



## Quarterly Progress Report October – December 2020

### Publications

**Frank, David**, 2020. “A Chance to Do it Better Methadone Maintenance Treatment in the Era of Covid-19.” *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

**Ashly E Jordan**, Charles M Cleland, Katarzyna Wyka, Bruce R Schackman, David C Perlman, Denis Nash, Hepatitis C Virus Incidence in a Cohort in Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in New York City, *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, Volume 222, Issue Supplement\_5, 1 October 2020, Pages S322–S334, <https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiz659>

**Ashly E Jordan**, Charles M Cleland, Bruce R Schackman, Katarzyna Wyka, David C Perlman, Denis Nash, Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Care Continuum Outcomes and HCV Community Viral Loads Among Patients in an Opioid Treatment Program, *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, Volume 222, Issue Supplement\_5, 1 October 2020, Pages S335–S345, <https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiz686>

Ezell, Jerel, **Suzan M. Walters**, Sam Friedman, Rebecca Bolinski, Wiley D. Jenkins, John Schneider, Bruce Link, Mai Pho. “Stigmatize the use, not the user? Attitudes on opioid use, drug injection, treatment, and overdose prevention in rural communities.” *Social Science and Medicine* (2020): 113470

**Walters, Suzan M.**, David W. Seal, Thomas J. Stopka, Megan E. Murphy, and Wiley D. Jenkins. “COVID-19 and People Who Use Drugs – A Commentary.” *Health Behavior Policy Review* (2020): 489-497.

**Walters, Suzan M.**, Shona Lamb, Lynn Wenger, Alex Kral, Ricky Bluthenthal. “Correlates of Transactional Sex and Violent Victimization Among Men Who Inject Drugs in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California.” *Journal of Urban Health* (2020): 1-13 (January)

Kaitlin Ellis, **Suzan M. Walters**, Samuel R. Friedman, Lawrence Ouellet, Jerel Ezell, Kris Rosentel, and Mai Pho. “Breaching trust: A qualitative study of healthcare experiences of people who use opioids or methamphetamines in rural settings.” *Frontiers Sociology* 5 (2020): 98

**Suzan M. Walters** (Eds) Annual Report for Prevention Programs 2020, YES Community Counseling Center, November 2020. Report to the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, New York State

## Conferences / Presentations

**Curran, Laura.** Virtual conference presentation, *Barriers to Accessing Medication-Assisted Treatment Among Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder: A Comprehensive Literature Review*. Addiction Health Services Research, October 15th, 2020

**Eisenberg-Guyot, Nadja.** "Reflections on Transformative Justice"  
With Simone Sobers and Ro Garrido. Organized by the New York Public Library, 17 December 2020. <https://vimeo.com/493897887>

**Frank, David.** Medication Assisted Treatment as a Refuge from Criminalization, Maintaining Methadone Take homes and Safety: Change at Last, Urban Survivors League, Online webinar, December 17, 2020.

**Joshi, Spruha;** Kloska, Deb; Maggs, Jennifer, Patrick, Megan. "Why Do the Majority of US High School Seniors Still Not Use Marijuana? Prevalence of Self-Reported Reasons Across Four Decades" at the Society for Epidemiologic Research Virtual Conference 2020

**Townsend, T.,** Haffajee, R., Salz, T., Chino, F., Caram, M., Bohnert, A. "Trends in opioid prescribing to cancer patients receiving treatment: 2008-2018." Memorial Sloan Kettering Health Outcomes Research Group. 18 December 2020. Oral (virtual).

**Townsend, T.,** Hamilton, L., Rivera, A., Davis, C., Pamplin, J., Rudolph, K., Cerdá, M. "Racial disparities in the effects of Good Samaritan Laws on overdose mortality." 2020 Symposium on Substance Use Research (hosted jointly by RDAR COBRE, COBRE on Opioids and Overdose, and WVCTSI). 9 November 2020. Oral (virtual).

**Walters, Suzan M.,** "COVID-19, Stigma, and Service Use Among Rural Persons Who Inject Drugs." Rural Special Interest Group, Clinical Trails Network. (oral presentation)

Van Ham, Brent, Kris Rosentel, Rebecca S. Bolinski, **Suzan M. Walters**, Jerel M. Ezell, John Bresett, Mai Pho. "Examining existing barriers to public health interventions and medical services for rural people who use drugs in the COVID-19 era." Addiction Health Services Research Conference. (poster presentation)

## Proposals

**Gamble-George, Joyonna** submitted a proposal, "Avoiding or Seeking Illicit Fentanyl During the COVID-19 Epidemic," to the 2020 Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy Grant Program.

**Townsend, Tarlise** and John Pamplin II submitted a proposal, "Pathways to Racial Disparities in the Effects of Good Samaritan Laws: A Mixed Methods Study," to the 2020 Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy Grant Program.

## Honors, Awards, and Other Accomplishments

### Laura Curran

- Dissertation Proposal Defense, entitled: “Access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Among Pregnant Women in the US: A Mixed Methods Dissertation”; passed with minor revisions on December 17, 2020

### Yohansa Fernández

- Accepted to a postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University, School of Public Health

### Minerva Francis

- November 12th: Formally inducted into the New York Academy of Medicine as a student member during its 173rd annual meeting, where Gov. Andrew Cuomo received the 2020 Stephen Smith Medal for Distinguished Contributions in Public Health in recognition of his leadership of the state during the COVID-19 pandemic.