!

[Click here to learn more about the Resource Center's development.](#)

Visit the site at coafamilyfirst.org.

Jody Levinson-Johnson Joins COA as New President

Jody succeeds Richard Klarberg, who has served COA for 17 years.

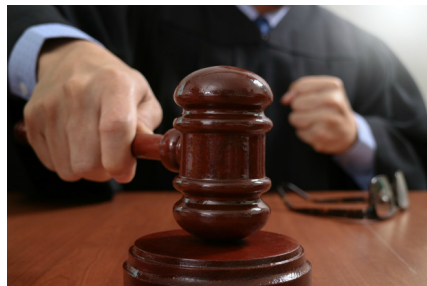
Read the full press release by the Council of Accreditation.

[Jody Levinson-Johnson Joins COA as New President & CEO](#)



Annual KFF Survey on Medicaid Released

The KFF Survey has arrived! [Tricia Brooks](#) recaps the findings from the 17th annual KFF 50-State Survey on Medicaid and CHIP. Read the full survey [here](#).



Medicaid Coalition Update

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg ruled to block Medicaid work requirements in Kentucky and Arkansas. This is great news for the people of those states and beyond, as it sends the clear message that work requirements are not permitted under federal law. - Tricia Brooks, Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families

Families USA statement: [Boasberg Ruling Protects the Health of Arkansas and Kentucky Residents and Ensures They Won't Lose Medicaid Coverage](#)

NHeLP statement: [Federal Court Rules Against Trump Administration's Kentucky and Arkansas Medicaid Waiver Projects That Include Work Requirements](#)

Georgetown CCF: [Judge Blocks Arkansas and Kentucky Medicaid Work Requirement Waivers](#)

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UPCOMING CONFERENCE

Save the Dates!

NACBH Public Policy Conference

Washington DC, July 18 - 19, 2019

Registration details will be shared soon!



NACBH Emerging Best Practices Conference

St. Pete Beach, FL

December 4 - 5, 2019



Best Practices Committee

Standing Monthly Conference Call: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1:00 – 2:00 (Eastern)

View the access information in the Member's Only section of the website or contact

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