

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Data Work Group Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2019 – SOP Room 3001 & by GoToMeeting

Present:

Barbara Gabella, MSPH, Co-Chair

Alia Al-Tayyib, PhD, Co-Chair

Damien Angel

Ethan Hawkins, Denver Public Health

Andres Guerrero, CDPHE

Lina Brou, UC Denver

Qing Li, Epidemiologist

Allison Rosenthal, CDPHE

Heather Tolle, OBH

Seth Foldy, Denver Public Health

Consortium: Gina Olberding, Susanna Cooper, Tyler Payne, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent:

Alice Casey, Pickens Technical College; Jodi Duke, UC Denver; Jan Kief, MD, Colorado Medical Society; Kristen Dixon, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Joe Frank, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Judith Miller, PhD, Addiction Recovery Treatment Provider; Charles Smith, SAMHSA Region 8; Jade Woodard, Illuminate Colorado; Sara E. Swan, BMS; Ron Gowins, Counselor; Katy Brown, PharmD, Telligen; Ken Davis, Northwest Colorado Health; Jeremiah Lindemann, ESRI; Kirk Bol, CDPHE; Talia Pindyck, MD, Colorado School of Public Health; Craig McCarty, MD; Alexis Ritvo, MD; Erin Ferries, PhD, MPH, Humana; Ingrid Binswanger, MD, Kaiser Permanente; Tom Denberg, MD, Pinnacle; Felice Seigneur, CDPHE; Kendall Sauer, Office of Behavioral Health; Eddy Costa, CIVHC; Dawn Nannini, Team Wellness & Prevention; Katie Gelman, OMNI; J.K. Costello, MD, Steadman Group; Andrea Duran; Hanie Kim, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Kiley Floren, Health District of Northern Larimer County; Christina Nichols, CDPHE; Tom Jenkins, Western Colorado Health Network; Linda Hughes, Exit the Highway; Terri Schreiber, The Schreiber Research Group; Roland Flores, MD; Jose Tomas Prieto, Denver Health; Dean McEwen, Denver Public Health; Helen Harris, El Paso County Public Health; Stephanie Russell, OBH; Michael Boyson, Telligen; Marion Rorke, Denver Environmental Health; Kate Watkins, Jefferson County Public Health; Rachel Linger, Rocky Vista University; Jackie Blackman-Forshey, Boulder County Public Health; Adrienne Jones, CDHS Office of Behavioral Health; Dionisia DelaCerde, UC Denver; Kate Watkins, Jefferson County Public Health; George Swan, Retired Hospital Administrator; Daniel Shodell, CDPHE; Maura Proser, Tri-County Health; Heidi McNeely, Childrens Hospital; Maria Butler, CDPHE; Katie Olson, CDPHE; Gaye Croft, Telligen; Claudia Amura, College of Nursing; Kelly Kast, Jefferson County Center for Public Health; Consortium: Rob Valuck, Jose Esquibel, Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Jamie Feld, Judy Solano, Lindsey Kato, Michael Davidson

Co-Chair Barbara Gabella called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

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

CIVHC/APCD (All Payer Claims Database) Analysis Update:

Barbara provided a brief update. CIVHC finalized the paperwork to conduct an analysis related to pain management, but will not be able to analyze the data related to substance use disorders due to a lack of information. CIVHC is applying for a scholarship to pay for the analysis. The analysis will describe the prevalence of major chronic conditions typically causing chronic pain and the major pain management modalities. This analysis may or may not result in new dashboard indicators. The preliminary analysis will be presented to the work group for discussion of the main findings and implications

Denver Fentanyl Early Warning Dashboard Presentation:

The early warning system is the result of a partnership between Denver Public Health, the Denver County Department of Public Health & Environment, the Denver Police Department, Denver Paramedics (DHHA), and Precision Laboratories. The findings presented are in preliminary form and not ready for publication.

Seth Foldy (Denver Public Health) presented the following slides:

- Fentanyl early-warning system overview
- Denver Police lab fentanyl testing of seized drugs
- Positive urine screens for fentanyl and analogs in drug rehab north central region of Colorado, and also in surrounding areas
- EMS incidents with recovery following high doses of naloxone (proxy for potent opioid)
- Opioid overdoses in hospitals and ER departments in north central region of Colorado
- Denver County deaths involving fentanyl

Presentation Highlights:

Seth stated that there is currently not a lot of fentanyl adulteration in illicit drugs in Denver, but when and if it should occur, it could result in many deaths. A CDC grant (through CDPHE to DDPHE & DPH) funded the early warning dashboard, the random sampling of police-seized drugs for analysis, and planning for community alerting if increased hazard is recognized. Fentanyl is among items Precision Labs tests in rehab urine samples. When high naloxone doses are required for resuscitation, it suggests a potent opioid (possibly including fentanyl or its analogs). This can also happen during a potent heroin overdose.

The emergency department National Syndromic Surveillance Program data is queried for overdoses, but is not fentanyl specific. Information from the city and county medical examiner regarding the presence of fentanyl is also obtained. Seth discussed the collection of random fentanyl testing that occurs during

arrests or drug related searches. Drugs seized are often counterfeit opioid tablets that contain fentanyl as their main narcotic ingredient.

A future presentation might include the public health actions resulting from the collected data.

Research & Other Announcements:

Qing Li mentioned an upcoming conference on American Indian/Alaskan Native Injury & Violence Prevention that will be held in Denver July 23rd – 25th.

(Link: <https://web.cvent.com/event/79dd0217-54a7-41f9-a50e-fb77a3dc4f73/websitePage:645d57e4-75eb-4769-b2c0-f201a0bfc6ce>)

In August, Barbara Gabella will attend an American Medical Association summit on best practices related to public health surveillance of prescription drugs.

Barbara and Gina discussed data required by the Recovery Work Group (Jen Place).

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is planning a project to link PDMP and death data to assess any association between benzodiazepine tapering and suicide. The anticipated project deadline is the end of August.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019, from 1-2 p.m. in SSPPS Room 3001 and by GoToMeeting. Devon Williford, MPH, Specialist, Health and GIS Integration, will speak on “Stepping through CDPHE's Open Data website: Maps! and a Platform for Data Engagement.”

Attachment: Denver Fentanyl Early Warning Dashboard Presentation