

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Harm Reduction Work Group Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019 – School of Pharmacy & by Teleconference

Attendees:

Lisa Raville (Co-chair) Harm Reduction Action Center
Charlotte Ledonne, San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center
Heather Ponicsan, Boulder and Broomfield Counties
Jess Fear, Health District of Northern Larimer County
Dayna DeHerrera-Smith, Front Range Clinic
Krista Olsen, School of Pharmacy
Christopher Doyal, Montrose Mental Health
Michael Ford, Jefferson County Public Health
Julia Rawlings, School of Pharmacy
Rebekah Armstrong
Ann Talbott, ARTS
Katie Olson, CDPHE
Jane Davis, AmeriCorps
Seth Johnson, AmeriCorps
Consortium Staff: Jose Esquibel, Gina Olberding, Susanna Cooper, Jen Place, Tyler Payne, Jessica Eaddy, Jamie Feld, Judy Solano, Michael Davidson, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent:

Chris Stock, (Co-chair) Pharmacist; Adam Starker, Stout Street Health Center; Karen Hill, JP Opioid Interaction Awareness Alliance; Amanda Bent, Drug Policy 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; Ingrid Binswanger, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Christina Mead, HHS/HRSA; Alma McKinley, Regional Pharmacist, CMS; Katy Brown, 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; Kathy Patrick, Colorado Department of Public Education; Tony Saiz, Albertsons/Safeway; Stephanie Stewart, MD, UC Denver; Ericka Alexander, Genoa Healthcare; 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; Haley Foster, Tri-County Health Department; Briana Sprague, CDPHE; LeAnna Kent, CDPHE; Ann Talbott, ARTS; Mike Nerenberg, MD; Kiley Floren, Larimer County Health District; Lauren Boyle, Stout Street Center; 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; Amy Van

Voorhis, RN, CeDAR; Mary Pat Dewald, RN, APRN; Christine Zeitvogel, Pueblo LEAD; Della Turque, AmeriCorps; Jackie Blachman-Forshay, Boulder County Public Health; Chris Hammond, Jefferson County Public Health; Kim Ward, King Soopers; Daniel Shodell, MD, CDPHE; Don Teater, MD, Teater Health Solutions; Carol Helwig, Boulder County Public Health; Rachael McLaughlin, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners; Cassidy Foster, AmeriCorps; Veronika Hanna, AmeriCorps VISTA; Trisha Bush, RN, The Center for Mental Health; Rochelle Galey, Division of Youth Corrections
Deanna UliBarri-Crespin, Central Colorado AHEC; Tracy Cruz, AmeriCorps

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the March 2019 work group meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Naloxone Awareness Campaign Update:

Cactus Communications was originally scheduled to provide a creative concepts presentation to the work group; however, a special meeting has been scheduled instead for Friday, May 17th to obtain stakeholder input. All work group members are invited to attend. A meeting invitation was emailed on May 7th.

Harm Reduction Conferences:

Colorado Springs: Over 100 people attended a conference in Colorado Springs on April 17th. Jessica Eaddy and Judy Solano helped organize the meeting. Rob Valuck, Judy Solano, and Scott McFadden addressed participants. Scott spoke about the use of MAT during recovery. Chris Hammond also spoke about implementing a syringe access program within a local health department. The El Paso Board of Health had voted against syringe access programs, which generated a lot of comments and questions. The local newspaper also wrote an article about the conference. Action Point distributed naloxone on site. Judy Solano spent some time speaking with the media and family members. The family members expressed concern about the community attitude against syringe access programs. It was noted that Mary Steiner has just recently retired from the Community Health Partnership. Amy McCord will be replacing Mary in some of the CHP work areas.

Naloxone Champions Work Group: Jess Fear and Dayna DeHerrera-Smith are leaders of this work group. They are planning a full-day event in Weld County on Friday, June 28th where they have quite a few partners. Partners include the Central Colorado AHEC, North Colorado Health Alliance, the Evans Library, the City of Greeley, North Colorado Health Network. The event will be held at the Evans Library. The second part of the day will offer provider waiver training. Voices in Recovery will also be in attendance. Jess will forward an event flyer to disseminate to Consortium members. Jess is interested in learning more about having naloxone available at the conference and will follow up with Signal Behavioral Health.

Harm Reduction Bill Discussion (SB 227):

Jamie Feld put together an infographic of all the pending opioid-related bills. Both SB 001 MAT Expansion and SB 079 Electronic Prescribing have been signed into law. The seven bills listed below contained approximately \$10 million for opioid related activities.

