

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2026 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Coreen Johnson and Victor King, Co-chairs
Milocy Willeford, Valley Hope of Colorado
Gordon Thibedeau, Health Solutions, Glenwood Springs
Joan Holtz, Illuminate Colorado
Michelle Williams, Oxford House
Cody Gamet, North Colorado Health Alliance
Erika Estrada-Diamond, Cross Purpose
Laura Indermuehle, Hope COS
De Waldron, Advocates for Recovery Colorado
Jason Sterner, Christlife Ministries
Heather Dolan, Signal Behavioral Health
Jacob Greene-Merrion, Colorado Department of Corrections
Precious Collins, Colorado Providers Association
Asher Riven, North Range Behavioral Health
Servicios de la Raza: Ryan Hobert, Frederick Hill
Crossroads Turning Points: Jacqueline McDonald, Crystal Dickerson
Marvina Olguin, Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division
Consortium: Jen Place, Hilary Bryant, Jessica Eaddy, Shayna Micucci, Eric Barker, Rosemarie MacDowell
Absent: See attached roster

Co-chair Victor King called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the October 2025 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Presentation: Colorado's Indigenous Recovery Efforts (Marvina Olguin) followed by group discussion:

Marvina is a peer recovery coach for Southern Ute Behavioral Health. The Behavioral Health Division provides services related to family and life stress, mental health disorders, alcohol, and other substance use disorders. Staff members include a Psychologist/Behavioral Health Manager, Administrative Assistant, Psychiatrists, Mental Health and Substance Abuse counselors, Native Connections Coordinator, and Peer Recovery Coaches. The division also provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance use disorders, integrating medical and therapeutic approaches to support long-term recovery and stability.

Marvina facilitates a number of group meetings as a peer recovery coach. Peer coaches offer lived experience, guidance, and encouragement throughout the healing process. Services focus on building life skills, promoting wellness, and addressing substance use and recovery topics in a supportive, community-centered environment. The program serves individuals experiencing a diverse range of mental health and substance use issues, including co-occurring disorders

such as depression, anxiety, trauma, and addiction. Services are offered in person at the clinic, in the community, and via telehealth to ensure accessibility and continuity of care. Marvina also facilitates groups in the new detention center for both males and females and assists those involved in the court system. Marvina mentioned the gap in recovery housing in the SW region of the state. In addition to the services mentioned above, the clinic has a radio show called Feeding the Spirit, which is currently on hiatus, but will be broadcasting again on January 20th. <https://www.ksut.org/>

Marvina is currently working on the fourth annual recovery retreat scheduled for May 15th and 16th. Booths are available and a search for sponsors and funding is ongoing.

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<https://www.facebook.com/southernute>

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Other links:

<https://whitebison.org/>

<https://www.prainc.com/white-bisons-wellbriety-programs/>

Work Group Breakout Session:

Work group members joined three breakout sessions to discuss the following what members' organizations are currently doing to support tribal communities, what opportunities are available, and how organizations can collaborate with tribal communities and utilize existing resources

Discussion:

Jen Place summarized subjects discussed during the breakout she attended.

Ryan Hobart said that his organization is involved with Latino and Indigenous community members in the Denver Metro area.

Joan Holtz's organization, Illuminate Colorado, provides childcare services in the San Luis Valley for families involved in treatment.

The May retreat can provide an opportunity for organizations to offer support.

Frederick Hill said that Sevicios de la Raza offers holistic healing festivals for the Indigenous community.

Precious Collins spoke about the importance of reaching out the tribal elders who represent cultural leaders to help connect other tribal members who are struggling.

Jessica Eaddy suggested that people learn more about the history of boarding schools before trying to create solutions.

A summary of the breakout session discussion/survey is attached to the minutes.

Work Group Resource Page:

A subcommittee is being organized to work on a work group webpage similar to the Affected Families & Friends Work Group resource page. The following people have volunteered for the subcommittee: Sophia Masinelli, Milocy Willeford, Gordon Thibodeau, Laura Indermuehle, and Taylor Doucette.

Others interested in joining the subcommittee were asked to contact Victor King or Hilary Bryant. vking@mhpcolorado.org; hilary.bryant@cuanschutz.edu

Review of Recovery Work Group Survey Results:

Coreen summarized the intent of the survey, which was to help determine the 2026 work group focus. The work group decided on the following:

- Change work group meeting date to the second Friday of each month.
- Increase meeting attendance - work group members were asked to let other colleagues and contacts to know about the meetings and encourage attendance.
- Make meetings more welcoming to new members.
- Encourage meeting participants to share their own recovery experiences.
- Provide and promote peer specialist education.
- Engage other peer support professionals throughout the state.
- Identify and explore ways to finance peer support work.
- Create a work group flyer that can be distributed to potential members.

Partner Updates:

The Consortium is in the process of rebranding and reorganizing the website. The Consortium name is being changed to the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention. The CU Center name will also be changed.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Attachments: Work group roster, Breakout survey/summary

Other links noted in chat:

Native Center for Behavioral Health native@nativecenterforbehavioralhealth.ccsend.com

Provider Education on demand modules: <https://coloradoconsortium.compasshcc.org/>

Harm Reduction Training: January 28, 2026, 1:00 PM MT. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://mhpcolorado.zoom.us/meeting/register/etG31ljmQQiWr3iPasvl4g>

The Impact of Boarding Schools Across Generations (PBS):
<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/us-indian-boarding-school-history/>