

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Harm Reduction Work Group Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018 – School of Pharmacy & by Teleconference

Attendees:

Lisa Raville (Co-chair) Harm Reduction Action Center
Chris Stock, (Co-chair) Pharmacist
Charlotte Ledonne, San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center
Chris Hammond, Jefferson County Public Health
Christopher Grano, CDPHE
Cori Wells, AmeriCorps Program Manager
Veronika Hanna, AmeriCorps VISTA
Katie Olson, CPHE
Alyson Williams, Health District of Northern Larimer County
Carol Helwig, Boulder County Public Health
Lauren Boyle, Stout Street Center
Rachael McLaughlin, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners
Amanda Bent, Drug Policy Alliance
Julia Rawlings, School of Pharmacy
Rob Valuck, Consortium
Gina Olberding, Consortium
Whit Oyler, Consortium
Susanna Cooper, Consortium
Tyler Payne, Consortium
Jessica Eaddy, Consortium
Michael Davidson, Consortium
Rosemarie MacDowell, Consortium

Absent:

Adam Starker, Stout Street Health Center; Karen Hill, JP Opioid Interaction Awareness 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; Lauren Marek, Boulder County Public Health; Ingrid Binswanger, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Christina Mead, HHS/HRSA; Joel Giles, King Soopers; Alma McKinley, Regional Pharmacist, CMS; Katy Brown, Medication Safety & Adverse Drug Event Prevention, Telligen; William Gersch, Colorado Permanente Medical Group; Trisha Bush, RN, The Center for Mental Health; 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; Jamie Feld, Boulder County Public Health; Grady Harlow; Colt Smith, iThrive; Mary Steiner, Colorado Springs Community Health Partnership; Kathy Patrick, Colorado Department of

Public Education; Tony Saiz, Albertsons/Safeway; Stephanie Stewart, MD, UC Denver; Ericka Alexander, Genoa Healthcare; Kristy Jordan, Signal Behavioral Health Network; Gabrielle Rodriguez, North Colorado Health Alliance; Qing Li, Epidemiologist; Luke Richards, Cordant Health; Theresa Baillie, Adapt Pharma; Chris Benjamin, Boulder; Daniel Shodell, MD, CDPHE; Linda Martin, CDPHE; Heidi Lightenburger, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners; Jasjit Gill, UC Denver; Rochelle Galey, Division of Youth Corrections; Haley Foster, Tri-County Health Department; Karen Chappelow, Liver Health Connection; Briana Sprague, CDPHE; LeAnna Kent, CDPHE; Ann Talbott, ARTS; Mike Nerenberg, MD; Krista Olsen, School of Pharmacy; Jess Fear, Larimer County Health District; Kiley Floren, Larimer County Health District; Judy Solano, RN, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association; Mary Pat Dewald, RN, APRN; Jen Place, Consortium

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the July 2018 work group meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Overdose Awareness Day Activities Report:

Chris Stock mentioned that he visited the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland on August 31st and noted they are supporting overdose awareness activities worldwide.

Lisa Raville reported that local Denver Overdose Awareness Day activities included approximately 100 people. Some media coverage was lacking due to the fact that it was Labor Day Weekend.

Gina Olberding reported on the event at the School of Pharmacy featuring Rep. Mike Coffman. Approximately 40 people attended, including a representative from Channel 2 News. The event also featured a panel discussion covering safe disposal, recovery, VA activities, and personal stories.

Alyson Williams said that the Health District of Northern Larimer County also had an event attended by over 250 people and approximately 25 service providers.

Jefferson County Public Health sponsored an event attended by 80 people, including vendors, treatment providers, and individuals in recovery. Approximately 20 people received Narcan training; 15 kits were distributed. Rob Valuck also attended.

Charlotte Ledonne said they trained about 31 people in the use of Narcan and also published information in the local Alamosa newspaper. Their public health nurse also spent time in a local park disseminating information and answering questions.

Naloxone Trust/Interim Study Committee:

Rob Valuck said that one of the issues being addressed again by the Interim Study Committee relates to naloxone and the possibility of establishing a trust within legislation. Bills are currently being drafted for presentation to the committee next week. The committee met on August 20th and identified the same areas of interest except for clinical practice, i.e., Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction Prevention, and

Criminal Justice. Each of these topics has a sub-group leader. Syringe access was removed from the list in order to avoid polarization. Anything related to clinical practice will be added to one of the other categories. Lisa also mentioned that supervised injection facilities will not be considered by the ISC this year.

HB 1003 Funding:

Susanna Cooper, Lisa Raville, and Chris Stock formulated a list of ideas and scope of work related to HB 1003 funding (see attached). The spend-down date for the funding is September 30, 2019.

