

## **Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention**

### **Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes**

October 10, 2025 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Victor King, Co-chair  
Alia Andrews, CDHS  
Sophia Masinelli, Community Medical Services  
Jason Sterner, Christlife Ministries  
Milocy Willeford, Valley Hope of Colorado  
Ryan Hobert, Servicios de la Raza  
Amy Walker, Community Member  
Gordon Thibedeau, Health Solutions, Glenwood Springs  
Darin Valdez, Colorado Artists in Recovery  
Joan Holtz, Illuminate Colorado  
Taylor Doucet, NAS Recovery Solutions  
Jacqueline McDonald, Crossroads Turning Point  
Hailima Yates, Hazelbrook  
Michelle Williams, Oxford House  
Kevin Garcia, Jefferson County Health Department  
Cody Gamet, North Colorado Health Alliance  
Jessica Tubbleville, The Phoenix  
Emily Schrader, Dimensions Counseling & Consulting  
Erika Estrada-Diamond, Cross Purpose  
Laura Indermuehle, Hope COS  
Advocates for Recovery Colorado: Valentina Atencio, De Waldron  
Consortium: Hilary Bryant, Eric Barker, Rosemarie MacDowell

**Absent:** See attached roster

Co-chair Victor King called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He reviewed changes to the work group meeting format and asked participants to introduce themselves via the chat. Hilary Bryant has replaced Jen Place as work group program manager. Going forward, announcements and activities of interest to work group members will be listed and distributed via a Google document rather than included in the meeting minutes. Announcement and other information can be sent directly to Hilary: [hilary.bryant@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:hilary.bryant@cuanschutz.edu)

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

#### **Recovery Curated Resource Page:**

The resource guide on the Affected Families & Friends Work Group webpage was developed by the work groups members. Vic and Hilary asked Recovery Work Group members about the possibility of having a similar guide on the Recovery Work Group webpage. The Consortium website will be undergoing an update to conform to University of Colorado standards. The website transition will take approximately six months. Work group members discussed potential resource guide formats and information that could be listed such as recovery housing, peer

clinics, adolescent treatment locations, perinatal resources and information, libraries with access to computers, and peer training opportunities. QR codes were also mentioned. A work group subcommittee may be formed to work on the guide. The following work group members expressed an interest in serving on this subcommittee: Laura Indermuehle, Gordon Thibedeau, Sophia Masinelli, Taylor Doucet, Valentina Atencio.

Affected Families & Friends Work Group resource guide:

<https://corxconsortium.org/resources/affected-families-and-friends-resources/>

### **Survey Results:**

The recent survey sent to work group members included the following: support of peer specialists in carceral settings, a recovery conference, and presentations to the work group by guest speakers. An in-depth discussion of the survey results was tabled for a future meeting.

### **Federal Budget Discussion:**

Meeting participants discussed the impact of federal budget cuts and the government shutdown.

### **Comments:**

Vic King: The City of Boulder has laid off 60 employees in various departments.

Sophia Masinelli: Community Medical Services has started a small food bank and cold weather clothing closet at their Greenwood Village location. Her organization has a sliding scale for MAT services and several grant openings in Aurora for treatment access.

Gordon Thibedeau: Health Solutions in Glenwood Springs has MAT services available on a sliding scale for individuals without health insurance. They also have outpatient mental health services available and will be opening a facility for people in the Roaring Fork Valley. The new location will offer showers, laundry options, and group meetings. <https://healthsolutionswest.org/>

Valentina Atencio: The Durango, Montrose, and Delta areas of the state lack sufficient shelters for the unhoused community. The one seasonal shelter available does not allow pets. Advocates for Recovery Colorado works with Shepard's Hand, an organization that provides the unhoused with breakfast and lunch as well as access to laundries and showers. Last year, an ordinance was passed in Montrose outlawing camping within city limits.

Amy Walker: Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has a MAT clinic that works with all individuals regardless of status. <https://www.coloradocoalition.org/>

Hilary Bryant: Pawsitive Recovery assists individuals in treatment with their pets. <https://www.spcai.org/our-work/pawsitive-recovery> Humane Colorado also offers pet assistance: <https://humanecolorado.org/services/pet-assist-inquiry-form/>

Work groups members discussed resources for the undocumented. De Waldron mentioned a contact that could be helpful. For information: [dwaldron@advocatesforrecovery.org](mailto:dwaldron@advocatesforrecovery.org)

### **IOAD Recovery Month Updates:**

In partnership with the Denver Health CAM Academy, the "Stories in Black & White" exhibition was shown in different locations around the state. Locations included the Denver City Council

and the Denver Public Library. The exhibition is part of a stigma-reduction campaign and features stories about people who have been impacted by the opioid crisis.

Sophia Masinelli: Community Medical Services sponsored a resource fair in Aurora that included 25 vendors offering free haircuts, showers, and voter registration. Attendance was impacted by ICE sweeps.

Valentina Atencio and De Waldron: AFRC sponsored a Denver rally and an overdose awareness walk in the Montrose/Delta area that included Narcan training. AFRC has established a collaboration with River Valley (a MAT provider).

**Adjournment/Next Meeting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Attachments: Work group roster