

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Harm Reduction Work Group Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019 – School of Pharmacy & by Teleconference

Attendees:

Lisa Raville (Co-chair) Harm Reduction Action Center
Chris Stock, (Co-chair) Pharmacist
Daniel Shodell, MD, CDPHE
Charlotte Ledonne, San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center
Mike Nerenberg, MD
Don Teater, MD, Teater Health Solutions
Carol Helwig, Boulder County Public Health
Judy Solano, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association
Trisha Bush, RN, The Center for Mental Health
Katie Olson, CPHE
Amy Van Voorhis, RN, CeDAR
Mary Pat Dewald, RN, APRN
Christine Zeitvogel, Pueblo LEAD
Adrian Pascual, Community Health Partnership
Veronika Hanna, AmeriCorps VISTA
Cassidy Foster, AmeriCorps
Seth Johnson, AmeriCorps
Jane Davis, AmeriCorps
Della Turque, AmeriCorps
Jennifer Ryan, Foothills Integrated Health
Jackie Blachman-Forshay, Boulder County Public Health
Chris Hammond, Jefferson County Public Health
Julia Rawlings, School of Pharmacy
Deanna UliBarri-Crespin, Central Colorado AHEC
Rebekah Armstrong
Kim Ward, King Soopers
Gina Olberding, Consortium
Whit Oyler, Consortium
Susanna Cooper, Consortium
Jen Place, Consortium
Tyler Payne, Consortium
Jessica Eaddy, Consortium
Jamie Feld, Consortium
Michael Davidson, Consortium
Rosemarie MacDowell, Consortium

Absent:

Adam Starker, Stout Street Health Center; Karen Hill, JP Opioid Interaction Awareness Alliance; Robert Willis, Albertsons/Safeway; Kevin Kaucher, Denver Health; Kathryn Mueller, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Colorado Division of Workers Compensation; Alan Lembitz, MD, COPIC; Agnieszka Baklazec, Peer Assistance Services; Angela Bonaguidi, ARTS; Andreas J. Edrich, MD, Heritage Hills Family Medicine; Jason Hoppe, MD, University of Colorado; Thomas L. Kurt, MD; Romany Redman, MD Candidate, UC School of Medicine; Joanna Martinson, RN, North Colorado Health Alliance; Theresa Pelo, King Soopers; Steven Wright, MD; Robert Perry, M.D.; Danna Bushell Richkun, RN; Lauren Marek, Boulder County Public Health; Ingrid Binswanger, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Christina Mead, HHS/HRSA; Joel Giles, King Soopers; Alma McKinley, Regional Pharmacist, CMS; Katy Brown, Medication Safety & Adverse Drug Event Prevention, Telligen; William Gersch, Colorado Permanente Medical Group; Marc Condojani, Dept. of Human Services, OBH; Mike Patestio, Adapt Pharma; Michelle Main, Kaleo Pharma; Brandon Utter, HCPF; Kiley Fornelli, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless; Grady Harlow; Colt Smith, iThrive; Mary Steiner, Colorado Springs Community Health Partnership; Kathy Patrick, Colorado Department of Public Education; Tony Saiz, Albertsons/Safeway; Stephanie Stewart, MD, UC Denver; Ericka Alexander, Genoa Healthcare; Kristy Jordan, Signal Behavioral Health Network; Gabrielle Rodriguez, North Colorado Health Alliance; Qing Li, Epidemiologist; Luke Richards, Cordant Health; Theresa Baillie, Adapt Pharma; Chris Benjamin, Boulder; Linda Martin, CDPHE; Heidi Lightenburger, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners; Rochelle Galey, Division of Youth Corrections; Haley Foster, Tri-County Health Department; Briana Sprague, CDPHE; LeAnna Kent, CDPHE; Ann Talbott, ARTS; Mike Nerenberg, MD; Krista Olsen, School of Pharmacy; Jess Fear, Larimer County Health District; Kiley Floren, Larimer County Health District; Lauren Boyle, Stout Street Center; Rachael McLaughlin, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners; Amanda Bent, Drug Policy Alliance; Rob Valuck, Consortium; Christopher Grano, CDPHE; Cori Wells, AmeriCorps Program Manager; Alyson Williams, Health District of Northern Larimer County; Kathy Jarvis, UC Denver School of Pharmacy; Alexandra Simunaci, AmeriCorps; Tracy Cruz, AmeriCorps; Krista Olson, PharmD Candidate

