

Review of Specific Programs in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act

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Hortensia d. Amaro

Vice Chair

Hortensia Amaro, Ph.D. (Vice Chair), is a Distinguished University Professor and a Senior Scholar on Community Health at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work at Florida International University. She previously served as an associate vice provost and the Dean's Professor at the University of Southern California, a distinguished professor and an associate dean at the Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences, and a professor at the Boston University School of Public Health. Dr. Amaro founded five programs for the treatment of substance use disorders (SUDs) among disenfranchised minority women—including pregnant and postpartum women and women returning from incarceration—in Boston. She served as the vice chair of the board of the Boston Public Health Commission and on review and advisory committees to the National Institutes of Health, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as a consultant on SUDs for the Department of State's Latin America programs. Dr. Amaro's research focuses on alcohol and drug use among adolescents and adults; treatment of SUD, mental health disorders, and trauma among minority women; alcohol and drug use among college populations; and the development and testing of gender-specific behavioral interventions for HIV/AIDS prevention. She received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Amaro is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Gina Bryan

Member

Gina Bryan, D.N.P., PMHCNS-BC, APRN, is a clinical professor and the director of the Post Graduate Psych-Mental Health Program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Nursing. She teaches in the graduate nursing and pharmacy programs. In addition, Dr. Bryan maintains an active clinical practice in community psychiatry at Rock County Mental Health. She was a partner on a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment training grant. Dr. Bryan also serves on the Wisconsin Commission on Substance Abuse Treatment Delivery to research hub-and-spoke delivery models for opioid treatment and identify key implementation considerations. Her scholarly interests are currently focused on novel health care provider collaborations to improve access to medications for substance use disorders. Dr. Bryan earned her B.S.N, M.S., and D.N.P. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Karen Cropsey

Member

Karen Cropsey, Psy.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist and the Conaster Turner Endowed Professor of Psychiatry at The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. Dr. Cropsey is also a certified forensic evaluator. She was previously the director of mental health for the Mississippi Department of Corrections. Dr. Cropsey's research interests include treatment interventions for correctional and other disenfranchised populations with substance use disorders (SUDs), with a particular focus on opioid treatment interventions. She has conducted several studies investigating the treatment of opioid dependence in criminal justice and HIV-infected populations. Her laboratory conducts clinical research trials on SUD treatment, developing and testing novel therapeutics, behavioral techniques, and technology interventions. This includes a study on training and distributing naloxone kits in the community. Dr. Cropsey completed her M.S. at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and her Psy.D. at Indiana State University.

Marcela Horvitz-Lennon

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Marcela Horvitz-Lennon, M.D., M.P.H., is a senior physician scientist at the RAND Corporation, a core faculty member of the Pardee RAND Graduate School, and an associate professor of psychiatry (part-time) at Harvard Medical School. She is also a practicing psychiatrist at Cambridge HealthAlliance. Much of her research is on the quality and value of health care received by adults with serious mental illnesses, with a focus on public payers. Dr. Horvitz-Lennon has conducted research on health care program evaluation; racial/ethnic and geographic disparities in care; Medicaid and federal health care policy; underuse and overuse of mental health interventions; integration of physical and mental health care; diffusion of mental health innovations; and global mental health. She has been involved in evaluations of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration programs, including the primary and behavioral health care integration grant program and the Mental Health Block grant set-aside program. Dr. Horvitz-Lennon earned her M.D. in Chile and her M.P.H. at Johns Hopkins University.

Raymond C. Love

Member

Raymond C. Love, Pharm.D., BCPP, FASHP, is a professor with and director of the Mental Health Program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, where he is also vice chair of Collaborative Initiatives for the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science. He directs the State of Maryland Mental Health Pharmacy Program, coordinates the Maryland Statewide Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and participates in planning mental health pharmacy services and systems at various levels of state government. This work has resulted in introducing a number of innovations, including clinical pharmacy services, psychiatric pharmacotherapy, statewide data tracking, drug use analysis, educational programs, and community partnerships. In addition, Dr. Love co-directs the Center for Addiction Research, Education, and Service at the University of Maryland. He earned his Pharm.D. from the University of Maryland.

Sharon Reif

Member

Sharon Reif, Ph.D., is a professor in social policy and management at Brandeis University. She is also the deputy director of the university's Institute for Behavioral Health. Dr. Reif conducts health services research using survey, interview, and quantitative methods and secondary data analysis to address treatment and quality issues for people with substance use disorders (SUDs). Her research interests include medications for treating addiction, treatment of opioid use disorders, implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment in a community organization serving low-income young adults, and the impact of health reform and parity on behavioral health service delivery, quality of care, and financing and access to care. Her work has included collaborations with community organizations, communities more broadly, and states, with the use of national datasets. Dr. Reif has prepared a white paper on the opioid crisis and published systematic reviews in the areas of peer support, residential treatment, and housing for people with SUDs. She received her Ph.D. from Brandeis University.