

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Safe Disposal Work Group Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019 – School of Pharmacy & by Teleconference

Present:

Greg Fabisiak, Co-chair, CDPHE
Beverly Hanstrom, Colorado Medical Waste
Denna UliBarri-Crespin, AmeriCorps
Jane Davis, AmeriCorps
Cassidy Foster, AmeriCorps
Alexandra Simunaci, AmeriCorps
Tracy Cruz, AmeriCorps
Sarah Dennis, Safe-Rx
Tyler Payne, Consortium
Jessica Eaddy, Consortium
Jamie Feld, Consortium
Michael Davidson, Consortium
Rosemarie MacDowell, Consortium

Absent:

Sunny Linnebur, Co-chair, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy; Kathryn Stewart, CDPHE; Alan Miller, Omnicare; Karen Price, Good Day Pharmacy; Kelli Metz, UC Denver; Doc Nyiro, Waste Management of Colorado; Jeff Harnsberger, Genoa; Daniel Goetz, CDPHE; John Bender, MD, Colorado Medical Society; Kathryn Stewart, CDPHE; Scott Sickafoose, Arapahoe County Sheriff; Joe Frank, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Selin Hoboy, Stericycle, Inc.; Terry Brenton, Stericycle, Inc.; Jeff Woodhouse, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America; Rep. Dianne Primavera, Colorado House of Representatives; Katie Sullivan, PhD Student, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy; Al Garcia, USEPA, Region 8; Jace Driver, CDPHE; Erin Baurle, Jefferson Center for Mental Health; Sarah Swan, BMS; Kavitha Kailasam, Rise Above Colorado; Randy Knutsen, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy; Debbie Trever, Boulder County; Craig McCarty, MD; Alyssa Moore, RN; Laurrie Lorenzo, Pharmacy Student; Grady Harlow, RMHIDTA; Rob Valuck, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy; Lindsey Kato, Consortium; Quig Li, Epidemiologist; Zach Urban, Wheat Ridge City Council; Alice Casey, Pickens Technical College; Ashley Hill, Region 17 Health Connector; Matthew Hess, Colorado AHEC Program Office; Erin Ferris, Humana; Mary Steiner, Community Health Partnership; David Ternus, Walgreens; Erika Alexander, Genoa Healthcare; Jen Place, Consortium; Susanna Cooper, Consortium; Trisha Bush, The Center for Mental Health; LeeAnn White, Telligen; Gina Olberding, Consortium; Whit Oyler, Consortium; Rebekah Armstrong, AmeriCorps; Seth Johnson, AmeriCorps

Co-Chair Greg Fabisiak called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Take-back Program Updates:

- 51,000 pounds of medications were collected through the end of January.
- 150 collectors are now enrolled in the state program (includes Kaiser Permanente).
- 15 Kaiser clinics will be on board soon. Kaiser collected 20,000 pounds in their 15 clinics in 2018.
- 4 locations were added to Jefferson County (through the sheriff's offices), including an Evergreen substation.
- A total of 60 counties are now participating in the program (the R&R Pharmacy in Springfield, Baca County, was recently added).
- The four counties yet to be served include Kiowa, Dolores, Archuleta, and Park. An application has been received from Healthmart in Kiowa County, the community clinic in Dolores County is planning to participate, and Archuleta County plans to set up a dropbox at a Walsenburg pharmacy.

Most of the current fiscal year budget will be utilized to fund the destruction of collected medications and to fund kiosks for newly enrolled collection sites. There will still be adequate funding to be able to support enrolling up to 200 sites statewide, however, less funding will then be available for promotional efforts. Greg indicated that he would still like to create a new instructional video as the current video is somewhat out of date. With turnover of personnel at collection sites, an updated instructional video with new procedures would be of benefit. Webb Strategic provided a proposal to produce a new video for approximately \$4,000. Greg has also earmarked some funding for travel, which would include a visit to the incineration site in Virginia to review incineration procedures. If additional promotional funding is required, the Consortium may be asked to provide support.

Greg reported that the Lt. Governor visited CDPHE the previous week and conducted a "town hall." She also wanted to learn more about the take-back program and expressed her support. She was glad to hear that the incineration of medications from Colorado are actually producing energy for a NASA facility. The Lt. Governor has an aeronautics background.

Greg reviewed the cost of the program: \$1,505 per kiosk includes shipping. The cost of each box sent for destruction is \$121. Each box weighs approximately 40 lbs. The overall cost of the program per month averages \$10,000. This figure will increase with the addition of Kaiser medications. The \$300,000 program total also covers \$98,000 for personnel costs, leaving approximately \$200,000 available for program expenses.

DEA NTBI Take-Back Day:

The DEA take-back is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. Work group members, including Jamie Feld, discussed how to promote the event and plans to reach out to local communities. Michael Davidson will utilize the Twitter platform.

9 Health Fair:

Chris Shepard, with 9Health Fair, contacted Greg regarding health fair events she is planning in Boulder and Longmont on April 8th and 9th and April 26th and 27th. She asked if she could obtain Consortium collateral material for the fairs. Michael Davidson will follow up, indicating that he does have brochures, a banner, and a tablecloth. He may also have some posters available.

Jessica Eaddy suggested that Lindsey Kato could assist with the April 8-9th fair. Greg will send a copy of Chris's email to both Jessica and Jamie. He may also be available to attend some of the events. He suggested having a laptop computer available to show fair participants how to find statewide take-back locations. He mentioned that the Boulder Rotary Club is promoting events as well.

PLS Student Project:

Sunny Linnebur is planning a pilot mobile take-back event with students that will also involve participation of the Anschutz campus police. They are still looking for a location and date.

Sharps Disposal Opportunities:

One of the bills from the Interim Study Committee proposed expanding the take-back program to include sharps disposal. The bill is still in a draft form and is part of the Harm Reduction bill. Rob Valuck may have an update on the bill's status. Grant money may be available through needle exchange programs. Tyler Payne indicated that OBH has potentially set aside \$10,000 through the SOR and STR grants. Funding will be based on need. The funding is specifically earmarked for needle supplies and materials disposal, not for destruction, and this funding may only be available through 2019. With input from Whit Oyler, Tyler will keep the work group members updated on the program's progress. Beverly Hastrom presented additional information regarding the syringe disposal process.

2019 Work Group Goals:

Tyler provided a summary of the of the Consortium strategy mapping program, including how objectives and measurements will be tracked. The program will provide the work group chairs an overview of their activities and progress. Information is still being added and is not yet available for work groups to view.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. The May work group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 3001 and by GoToMeeting.