

RCASA Board of Directors



May 25, 2017

Call the meeting to order

“RCASA’s mission is to strategically address our substance abuse problem that youth in Reading, Massachusetts abuse alcohol, prescription drugs, tobacco, and other illegal drugs at unacceptably high rates that emerge early in adolescence, happen frequently, and indicate heavy use. To realize our mission, we will promote a healthy community environment using the strategic prevention framework to ensure everyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Reading can enjoy an optimum quality of life.”

CELEBRATE

Rich Winant was invited to speak with the congregation at the Old South Church this month on the topic of addiction. Special thanks to Rev. Jeffries and Julianne for meeting with the Reading Clergy Council to discuss recovery month planning.

Focus Items

1. Welcome to new members
2. September Recovery Month Planning
 - Discussion of possible breakfast event with Reading/N Reading Chamber of Commerce at Fusion on Wed. Sept. 20th from 7:30-9am, \$15 per person to educate businesses on resources for employees and trends in substance abuse.
 - Can we nominate a small committee to work on planning this event?
3. Board Membership and Annual Meeting
 - Propose the Executive Board meet to review the status of members, nomination plans and review of by-laws.

Save the Date	June	July	August	September
Event	Tufts Workplace Event (14 th) Friends & Family Day (17 th) RCASA Board (29 th)	No BOARD MEETING	RCASA Board (31 st)	Fall Street Faire, TBA RCASA Annual Meeting, 28 th

Attachment: Tufts Event, Coalition Funding, [E-ciq link to bladder cancer risk](#), [Popcorn Lung article](#)

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC & OUR WORKPLACES

What to know & What to do

CONFERENCE FOR EMPLOYERS,
BUSINESS OWNERS, MANAGEMENT &
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS
FROM WORKPLACES SMALL AND LARGE

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MARIAN T. RYAN



PRESENTERS:
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
LAW ENFORCEMENT
EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEYS
& MORE

SCOPE OF OPIOID ADDICTION IN OUR
COMMUNITIES

BUSINESSES/PROGRAMS PROVIDING
SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY

MANAGING & SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES WITH
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

WHEN

WEDNESDAY JUNE
14, 2017
8:00AM-1:00PM

WHERE

TUFTS
UNIVERSITY
BREED HALL
51 WINTHROP ST.
MEDFORD, MA

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President Releases Final FY 2018 Budget Request

The President released the Administration's FY 2018 budget request to Congress. **It is critically important to note that this is simply the Administration's recommendations to Congress, and that Congress ultimately makes any final decisions regarding funding levels for the entire federal government.**

As the chart below shows many of the key federal programs of interest to our field are proposed for reductions from the baseline of the FY 2017 enacted level. **It is important to note that the Administration did not use the actual FY 2017 enacted levels as the baseline with which to compare their FY 2018 budget request, they used the old continuing resolution funding levels.**

FY 2018 President's Budget Request Levels

	FY 17 Final Enacted Level	President FY 18 Budget Request	Difference
Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill			
Drug-Free Communities (DFC)	\$97 million	\$91.8 million	-\$5.2 million
CARA DFC Enhancement Grants	\$3 million	-----	-\$3 million
Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Bill			
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention	\$223.2 million	\$149.7 million	-\$73.5 million
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$1.858 billion	\$1.854 billion	-\$4 million
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment	\$354.4 million	\$341.7 million	-\$12.7 million
National Institute on Drug Abuse	\$1.090 billion	\$864.9 million	-\$225.1 million
National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse	\$483.3 million	\$361.3 million	-\$122 million
State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill			
INL Demand Reduction Program	\$12.5 million	\$10 million	-\$2.5 million

Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

Drug-Free Communities Program (DFC)

