



9th Annual Meeting – Thursday, October 28, 2021

Via Zoom 8:15 am-12:15 pm

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(Final agenda to be sent prior to the meeting)

8:15-9:45 am	Welcome and Concurrent Sessions (Register here)
Peer Workforce	<p>Title: Advancing the Profession of Colorado’s Peer Support Workforce Presenters: Victor King, Peer Navigator Supervisor, Mental Health Partners; Rachel Fowler, Founder and Director, Recover Simply Moderator: Jennifer Place, MA, LPC, LAC Session Description: Recent developments in Colorado, including state statute and funding, has served to enhance the use of trained peers in various settings. Participants will learn about some successes in utilizing peer support professionals and about the current status of workforce development opportunities for peer support professionals. There will be open discussion about what else can be done in Colorado to further advance the profession of the peer support workforce, including increasing the number of supervisors who are peers and occupying other positions of professional and organizational leadership.</p>
Syringe Access	<p>Title: Establishing Syringe Access Programs in Rural Colorado Presenters: Judy Solano, Co-Founder & CEO, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association Ryan Fowler, HIV/HCV Resource Center of New Hampshire; Kira Gressman, MD Candidate, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth; Sarah Baranes, MD Candidate, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth; Megan Canon, Biomedical Intervention Coordinator, CO Dept of Public Health & Environment Moderator: Jessica Eaddy, MSW Description: Panelists will discuss how to start a rural syringe access program (SAP). SCHRA’s CEO will describe how their model began with street outreach and grew into a comprehensive center offering harm reduction services, infectious disease testing, co-located MAT, and recovery peer services. New Hampshire’s HIV/HCV Resource Center will describe how they started a grassroots peer-to-peer secondary distribution syringe exchange in rural New Hampshire, which transitioned to a mobile SAP during the pandemic. CDPHE’s Biomedical Intervention Coordinator will describe the various sources of state and federal funding available to start and maintain a SAP in Colorado.</p>
Trauma and Resilience	<p>Title: Healing More and Harming Less: Becoming a Trauma- and Resilience-Informed System Presenters: Maria Schimpf, MA, MT-BC, Director of Denver Health RISE and Co-Leader of Center for Addiction Medicine’s Inclusive and Compassionate Care Workgroup Josh Blum, MD, Medical Director of Addiction Services at Denver Health’s Outpatient Behavioral Health Services and Co-Leader of the Center for Addiction Medicine Continuum of Care Workgroup Moderator: Gina Olberding, MBA Session Description: A Trauma- and Resilience-Informed System (TRIS), is a systems change framework intentionally utilized to create an organizational culture which improves healthcare services for individuals affected by trauma while addressing the impact of trauma on the workforce. This workshop will introduce TRIS, discuss why to implement trauma- and resilience-informed culture change in the healthcare setting, and provide resources/tools for participants interested in starting the TRIS journey.</p>

Benzodiazepines	<p>Title: Benzodiazepine-Induced Brain Injury: The Hidden Prescription Epidemic</p> <p>Presenters: Alexis Ritvo, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Program Director, Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Benzodiazepine Action Work Group co-chair; D.E. Foster, Host, Benzo Free Podcast; Benzodiazepine Action Work Group co-chair Nicole Lamberson, PA, Medical Advisory Board, Benzodiazepine Information Coalition John Staight, person with lived experience, member, Benzodiazepine Action Work Group</p> <p>Moderator: Jamie Feld, MPH</p> <p>Session Description: There is a growing crisis of patient harm resulting from prescribed benzodiazepines, a class of medications traditionally indicated for anxiety, sleep, and anesthesia. While benzodiazepines have some benefit, they are often prescribed in the absence of adequate research and for far longer than the recommended time limitation of two to four weeks. This session looks at the benzodiazepine crisis from the perspectives of medical professionals, affected patients, and community organizers. The goal of this session is to increase knowledge about safer prescribing and deprescribing of benzodiazepines.</p>
PDMP	<p>Title: Colorado PDMP Registration and Use, integration and Q&A</p> <p>Presenters: Dmitry Kunin, State Board of Pharmacy; Justin Wipf, State Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Moderator: Tyler Payne</p> <p>Session Description: This session will include discussions regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PDMP training resources and tutorial documents concerning registration and use of the PDMP for prescribers, pharmacists and delegate users and unsolicited reports sent by the Colorado PDMP - PDMP integration with EHRs, EMRs and pharmacy management systems - Q&A concerning the Colorado PDMP
9:45-10:00 am	Break
10:00-12:15 pm	General Session (Register here)
10:00-10:30	<p>Annual Recap (Rob Valuck)</p> <p>Overview of the year, progress made and COVID impact</p> <p>Highlights and accomplishments from each work group</p> <p>Appreciation of the work groups, co-chairs, and Consortium staff</p>
10:30-11:00	<p>Awards (Rob Valuck)</p> <p><i>Exceptional Leader:</i></p> <p><i>Lesley Brooks, MD, Provider Education Work Group co-chair</i></p> <p><i>Chris Stock, PharmD, Harm Reduction Work Group co-chair</i></p> <p><i>Suzi Stolte, Affected Friends and Family Work Group co-chair</i></p> <p><i>Karen Hill, Affected Friends and Family Work Group co-chair</i></p> <p><i>Lindsey Myers, Heroin Response Work Group co-chair</i></p> <p><i>Jody Gingery, RN, M.Ed Exceptional Service Award:</i></p> <p><i>Steve Wright, MD</i></p> <p><i>Charlotte Ledonne, RN, BSN, MA, LPC</i></p>
11:00-11:30	<p>National Opioid Settlement Funding in Colorado</p> <p>Attorney General Phil Weiser</p> <p>Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response</p>
11:30-11:50	<p>County and Regional Preparations for Opioid Settlement Funds</p> <p>Commissioner Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Prowers County</p> <p>Chair, Health and Human Services Steering Committee, Colorado Counties, Inc.</p>
11:50- 12:15	<p>Moving Forward: Highlights of upcoming Consortium Efforts (José Esquibel)</p> <p>Work Groups and Consortium Funding Projects</p>
12:15 pm	Adjourn