WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
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PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO ADDICTION IN OUR COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 17, 2026 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

7:30 a.m.	**Check-in Opens**	**Auditorium Hallway**
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	**Breakfast Roundtables Facilitated Discussions**	**Auditorium**
	Motivational Interviewing in the Context of Substance Use Facilitator: Christopher Haymaker, PhD Associate Professor, Clinical Psychologist WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	
	Substance Use Prevention in the Pediatric Population Facilitator: Rachel Wasserman, PhD Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Psychology; Director of Research and Scholarly Activities, Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	
	Approaches to Harm Reduction Facilitator: Kristi VanDerKolk, MD, FAAFP Associate Professor, Program Director -Kalamazoo, Department of Family and Community Medicine WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	
	Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain Facilitator: Kari Beth Watts, DO, FAAFP Assistant Professor, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	
	Teaching on Substance Use in the Clinical Setting Facilitator: Pamela Wadsworth, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, CNE, AHNP-BC Associate Professor, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** J. Adrian Tyndall, MD, MPH, FACEP The Hal B. Jenson MD Dean, President and CEO WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	**Auditorium**
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**Public Health Update** William Nettleton, MD, MPH Associate Professor, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Medical Director, Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Medical Director, Calhoun County Public Health Department	**Auditorium**
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	**Morning Plenary**	**Auditorium**
	How We Speak Matters: Undoing Stigmatizing Language Andrew Schreier, MA, ICS, CSAC, LPC, BACC, ICGC-II, CCHP Community Medical Services	
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	**Break** (Community organization resource tables will be set up in the hallway outside of the Auditorium between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)	
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions I**	
	Long-Acting Injectable Buprenorphine – current evidence, initiation strategies, and practical considerations Sravani Alluri, MD, Assistant Professor, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	**Auditorium**

	Understanding Problem Gambling as a Rising Public Health Concern Lilly Smithson Waber, MPH, CPS Gambling and Substance Use Disorder Prevention Regional Coordinator, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH)	**Classroom 111**
	Substance Use Prevention for Adolescents: Techniques for broaching the subject with reluctant adolescents Rachel Wasserman, PhD Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Psychology; Director of Research and Scholarly Activities, Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	**Classroom 211**
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions II**	
	Substance Use Recovery Coaches in Medical Practice: How Recovery Coaches Can Benefit Your Patients Nancy King, MS, Certified Trauma Recovery Coach Executive Director, Community Outreach Prevention and Education Network Program Manager, Kalamazoo Harm Reduction	**Auditorium**
	Beyond the Smoke: The Role of Vaping & Other Nicotine Products in the Addiction Landscape Kari Beth Watts, DO, FAAFP Assistant Professor, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	**Classroom 111**
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	**Lunch** (Community organization resource tables will be set up in the hallway outside of the Auditorium between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)	
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	**Afternoon Plenary**	**Auditorium**
	Beyond the Buzz: Hot Topics in Cannabis Use Across the Lifespan Sarah Darweesh, MD, AAHIVE Inpatient Addiction Medicine & Hospital Medicine, Instructor in Medicine Mass General Brigham, Harvard Medical School	
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions III**	
	A Day in the Life of a Local Opioid Treatment Program Patient: More Than Methadone featuring Victory Clinical Services Heather Briegel-McCord, LMSW, CAADC, CCS, Program Director Stefanie Leitz, MSN, APRN, FNP-C Victory Clinical Services	**Auditorium**
	SUD in Breastfeeding & Newborn Health Kari Beth Watts, DO, FAAFP Assistant Professor, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	**Classroom 111**
	Overview of Kratom and 7-hydroxymitragynine Daniel Tuinstra, MD Holland Hospital	**Classroom 211**
4:00 p.m.	**Adjourn**	