

WISAM Monthly Teleconference – January 25, 2018

Attendees: Mathew Felgus (President), Aleksandra Zgierska (Past President), Agron Ismaili (Secretary), Dan Sessler, Ted Hall, Mary-Anne Kowol, Robert Sedlacek, Bruce Weiss, Risha Fennell, Shub Barman

Main topics addressed:

1. A call for members to submit presentations for the annual conference. ASAM national conference and sharing stories about MAT/addiction treatment; focus groups involvement of interested participants.
2. Discussed WISAM conference: open enrollment in conference committees; list of topics is on the WISAM website. Doctor day and its importance. Involvement with webinar/committees/earning credits. Increasing involvement of rural area caregivers comfortable treating addiction. Interest in speaking to Medical students about their involvement in addiction treatment.
3. Aleksandra Zgierska PEW Charitable Trust updates. Shortages of caregivers, help with patient access, tx of addiction and pregnancy (barriers/bias/law requirements etc). Gather data for treatment outcome. Reduce gaps in health care for patients asking for addiction treatment and those receiving it. Improve cooperation with jails and helping prisoners with addiction re-entry into society. Integrating MAT into residency, credentialing process and financial support for counselors.
4. Discussion about long acting naltrexone injections (payers/providers/barriers); pharmacist volunteered to educate providers about MAT/long acting naltrexone injection.

Future discussions about ED experience and addiction treatment; involvement of ER MD's.

NEXT TELECONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 22 7-8PM