

# Bureau of Substance Use Disorders Update Idaho Regional Advisory Committees

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## RADAR Resources

Visit the RADAR Center's exhibit at ICADD May 20-21 to see new pubs:

- TIP 48
- Research Report Series:
  - Co-morbidity
  - Street Drugs 2008
  - Underage Drinking Tabloid

### Thursday's Special

- TIPs and TAPs
- Keys and Quick Guides
- New posters

## Message from the Chief

It is hard to believe but we are almost at the end of another fiscal year. There have been many changes and wonderful opportunities this fiscal year and the rest of the newsletter talks about some of them. Arguably the biggest change has been with the re-write of the IDAPA standards for treatment providers. Below you will find ways that you can comment on the new rules. We have had very good comments so far and are working many of them into the final rules. There is still time to comment – each RAC will be taking and compiling comments from the Regions, you can make comments on your own, or you can drop comments into the drop box at the registration table at ICADD. Another large change that the rules re-write, along with the new GAIN/WITS and case management protocols, necessitated was the verification of QP and Clinical Supervisor status for all clinicians working in the field. Unfortunately, this process got very messy and we pulled back to create a single procedure for verification. This new procedure will be complete by mid May and we will be rolling it out by the end of May. Before we roll out the procedure, H&W and BPA will be going through our files to determine if we already have the information. If not, you will be asked one time to provide the information to Health and Welfare.

*Bethany Gadzinski, Chief  
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## Budget

Attached to the newsletter are the Regional Utilization reports. We continue to be on track to spend out all of the SFY09 funds by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2009.

## Co-Occurring Disorders

**REMINDER:** All state-funded substance use disorders programs must conduct a Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT) assessment and submit the results with a program improvement plan to BPA by July 1, 2009. Providers will have until July 1, 2010 to assure that their programs are dual diagnosis-capable.

Please contact your BPA regional coordinator for more information.

## New on the Web

The Department website is being restructured. The conversion is expected to be complete May 30, 2009. The new website address will be [www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov). If you have bookmarked other pages (i.e. Mental Health, Medicaid, etc) on the current DHW site they will no longer work after May 30. You will need to go to the main web address (above) and bookmark the new URL.

Any suggestions for improvement of the site are greatly appreciated. Let us know how we can make this website reflect your communication needs.

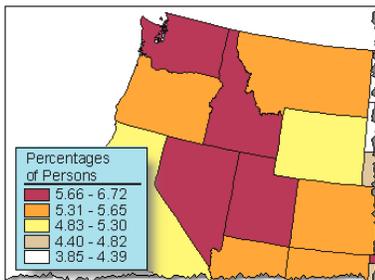
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*"Recovery is more than an abstinence from alcohol and drugs; it's about building a full, meaningful, and productive life in the community."*

*H. Westley Clark, MD, JD,  
MPH, CAS, FASAM*

*Director of the Center for  
Substance Abuse Treatment  
under the Substance Abuse  
and Mental Health Agency*

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*Non-medical Use of Pain Relievers in Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by State: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2005 and 2006 NSDUHs*

- GAIN Local Trainer Training, June 1-4, 2009 in Boise. Registration deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Editing the GAIN GRRS for clinical use at ICADD May 19.

## Rule Re-Write

As referenced in the April 2009 Newsletter, the Substance Use Disorder Bureau embarked upon the task of rewriting the **IDAPA 16.06.03 – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs** standards. The Department has received written comments in reference to suggestions to the revised rules and appreciates the feedback from those who have submitted comments. Please continue to offer your comments and include suggestions on alternative methods for addressing any issues you have comment on.

You may access the draft on the web by visiting: <http://www.substanceabuse.idaho.gov> Scroll to **Rules** and click on **IDAPA 16.07.20 DRAFT ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS** or by visiting <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3428/default.aspx> and clicking on the designated link.

## Case Management

**FAQs** – *"What do I use as the basis for a client assessment when the client is coming from a therapeutic community (TC). These clients don't get treatment so they don't have a GAIN-GRRS."* Good question. TC grads should come out with a Relapse Prevention Plan that they worked on as part of their programming. It is very personal and covers the ASAM dimensions. This makes the client's Relapse Prevention Plan a great basis for the case management assessment. Ask your client or contact the client's PO for a copy of the plan.

## Data and Research

The state of Idaho, along with Washington, Nevada, and Utah, is showing a relatively high rate of non-medical usage of pain relievers. This situation is worth monitoring over the next several years. It is also informative for our clinicians and providers as they seek to be aware of the types of substances our clients are using.

## GAIN/WITS

Electronic Health Records and Data Management is moving forward at steady pace.

Progress continues toward providing Permissions, PINS and Passwords for end users of the WITS/GAIN Interface. The target date, after which only the Web-based GAIN assessment will be reimbursed, is July 1, 2009. Please submit the requested documentation to Michelle Buskey, ASAP so that GAIN Assessments will be conducted.

1. There is an on-line tutorial for administering the GAIN-I.
2. There is a 'hands on' WITS/GAIN Interface training scheduled for the afternoon of May 20, 2009 at ICADD.
3. There is work in process to have an electronic version of a WITS tutorial available to users in the near future.
4. A TEDS/NOMS WITS Module is on target to be available to providers by July 1, 2009.

## Prisoner Re-Entry

There is compelling evidence that unemployment contributes to an increased rate of parole revocation, which is a major risk factor for recidivism.

In response to this issue, a multi-agency/organization team including, Department of Health and Welfare, Department of Correction, Boise State University, Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Labor, Ada County Sheriff, and Easter Seals/Goodwill, attended a three-week training provided by the National Institute of Corrections to become certified Offender Workforce Development Specialist Trainers.

The first training is scheduled for September 21, 2009. This first training is by invitation only to finish out the team's certification requirement. The team will continue to meet to determine how to implement Offender Employment Specialist training statewide.

## Prevention

The application for funding period closed April 24, and once again we have requests for more funding than is available. Benchmark will be working with the Department to ensure services continue to be available throughout the state. The announcement of providers will be made by the end of May. As of May 1, over 15,000 persons Idaho residents received multiple prevention sessions. Of these 93% were under 18 years of age. As we come to the close of another year, I want to thank the community-based prevention providers for their hard work.

## Prevention Intervention Services

To date almost 600 youth have been served by prevention intervention providers. The first group of cohorts has passed the six-month mark and the results are outstanding. The prevention intervention services are making significant improvement in the lives of participants and 100% said that they would recommend the program to a friend. Based on the report outcomes, we will continue this service for 2010 and seek funding to expand it. A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Terry Pappin at 208.334.6542 or pappint@dhw.idaho.gov.

## Upcoming Events

ICADD	May 19-21
Case Management Training (at ICADD)	May 20-21
Clinical Supervision Training (at ICADD)	May 20-21
GAIN Local Trainer Training	June 1-4
GAIN/WITS on-line	July 1

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