

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019 – OMNI Institute & by GoToMeeting

Present:

Rourke Weaver, Co-Chair, Red Rocks Recovery Center
Dana Smith, Co-Chair, The Phoenix
Tonya Wheeler, Advocates for Recovery Colorado
Kathleen Hernandez, AspenPointe
Jalyn Ingalls, Colorado Health Institute
Cathy Plush, Springs Recovery Connection
Sarah Morley, Face it Together
Jennifer Loth-Hill, DDPHE
Seth Forwood, Denver Rescue Mission
Larry Wall, Wall Consulting
Gaye Croft, Telligen
Anna Michaels-Boffy, Illuminate Colorado
Hattie Landry, Illuminate Colorado
Whitney Mielke, The Phoenix
Tracy Cruz, AmeriCorps
Consortium: Jose Esquibel, Gina Olberding, Place, Jessica Eaddy, Judy Solano, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent:

Mike Mielke, The Phoenix; Julie Corbett, Authentically U Marketing; Deidre Tygart, Stout Street; Michael Miller, Jefferson County Public Health; Pastor Tom Roth, Step Seven; Denise Vincioni, Denver Recovery Group; Michele Ryan, BHG Recovery; Rod Rushing, Peer Academy; Tabitha Shackleton, Community Member; Grady Harlow, RMHIDTA; Don Stader, M.D.; Jennifer Drapeaux, The Refuge; Melissa Mouton, 5280 High School; Stacey Oster, Community Member; Molly Smith; Qing Li, Epidemiologist; Michael Davidson, Consortium; Timothy Harrington, Sustainably Recovery; Jessie Wheeler, Recovery Data Solutions; Heidi Lichtenburger, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners; Edward Tilton, Valiant Living; Mark Macintosh, A Stronger Cord; Rob Valuck, Consortium; Tyler Payne, Consortium; Matt Holmes, The Phoenix; Cuica Montoya, Denver Public Library; Susanna Cooper, Consortium; Ann Ault, Illuminate Colorado; Darcy Koehn, Foothills Integrated Health; Anna Hebert, Adventures in Soberland, Jean Howard, Crossroads Turning Points; Linda Martin, OBH; Amy Van Voorhis, CeDAR; Daniel Fuchs, Oxford House; Thomas Hernandez, Tribe Recovery Homes; Jeff Riley, Tribe Recovery Homes; Evelyn Hardy, TJCC Denver; Rachael McLoughlin, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners; Karen Campbell, Colorado Department of Human Services; Steve Pietrafeso, Denver Rescue Mission; Lindsey Kato, Consortium; Heather Dolan, Signal Behavioral Health; Beverly Sloan, Retired Health Professional; Joseph Ellis, Jefferson County First Judicial District; Butch Lewis, David's House; Bryan Standley, Creative Treatment Options; Michael Arnold, Harmony Foundation; Allison Harden, Beyond Betty; Mary Nunnery, VA; Jamie Feld, Consortium

Co-chair Rourke Weaver called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Emergency Room Recovery Support Service Update:

Jen Place provided an update. Jen met with Memorial Hospital staff and Daun Gillam, Springs Recovery Connection. Memorial is very enthused about the program. Invoices are beginning to be processed. Memorial will have a support specialist available beginning four days per week and will then expand to five and six days per week. Cathy Plush, Springs Recovery Connection, has also met with Memorial.

Swedish Hospital's program has encountered some delay due to insurance issues. Since Don Stader's organization is involved, it was determined that his organization would have to carry the insurance, and they are not set up to do so. Other options are being explored, including coverage by Dr. Stader's sub-contractor. A meeting is scheduled next week with the university's risk management staff. Larry Wall mentioned that insurance might be available through another organization. He will send that organization's link to Jen.

Cathy Plush agreed to provide a monthly update of the Memorial program for work group members.

The "Colorado Springs Independent" will be publishing an article about the Memorial project. Cathy will send the article to work group members.

Strategic Plan Update:

Jalyn Ingalls updated members on the survey results and indicated that the finalized strategic plan will be shared with the Consortium Coordinating Committee on Thursday during their monthly meeting. Committee members will be asked to provide feedback.

Implementation of the plan was discussed. Jose Esquibel suggested that any implementation plan should be determined by priority. Some efforts may not require a lot of resources, while others may even involve legislative policies. The interim study committee will be meeting on August 13th. A copy of the plan will be available for testimony.

Six meeting dates for the 2019 Opioid and other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee have been selected. The dates and a short description of probable meeting topics are below. Public testimony on a particular topic should be provided at the corresponding meeting. Meetings will take place in the Old State Library/Room 271 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Tuesday, July 9, 9:30 a.m.

AM: overview of current state efforts regarding substance use disorder

PM: expert/stakeholder/committee discussion on gaps in prevention and education for substance use disorders

Tuesday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.

AM: expert/stakeholder/committee discussion on gaps in harm reduction for substance use disorders

PM: expert/stakeholder/committee discussion on gaps in substance use disorders and the criminal justice system

Tuesday, August 13, 9:30 a.m.

AM: expert/stakeholder/committee discussion on gaps in treatment for substance use disorders
PM: expert/stakeholder/committee discussion on gaps in substance use disorders recovery

Tuesday, August 27, 9:30 a.m.

AM & PM: committee discussion and vote on bill drafts requests

Tuesday, September 24, 9:30 a.m.

AM & PM: committee and stakeholder discussion on status of bill draft requests

Tuesday, October 29, 9:30 a.m.

AM & PM: committee discussion and vote to forward final bill drafts to Legislative Council

Comments can also be submitted to the committee via an online form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc56sxz0icWLrkCtZeHNF1ToJG6wU-Nn7XwFBn0SDhbyK3R5w/viewform>

The submission deadline is close of business, June 25, 2019.

In preparation for a meeting with the Division of Housing, Jose asked work group members to contact Jen Place regarding housing voucher requirements.

Jose reported that funding has been received to cover grant writers for rural areas. Plans are underway to set up a grant writing program. More information regarding the program will be available at future work group meetings.

Jose also reviewed the legislative successes over the past year and encouraged members to send thank you emails to their respective legislators. The legislative accomplishments in Colorado have achieved national attention, and the Consortium has been invited to give a presentation to The National Council of State Legislators.

Rourke mentioned the possible national shift towards focusing on substance use disorders in general rather than specifically on opioids.

New Objectives:

Strategic Planning Retreat:

Rourke asked work group members to consider the following: work group goals, general concerns, and what can be done to educate legislators. It was decided to hold an additional meeting devoted to these topics. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd at 3 to 5 p.m. at the OMNI Institute and via GoToMeeting.

Recovery Ready Colorado:

The history of this initiative was discussed at length. Jose provided historical information and discussed potential future social media programs and events.

Announcements/Other Business:

Illuminate Colorado is recruiting family members for a focus group meeting to be held in late June/early July. A flyer about the Family Advisory Board is attached to the minutes.

Dana Smith will be stepping down as Recovery Work Group Co-chair, but will continue to be involved in work group activities. Michael Miller, Jefferson County Public Health, has agreed to assume the position of work group co-chair.

Jen Place reviewed the strategic plan survey responses. 335 responses were received from 40 Colorado counties. The information is contained in the strategic plan, which will be emailed to work group members

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at OMNI Institute in Denver.

Attachment:

Illuminate Colorado Family Advisory Board Information