

Heroin Response Work Group

June 16, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Green, DHS	Denise Vincioni, D Recovery
Lisa Larsen, DSO	Scot Williams, BCDF
Andrea Maciejewski, CU Law	Jessica Eaddy, CO Consortium
Chris Grano, CDPHE	Rob Urluck, CO Consortium
Jamie Feld, BCPH	Tom Gorman, RMHIDTA
Katie Olsen, CDPHE	Chelsey Clarke, RMHIDTA
Bill Warren, DEA	Alexis Madrigal, RMHIDTA
Darren Schnider, DEA	Rick Brandt, CACP
Gina Olberding, CCPDAP	Lindsey Kato, CDPHE
Jose Esquibel, CO AG	Marc Condojani, OBH
Elizabeth Brumleve, CO AG	Randal Weaver, RR Recovery

Call to order: Co-Chair Lindsey Myers was not able to attend the meeting but fortunately Lindsey Kato agreed to act as the “Gorman whisperer”. Chairman Gorman called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves. Jose Esquibel made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting which was seconded by Lindsey Kato and approved by the membership.

Chairman Gorman congratulated the group for completing the strategy assignments within three months as opposed to seven. The minor exception was the crisis hot line which is proceeding faster than anticipated. Gorman mentioned that the reason for pushing short deadlines is the belief that these strategies will impact individuals using heroin. The quicker they are implemented the sooner we impact the user. How many heroin users will be impacted because this working group completed these projects four months ahead of the target? Gorman also emphasized as we consider more strategies that we adopt the philosophy that: “if it’s a good idea and the right thing to do we should be able to make it happen”.

Strategy I- Law Enforcement/Treatment Relationship Report: The report “Forging a Law Enforcement and Substance Abuse Treatment/Recovery Partnership” is complete. It will be ready to be distributed by Monday, June 26th. The only issues left to be resolved are the cover and credits. The group was ok with the draft cover but Lindsey Kato is going to examine some other options. The group suggested that individual names not be listed on the heroin assessment report. They suggested crediting the Colorado Heroin Response Work Group as part of the consortium and list the two co-chairs with their contact information. Also indicate that it is on the consortium website.

There is a nationwide interest in this report. Members can distribute it or post wherever they feel appropriate. Both ONDCP and CDC have expressed an interest. Chairman Gorman will send a copy to ONDCP and Chairwoman Myers will send a copy to CDC.

Strategy II- PAARI/LEAD: The report “From Law Enforcement to Treatment (Heroin in Colorado)” has been revised and is still in draft form. Tom sent the document out on Monday morning for the group to provide their edits and input. There will be a short turnaround of business Wednesday, June 21st. The

reason is that the two reports plus the LEAD funding announcement will be available in a packet to be distributed at the Chiefs of Police Conference the last week in June. Jose Esquibel is preparing talking points for Attorney General Coffman to discuss the working group strategies' and Evans PD Chief Brandt will be discussing PAARI and LEAD and making the work group material available to the chiefs.

Strategy III- Rocky Mountain Crisis Hot Line: Marc Condojani did a report on the hot line that he and Lindsey Kato are handling. They have made tremendous progress. With funding provided by OBH they will be able to add a substance abuse component (staff) to this hot line. They will include training, a law enforcement needs assessment and hope to have the project complete by the 1st of September. The work group should be please that such a major project could be completed that quickly by government. Marc must have been influenced by his fire fighter mentality.

Future Strategies for the Work Group: Chairman Gorman will re-distribute the original list of strategies prepared by the work group. He and Co-Chair Myers request members of the work group to come up with additional strategies for consideration. Gorman suggestion was not to limit your ideas but make sure the strategy would impact the heroin problem in Colorado.

Monthly Meeting: Chairman Gorman mentioned that many of the work groups are meeting every other month rather than monthly. They are scheduling the meetings in the months that the consortium is not meeting. Gorman asked the group whether they wanted to change and meet every other month. The consensus of the group was to have a July meeting and then discuss the possibly of going every other month.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next meeting: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:15-3:00 PM