

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Affected Families & Friends Work Group Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2020 by GoToMeeting

Present:

Karen Hill, Co-chair

Suzi Stolte, Co-chair

Tracey Ritter, CRAFT-P/TCHD Work Group

Jennifer Sharp, CRAFT, Pueblo

Justin Schermerhorn, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction

Tracy Cruz, Pueblo

Carrie Carlson, Community Member

Jessica Triplett, CDHS

Consortium Staff: Gina Olberding, Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Jamie Feld, Judy Solano,

Lindsey Simbeye, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent: Don Hill, Carly Larson, Rock Mountain Crisis Partners; Jeremiah Lindemann; Judy Absalon; Rosalee Lux; Hayes Veeneman; Diane Rossi-MacKay; Katy Brown; Robert Johnson; Nathan Gibson; Melissa Mouton; Cynthia Scudo; Jessica Sandgren; Alyssa Moore, RN; Terri Schreiber; Carol Kennedy; Anna Morris; Marjorie Zimdars-Orthman; Katherine Garcia; Julie O'Keefe; Jeff Jones; Christina Dalpiaz; Paul Egan; Cyndee Lutz; Christine Gill; Andres Guerreo; Denise Pickard; Terri Maulik; Linda Hughes; David Loffert, PhD; Tyler Payne; Diane Hollister; Alexandra Proffitt; Cristen Bates; Holly Bishop; Peter Brnovich; Tamara Clark; Dayna DeHerrera-Smith; Tom Jenkins; Robyn Pellegrino, Lindsey Kato. CDC; Consortium: Rob Valuck, Jose Esquibel, Susanna Cooper, Michael Davidson

Work group Co-chair, Suzi Stolte, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Survey Results:

Jen Place reviewed the results of the work group member survey. Most survey respondents indicated that the date and place of work group meetings was inconvenient for those members who work during the day. The work group co-chairs and program manager decided to hold evening meetings in order to encourage attendance. Members were also asked to recommend ideas for future projects.

Work Group Stories:

Ideas for future projects were discussed, including gathering additional personal stories similar to those presented in the "Beyond the Numbers" project. Current stories can be viewed on the Consortium website: <http://www.corxconsortium.org/beyond-the-numbers/>

A number of work group members expressed interest in interviewing and producing additional stories. Those volunteering include: Tracey Ritter, Jessica Eaddy, Lindsey Simbeye, Justin

Schermerhorn, and Jessica Triplett. Members of this group will hold a separate meeting to discuss the project parameters, which could include a podcast and a blog. Suzi Stolte indicated that it would be important to have stories representing various perspectives and geographic locations.

Member Announcements:

Efforts to develop content and material with the Colorado Hospital Association are on hold due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Jessica Eaddy has been communicating with a retired dentist in Salida who is planning a cross-country run to call attention to the opioid crisis. He lost a son to an overdose last year. Jessica will be providing additional information during upcoming meetings in the event the work group is able to provide promotional assistance.

Jen Place mentioned the Center on Addiction, an online organization that provides support for parents and caregivers. They have CRAFT-trained family members available to take phone calls from parents and caregivers. <https://www.centeronaddiction.org>

James Feld said that Boulder County is interested in forming a grief support group.

Lindsey Simbeye suggested compiling a list of resources for communities (such as CRAFT and Strengthening Families). A resource listing has been discussed by the work group during past meetings. Judy Solano, Tracey Ritter, and Jessica Triplett volunteered to pursue this effort and agreed to set up a separate meeting to discuss how this might be accomplished.

Gina suggested such a list could be hosted by the Consortium website.

Jessica Triplett said that her CRAFT training is now done via Zoom.

Judy Solano spoke about the possibility of organizing community-wide events in conjunction with Overdose Awareness Day in August. Events could also take place in connection with health fairs. Lindsey Simbeye suggested community events similar to the red carpet event organized for the “Beyond the Numbers” project.

Work group members also discussed the statewide naloxone day where naloxone was distributed to communities as well as the “Bring Naloxone Home” campaign organized by the Public Awareness Work Group. Jen Place said she would follow up on this with Theresa Baillie, Director of Community Health Solutions for Emergent BioSolutions (naloxone distributor).

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th from 7-8 p.m. by GoToMeeting.