SB 001: Mat Pilot Expansion, SB 008: Criminal Justice, SB 079: Electronic Prescribing, SB 227: Harm Reduction, SB 228: Prevention, HB 1009: Recovery; HB 1287 Treatment.

SB 227 includes \$659,000 for the bulk purchase of Narcan at a discounted price and for sharps disposal. CDPHE will be contracting with a prescription drug outlet. The bill also requires naloxone with AEDs in public settings, allows naloxone in schools, and also allows hospitals to function as syringe access sites. It also addresses the barrier of ID verification for treatment.

Bill updates can be found at the following links:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills>

<http://www.corxconsortium.org/blog/>

Comments/Questions:

Jose Esquibel asked which CDPHE department would be responsible for setting up the naloxone bulk purchasing program. It is expected that additional funding will be forthcoming from the Attorney General's office from settlements. Jose said there should be a formula established that relates to the amount of amount of money in the fund relative to the percentage of discount allowed. He mentioned law enforcement naloxone purchase costs in Massachusetts (\$10 instead of the standard \$70 for a kit).

Katie Olson said this program will be administered by Lindsey Myers department at CDPHE and they welcome implementation suggestions from work group members. Jose will continue to be involved in the Narcan distribution program and also welcomes participation and assistance from work group members in order to coordinate with CDPHE.

SB 008 contained funding to expand Law enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programs from 4 to 10 Colorado cities, but that language was removed from the bill. A harm reduction grant program that would form partnerships between law enforcement and harm reduction programs. This program allows for technical assistance as well as the purchase of supplies. It will also expand the co-responder program within the Office of Behavioral Health. CDPHE will be managing the funds. A harm reduction point person will also be hired to oversee the program statewide.

Standing Orders Update:

Katie Olson reported that there will be number of changes in the program. As of July 1st, standing orders will be issued at the department level, but still under the authorization of the chief medical officer. Schools will be added to the program. They are now working on updating the standing order language. The pharmacist standing order is now much shorter. A new CDPHE naloxone-specific position is being

established in order to handle bulk orders, outreach, and training. Outreach to schools will be required in order to educate school nurses. Once the CDPHE legal department has reviewed the updates, Katie will seek comments and suggestions from the work group members.

Gina Olberding suggested that the nurses association conference could provide a venue for outreach. Jose mentioned school newsletters and the Colorado Education Association, particularly departments concerned with legal issues. Jessica attended the school nurses conference in 2018 and will plan to attend the 2019 conference. The 2019 NASN conference is scheduled for June 28 – July 1. Link: <https://www.nasn.org/nasn/programs/conferences/annual-conference>

Judy Solano, RN, also offered her assistance.

RTI Press Release – Supervised Consumption Services:

Lisa reported on a new study that shows SC services reduce opioid overdose deaths. The study can be found at www.RTI.org. Over 90 per cent of the individuals interviewed for the study reported that they would have injected in a public restroom, street, park, or parking lot had the site not been available. Lisa will email the report to Rosemarie for inclusion in the minutes.

Announcements:

2019 Overdose Awareness Day is scheduled for August 31, 2019.

The naloxone awareness campaign will be launched in August in preparation of Overdose Awareness Day.

Jamie Feld has a listing of all of the other events that will take place on August 31st in conjunction with Overdose Awareness Day. She will email the listing to the work group. The Overdose Awareness Day website also has additional information available: <https://www.overdoseday.com/>

Charlotte Ledonne reported that 40 people participated in their harm reduction program. They are also working closely with their local public health department.

Jessica Eaddy visited Durango, Telluride, and Silverton several weeks ago. She conducted naloxone training at the Telluride Library. They plan to carry naloxone on site. They also plan to carry additional naloxone supplies during the Telluride festival season. She also conducted training in Durango, which was also attended by AmeriCorps members.

Seth Johnson recently trained the Jeffco security and safety coordinator on naloxone administration. He has also trained the library social worker. While the libraries are not carrying naloxone, several employees are interested in the initiative. Seth also met with nursing students working with Jeffco Public Health. He is planning a lunch and learn for employees at Jeffco Public Health and will be setting up a lunch and learn with Jeffco Health & Human Services Department. Approximately 100 individuals have expressed interest in training.

Jose said that he and Rob will be meeting with the chairs of the Interim Study Committee before the end of May to discuss future agenda items they would like to address. He asked work group members to let him know of any agenda items they would like to include. The ISC also wants information regarding the results of Consortium efforts over the past couple of years.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9th from 1–2 p.m. in SSPPS Room 3001 and by GoToMeeting.