Highlights/Work Group Comments:

Naloxone Videos: Chris Grano asked if existing desktop videos were also considered. Susanna indicated that they were looking at existing You Tube videos, but would also improve upon the level of professionalism.

Prescribe to Prevent videos are good and could be made more Colorado specific. Susanna is also looking into developing a 15-minute law enforcement training video that will be Colorado specific and include information regarding legislation.

Harm Reduction Conferences: Two or three conferences are planned around the state and will include topics such as harm reduction, anti-stigma, community-based naloxone training.

Lisa Raville said there is a lot of support from health providers, the recovery community, and law enforcement. She envisions that the conferences in various communities would be harm-reduction focused in order to promote healthier and safer communities.

A planning task force will be put together to organize the conferences. The following work group members volunteered to participate in the task force: Carol Helwig, Amanda Bent, and Jessica Eaddy. Jessica will be starting a harm reduction work group in Chaffee County. The time line for the first conference (front range location) will likely be before March of 2019.

Pharmacist Education: Walgreens is interested in harm reduction training for their pharmacists. There is some funding available to support pharmacist travel expenses to participate in or speak at conferences. Two training sessions with Walgreens are planned in October. The training may also be conducted for other pharmacists in other chains. Chris Stock will be the speaker at both Walgreens training sessions.

Katie Olson indicated that she has the email listing for all Colorado pharmacies (including independent pharmacies) with standing orders and suggested this list would be a good way to market the training sessions.

Chris Grano mentioned that he has a list of Walgreens locations that recently opened HIV and Hepatitis testing clinics. Susanna said training information will also be sent to members of the Colorado Pharmacists Society.

Statewide Overdose Awareness Campaign: The work group will be collaborating with Webb Strategic or another communications partner to raise overdose awareness via billboards, posters, and other

collateral material (bottle stickers, toolkit for pharmacists). This campaign will also tie in to the August 2019 Overdose Awareness Day events. Bids will be sent to media contractors. Work on this program will begin in January. The project involves a large time commitment for volunteers as well as a significant amount of the available funding.

Lisa Raville expressed concern about the capacity to handle an anti-stigma campaign this year. Rob Valuck agreed and indicated that the Lift the Label campaign was addressing stigma.

Katie Olson asked if other work groups were involved in media campaigns. Rob indicated that the Public Awareness Work Group is focusing on seniors, but it is not as large a mass media program as this one would be.

Chris Stock asked about the possibility of recruiting members of other Consortium work groups to assist with the anti-stigma campaign. Susanna said that possible volunteers might exist within the Public Awareness Work Group and other groups and that an email could be sent to the other work groups to determine interest. The level of work was discussed. Chris Grano said that in his experience in working with third-party media contractors that there is not a lot of internal work required once the contract is negotiated and that the bulk of work is carried out by the contractor. They had a good experience working with Amelie Company for their HIV campaign. Mike Davidson said that the Lift the Label campaign did form a creative concept task force, which met only one time.

It was agreed to keep the campaign on the list.

Katie Olson said she is receiving a number of calls on the Standing Orders Line regarding stocking of naloxone and asked about the possibility of law enforcement, employers, and pharmacies establishing a naloxone policy. Judy Solano said that they are also getting inquiries from fire departments and law enforcement regarding naloxone resources.

Rob Valuck said that public availability of “naloxone emergency boxes” has also been mentioned in the draft legislation. It is already taking place in Boulder. Issues involved include funding, liability, and policy requirements.

Lisa asked Judy to email her for information regarding the departments asking about naloxone. The Office of Behavioral Health will be purchasing supplies that might be distributed to those departments.

Bulk Purchasing from Adapt Pharma: A purchase of 500 kits would comprise less than 10% of the total budget. The kits could be used for community-based training and harm reduction conferences. Additional funding is also available through the SOR program for this purpose.

Pharmacies & Syringe Access:

This will be included in work group ongoing tasks.

Annual Meeting Update:

Gina Olberding provided a brief summary of the annual meeting agenda, which will include information regarding on-going activities on the federal and state level. Local coalitions will be discussing their work

in a panel format. Both Lisa Raville and Chris Stock will be giving a short presentation of the Harm Reduction Work Group activities.

Other Business:

The Harm Reduction Action Center is planning a fundraising event on Thursday, October 4th. Rob Valuck will be presented a recognition award for the accomplishments he has achieved over the past several years related to the opioid crisis.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th from 1 – 2 p.m. in SSPPS Room 3001 and by GoToMeeting.

Attachment: HB 1003 Funding Project Ideas