Due to great advocacy by our field and bipartisan-bicameral support the President's FY 2018 budget request did **NOT** zero out the DFC program. It is recommended to be funded at \$91.8 million, an approximately \$5 million reduction from the \$97 million actually appropriated for FY 2017. The President's FY 2018 budget request did NOT include any funding for the CARA (section 103) enhancement grants for current and former DFC's for which \$3 million was appropriated in FY 2017 to address the opioid epidemic in hard hit communities. CADCA will continue working to ensure that the DFC program and CARA enhancement grants receive the highest possible funding levels in the final FY 2018 appropriations process.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)

The SPF/SIG/Partnership for Success grants in CSAP are being recommended for a \$61 million cut (a 56% reduction). The President's FY 2018 budget request recommends \$58.4 million for this program as compared to the \$109.4 million actually appropriated in FY 2017. Drastically cutting one of the last remaining primary prevention programs to states for tackling alcohol, tobacco and other drugs issues is a gigantic problem that will need to be addressed with the Congress. CADCA has fought any and all proposed cuts to CSAP and its programs for over two decades and will fight hard, with your help, to see these cuts restored again this year.

The following are other CSAP programs of interest to our field:

- The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) is proposed to be funded at \$7 million (\$5 million to current and former DFC's for the STOP Act enhancement grant program), which is level funding compared to the FY 2017 final appropriated level.
- The Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF-Rx) is proposed to be funded at \$10 million, which is level funding compared to the FY 2017 final appropriated level.
- The Minority Aids program is proposed to be funded at \$28.8 million, which is a \$12.4 million decrease from the FY 2017 final appropriated level of \$41.2 million.
- The Tribal Behavioral Health grants are proposed to be funded at \$15 million, which is level funding compared to the final FY 2017 appropriated level.
- The Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose program are proposed to be funded at \$12 million, which is level funding compared to the FY 2017 final appropriated level.

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

CSAT is proposed to be funded at a level of \$341.7 million, which is a \$12.7 million decrease from the FY 2017 final appropriated level of \$354.4 million.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, which was funded at \$1.858 billion in FY 2017 final appropriated level, remains largely untouched in the President's FY 2018 budget request at \$1.854 billion, a \$4

million proposed reduction. This Block Grant is crucially important as the 20% prevention set aside is the largest single source of federal funding for substance use prevention.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The President's FY 2018 budget request proposed a disastrous \$1.2 billion (17 percent) cut from the FY 2017 final appropriated level for CDC as a whole. It also proposed to replace \$722 million in funding at the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion with a \$500 million America's Health Block Grant to the states. CADCA is concerned about these significant cuts and will be working to ensure that critical programs remain intact in the final FY 2018 appropriations process.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

NIAAA is being recommended for a \$122 million cut (a 25% reduction). The President's FY 2018 budget request recommends \$361.3 million as compared to the \$483.3 million enacted in FY 2017.

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

NIDA is being recommended for a \$225 million cut (a 21% reduction). The President's FY 2018 budget request recommends \$864.9 million compared to \$1.090 billion enacted in FY 2017.

The President's FY 2018 budget request made cuts to both of the NIH agencies whose work is critical to our field. If sustained, these reductions would negatively impact vital research that our field depends on. CADCA will work to ensure these cuts do not become a reality.

U.S. Department of State

Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Demand Reduction Program

The INL Demand Reduction program is proposed to be funded at \$10 million, which is \$2.5 million less than the FY 2017 final appropriated level of \$12.5 million. The program develops trainings, technical assistance and mechanisms to bring the most effective substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services to reduce drug use, related criminal activity, violence, and gang membership in countries across the globe. CADCA will continue working to ensure this program receives full funding of \$12.5 million in the final FY 2018 appropriations process.

Conclusion

The President's FY 2018 budget request is just that, a request, a recommendation, and all final funding decisions are determined by Congress. CADCA and our coalitions continue to enjoy strong support among Congressional leaders and will continue to work to ensure that substance abuse prevention, treatment and research are adequately supported in the final FY 2018 appropriations process. CADCA will keep you updated on future developments and inform you when it is a good time to weigh in with your support for these agencies and programs.

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