

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Treatment Work Group Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024 via Zoom

Present:

Steve Young, MD, Tyler Coyle, MD, Angela Bonaguidi, Co-Chairs
Jessica Krueger, MD, Department of Corrections
Liani Murphy, Serenity Recovery Connection
Amy Nichols, County Sheriffs of Colorado
Hannah Groves, Health District of Northern Larimer County
Yelena Conaway, Antelope Recovery
Dayna DeHerrera-Smith, Front Range Clinic
Terri Schreiber, The Schreiber Research Group
Lili Carillo, Colorado Health Network
Madison Zang, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners
Jessica Angleson, Peer Recovery Coach
Andrea LaRew, Colorado Chiropractic Association
Brooke Bender, Denver Health
Sarah Money, Access Point
Teresa Cobleigh, Herren Project
Sandra Westerman, Alkermes
Mary Weber, College of Nursing
Community Medical Services: Frazer Grant, MD, Cloe Wells
CDPHE: Terri Hurst, Ernest Bilinski
Consortium: Jose Esquibel, Gina Olberding, Jen Place, Shayna Micucci, Hilary Bryant, Lindsey Simbeye, Eric Barker, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent: See attached roster.

Co-chair Tyler Coyle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Co-Chair Updates:

Tyler Coyle: Withdrawal management in jails – resource update: Over the past several months, discussions have been held regarding ways to support the criminal justice system in complying with legislative mandates, including the management of withdrawal in a correctional setting. Dr. Coyle and one of his residents have developed withdrawal management guidance by drug. Copies are available upon request: tyler.coyle@cuanschutz.edu

Angela Bonaguidi: Sample MOUs for jails and treatment providers – resource update: The CU legal department assisted with the development of an MOU specifically targeting opioid treatment programs and methadone clinics in rural areas for continuation of methadone administration during incarceration. A copy of the MOU is available upon request: angela.bonaguidi@cuanschutz.edu

Steve Young mentioned the importance of reviewing liability insurance issues related to providing MAT in jails.

Presentation: Assisting jail-based MAT services. Featured speaker: Jessica Krueger, MD:

Dr. Krueger is a Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) Physician II at the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC). She is board-certified in both Family Medicine and Addiction Medicine and provides oversight of the CDOC MAT program. The program includes diagnosing, assessing, and treating inmates with opioid use disorder; providing education and training to correctional healthcare providers across the state; and helping to develop MAT-related medical programs, treatment standards, and clinical pathways.

Link to presentation slides:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pJPGk2wiLM82UaJydBuUx4seVXTnRH_0Ek-fTlBozqg/edit?usp=sharing

Comments/questions:

Brooke Bender said Denver Health was recently awarded the COAC Innovation Grant to provide technical assistance to jails across the state for 2024 and 2025. They are partnering with the COSLAW team in Northern Colorado, JBBS, and the Consortium to assess existing support.

Jose Esquibel mentioned work the Consortium is doing with the County Sheriffs of Colorado and the Colorado Jail Association related to continuity of care. He suggested the possibility of meetings between these organizations and Dr. Krueger.

A question was raised regarding the use of sublocade, which was followed by a brief discussion of its use in a jail setting and its continued use as a treatment post-release.

Meeting participants discussed methadone, the costs associated with providing MAT in jails, Medicaid for incarcerated individuals, and the availability of adequate workforce within the jails.

Jose said pending legislation would authorize HCPF Medicaid waivers for individuals with an SUD. HCPF will soon be conducting stakeholder sessions pertaining to the waivers.

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/health-first-colorado-and-criminal-justice-involved-populations>

Jose suggested that HCPF's Hannah Hall could attend a future Treatment Work Group Meeting to address Medicaid benefits.

Jose introduced Amy Nichols, County Sheriffs of Colorado Executive Director, to Dr. Krueger and suggested a follow-up discussion. He also mentioned Capt. Jamison Brown, President of the Colorado Jail Association, as another contact for follow up.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 from 12 to 1 p.m.