Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Safe Disposal Work Group Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2019 – School of Pharmacy & by Teleconference

Present:
Sunny Linnebur, Co-chair, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy
Greg Fabisiak, Co-chair, CDPHE
Beverly Hanstrom, Colorado Medical Waste
Jessica Triplett, OBH
Quig Li, Epidemiologist
Alice Casey, Pickens Technical College
Jonathon Bloomfield, Verde Technologies
Consortium: Gina Olberding, Tyler Payne, Jessica Eaddy, Michael Davidson, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent:
Kathryn Stewart, CDPHE; Alan Miller, Omnicare; Karen Price, Good Day Pharmacy; Kelli Metz, UC Denver; Doc Nyiro, Waste Management of Colorado; Jeff Harnsberger, Genoa; Daniel Goetz, CDPHE; John Bender, MD, Colorado Medical Society; Kathryn Stewart, CDPHE; Scott Sickafoose, Arapahoe County Sheriff; Joe Frank, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Selin Hoboy, Stericycle, Inc.; Terry Brenton, Stericycle, Inc.; Jeff Woodhouse, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America; Katie Sullivan, PhD Student, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy; Al Garcia, USEPA, Region 8; Jace Driver, CDPHE; Erin Baurle, Jefferson Center for Mental Health; Sarah Swan, BMS; Kavitha Kailasam, Rise Above Colorado; Randy Knutsen, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy; Debbie Trever, Boulder County; Craig McCarty, MD; Alyssa Moore, RN; Laurrie Lorenzo, Pharmacy Student; Grady Harlow, RMHIDTA; Zach Urban, Wheat Ridge City Council; Ashley Hill, Region 17 Health Connector; Matthew Hess, Colorado AHEC Program Office; Erin Ferries, Humana; Mary Steiner, Community Health Partnership; David Ternus, Walgreens; Erika Alexander, Genoa Healthcare; Trisha Bush, The Center for Mental Health; LeeAnn White, Telligen; Rebekah Armstrong, AmeriCorps; Seth Johnson, AmeriCorps; Denna UliBarri-Crespin, AmeriCorps; Jane Davis, AmeriCorps; Alexandra Simunaci, AmeriCorps; Tracy Cruz, AmeriCorps; Madison Chambers, AmeriCorps; Cassidy Foster, AmeriCorps; Amy McCord, CePAR; Consortium: Rob Valuck, Jose Esquibel, Susanna Cooper, Jen Place, Jamie Feld, Judy Solano, Lindsey Kato

Co-Chair Greg Fabisiak called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Take-Back Program Update:

June was the first month that included collections at all of the 15 Kaiser Permanente locations. A record of 4,786 pounds of medications were collected, of which 1,026 pounds came from Kaiser locations.
May’s medication collection totaled 4,179 pounds, including 26 pounds from Kaiser (only one Kaiser clinic sent in medications for destruction in May).

Greg emphasized the importance of concentrating program expansion on cities and towns with populations of 1,000 or more that do not yet have permanent collection kiosks. Greg now has a contact at the Spanish Peaks Medical Center in Walsenburg and is waiting to hear back from the medical director.

The take-back program fiscal year began on July 1. The contract with Trilogy has been renewed for the next fiscal year. Remaining counties without dropboxes include Dolores, Mineral, and Kiowa. Jessica Eaddy mentioned that she plans to follow up with the Mineral County sheriff.

**Senate Bill 19-227:**

This bill included an expansion of the medication take-back program to include the collection and disposal of sharps. The current FY, which began on July 1, includes funding for a partial FTE (Greg’s position). Funding totals approximately $38,000. The first year will be devoted to developing program rules and regulations and the issuance of an RFP to engage the services of a contractor to handle the sharps part of the program. FY 20/21 appropriates approximately $169,000 for the partial FTE, half of the program kiosks, and initial disposal costs. The FY 21/22 appropriation totals approximately $211,000 for program buildout. It is not clear at this point if that funding covers an FTE. For the fiscal years beyond 2022, disposal appropriations total approximately $167,000. The fiscal note assumed at least one collection site in every county, with more populated counties having an additional collection site for every population increment of 100,000 people.

Greg plans to initiate stakeholders’ meetings and will begin with a meeting on July 31st at CDPHE to establish a rules and regulations committee. He will be emailing the meeting information to work group members and other interested stakeholders. The rulemaking meeting at the Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission will be scheduled some time in February 2020, likely the 18th. Greg will provide the commission with an informational briefing in October. Greg will also be giving presentations to local public health directors at the end of July.

Sunny Linnebur suggested that overdose deaths per county could indicate syringe-related harm and should be considered as a priority for sharps collection. Tyler Payne said he would ask the Data Work Group for this information. Lisa Raville might also have this information.

Beverly Hanstrom provided the following update regarding City and County of Denver kiosks. Four sharps collection kiosks are currently in place:

1. MacIntosh Park, 15th and Cleveland
2. Alma Park, 12th and Mariposa
3. Governor’s Park, 7th and Logan
4. Denver Fire Department, 19th and Lawrence
An additional kiosk is planned for the Detention Facility. Jefferson County will be installing their sharps kiosk by the end of July.

Beverly suggested that publicizing sharps locations could be a part of the Consortium’s social media efforts, as the first month’s collection was very low and the kiosks were filled with trash rather than sharps.

Heather Gardens is hosting a recycling fair on Friday, November 15th from 1-4 p.m. They would like to include medication take-back and sharps collection during the fair. The Heather Garden’s contact for this event is Jennifer May. Heather Gardens will be contacting Sunny directly. Beverly will email additional contact information to Sunny.

Colorado Medical Waste will also be selling kiosks. Additional information will be available on their website in August (link: https://www.coloradomedicalwaste.com/). Beverly will also send information to Greg for the September meeting agenda.

**2019 Work Group Goals:**

Tyler reviewed the structure of the work group’s strategy map and the goals established to date and additional goals to be added (i.e., list of potential collections sites, rules and regulations related to sharps collection). The strategy map reflects each work group’s project year (October to September). Each October, the Consortium annual meeting summarizes the work accomplished during the prior work group year. The strategy map also displays collaboration across work groups.

The mobile take-back project was briefly discussed. Sunny mentioned that the campus police can only be involved in take-backs of this nature that are located in Aurora, which presents a barrier. Michael Davidson mentioned Jefferson County. Sunny said that Jefferson County is very involved with their senior center functions and may be a location for a future mobile take-back. A discussion was held regarding promotion of such an event.

**Other Items:**

Jonathon Bloomfield mentioned National Night Out (link: https://natw.org/about/) and RALI (Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative) as well as articles in the Journal of the American Medical Association related to in-home drug disposal. Jonathon is reaching out to Colorado law enforcement agencies to see if they have an interest in distributing Deterra drug deactivation pouches, paid for by RALI, at their National Night Out events.

Gina Olberding said a RALI event is scheduled on July 15th at CeDAR/Anschutz Campus and that disposal pouches will be distributed at this event.
Adjourment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th from 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 3001 and by GoToMeeting.