

TRI Recruits Adam C. Brooks, Ph.D. and Sean Haley, Ph.D.

A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. welcomes two new investigators supporting some of TRI's most important projects: continuous recovery management and monitoring, and science-to-policy translation aimed at improving quality of care in substance abuse treatment.

Adam Brooks, Ph.D. is assigned to TRI's C³ Center and the Section on Treatment Systems Research where he supports Senior Scientists James McKay, Ph.D. and Deni Carise, Ph.D. to develop and evaluate continuous care and adaptive treatment protocols as well as performance-based contracting initiatives. Brooks has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a specialization in marital and family therapy from St. John's University. For the past five years, he has treated substance abusing patients at the Columbia University Division on Substance Abuse using a variety of empirically validated treatments. He is an expert supervisor in Motivational Interviewing, and part of a team at Columbia developing a teleconferenced form of supervision for distance learning of the technique. His research interests include computer-assisted treatment and training interventions, use of phone technology in treatment and recovery monitoring, and treatment staff development in the use of evidence-based practices.

Sean Haley joins the TRI Center on Performance Based Policy, where Director Mady Chalk, Ph.D. and others work with State governments to improve quality of care through reform of administrative, purchasing and other practices. Haley has spent the last twenty years working in community health, public service and teaching, and has held positions in the Massachusetts Governor's Alliance against Drugs, Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a co-manager of its Prevention Center System, Director of Adolescent Health for a large New England non profit and as the Executive Director for a small, educational non-profit, the latter while completing his doctoral work. Haley has also served as a consultant for numerous HIV-AIDS projects, as co-author of a Massachusetts multi-agency substance abuse prevention plan, and as the program officer at the Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Foundation. He holds a Masters of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan in policy and administration with a concentration in maternal and child health, and a Ph.D. in Health and Social Policy from Brandeis University (to be conferred May 2007).

"Our work with State governments and the continuous recovery management/monitoring protocols we are developing are two of TRI's most important initiatives," McLellan said. "With Sean and Adam on board, TRI hopes to branch out to more and different types of projects in these areas."