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**Substance Abuse Mental Health Services  
Administration Awards \$3 Million Grant to Educate  
Physicians on Evidence-Based Approaches to  
Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid  
Dependence**

**CHEVY CHASE, MD, (September 10, 2013)**

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has awarded a three-year grant, "Physician Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment (PCSS-MAT)," to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) effective August 1, 2013. The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is proud to announce that they will join the collaborative effort led by AAAP which also includes the American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAAM) and the American Psychiatric Association (APA). Collectively these organizations bring together a wealth of experience and expertise that will enhance and extend the work in addressing this public health priority. The Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA), an affiliated partner, will expand the reach to nurses, social workers and pharmacists.

AAAP has recruited many national professional organizations from primary care and a wide array of other fields, including but not limited to: pain medicine, pharmacists, neurologists, obstetricians and nurses to be members of PCSS-MAT Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will help with outreach and development of educational resources tailored to meet the needs of their constituents.

"ASAM is honored to be working alongside the leading addiction organizations to provide free resources to train clinicians, program directors, and the public about the evidence-based treatments for opioid addiction," says Dr. Alford who will serve as ASAM's Clinical Director and Clinical Expert. "These resources will be a great benefit to our members and the larger field of addiction medicine professionals," adds Stuart Gitlow, MD, ASAM President.

The educational resources and training developed by the project will include: 1) clinical online modules, 2) case vignettes, 3) webinars, 4) live trainings, 5) mentor program and 6) clinical tools to assist practicing clinicians. These resources will be provided free of charge on the PCSS-MAT website, [www.pcssmat.org](http://www.pcssmat.org) which will be launched in early Fall 2013.

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