Co-Chair Chris Stock called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the November 2018 work group meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Presentation: Daniel Shodell, MD, MPH, CDPHE Disease Control & Environmental Epidemiology Division “HIV-HCV Outbreak Vulnerability In context of the opioid crisis”:

Dr. Shodell’s presentation is included with the minutes. Dr. Shodell reviewed the objectives of the study. The study was conducted in order to analyze and potentially mitigate outbreak risks. He indicated that there aren’t any “no risk” counties in Colorado. Upstream interventions, such as screening, are very important. Syringe access programs are helpful, but a challenge to establish. CDPHE is currently putting together outreach materials that will be distributed to communities. Dr. Shodell encouraged work group members to contact him directly for additional information or assistance.

Questions/discussion:

Adrian Pascual mentioned he would be contacting Dan for additional information regarding the potential for syringe access programs in Colorado Springs.

It was agreed that the presentation would be distributed along with the meeting minutes.

A question was raised regarding hepatitis rates. Dan mentioned the increase in a younger cohort, which may indicate injection drug use.

Nationally, outbreaks of Hepatitis A are occurring among the homeless and individuals with substance use disorder. Colorado has not experienced a major increase. Dan will verify the most up-to-date statistics.

Review of 2019 Work Group Strategies:

Gina Olberding reported that additional funding is now available for provider education activities and the funds will be allocated to harm reduction. The funding must be utilized by June 30, 2019. Consortium staff has discussed possible uses of the funding, including sponsoring harm reduction regional conferences, pharmacist education, and collaborative projects with CDPHE (such as a naloxone law enforcement training video). \$350,000 is available for a naloxone awareness campaign, which could include media buys and other social media campaigns connected to Overdose Awareness Day.

Kim Ward, King Soopers, said she would like to be involved in the initiative to educate pharmacists. Susanna Cooper and Kim will coordinate this effort.

Naloxone Public Awareness Campaign:

Michael Davidson presented a slide review of ideas for the naloxone public awareness campaign (copy attached to the minutes). Highlights presented in the slides:

- Campaign models: “Spread the Word” and “Lift the Label” campaigns
- Goals and strategy
- Communication materials
- Target audiences (to be determined)
- Tactics: videos, website, social, paid, and earned media
- Timeline and projected needs

Susanna Cooper indicated that the majority of the work will be carried out by the Consortium and encouraged work group members to contact her if they would like to be involved in the project. Any meetings would be in addition to the regular work group meeting.

Denver SIF Specific Data:

Lisa Raville reviewed a research paper published in the International Journal of Drug Policy entitled “Public drug use in eight U.S. cities: Health risks and other factors associated with place of drug use” (copy attached to minutes). The article includes data obtained from the Denver Harm Reduction Action Center.

Work Group Member Updates:

Charlotte Ledonne reported that the SLV harm reduction program has 151 clients currently enrolled. They recently received a HRSA grant and hired a director for their opioid response initiative along with two case managers who will cover their six-county region. She is also working with the public health director in Conejos County who is putting together a “how to” document for harm reduction programs in rural areas. She expects this project will be completed in March or April.

Mary Pat Dewald indicated that the Community Opioid Response Program in Jefferson County is sponsoring Narcan administration training on February 6th from 12 to 1 p.m. in collaboration with Jefferson County Public Health. Seth Johnson is also arranging Narcan training for several local county groups.

Judy Solano, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association, reported that they have approximately 1,200 participants registered in their program. They distributed 1,112 Narcan kits and have had 279 reported reversals. They have also formed a partnership with the health department to administer Hepatitis A vaccinations on site and they plan to start HIV and Hepatitis C testing within the next couple of months.

Lisa Raville mentioned that the next legislative session starts again on Friday, January 11th. She would like members to be aware of HB 1027 (related to syringe access programs) and to contact her if they would like more information.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th from 1–2 p.m. in SSPPS Room 3001 and by GoToMeeting.

Attachments:

- HIV-HCV Outbreak Vulnerability In context of the opioid crisis
- Naloxone Public Awareness Campaign Ideas
- International Journal of Drug Policy article
- Denver Data Brief - 2017