

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Criminal Justice Response Work Group Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021 via Zoom

Present:

Brandy Gilbert, Co-chair
Jenny Wood, Co-chair
Emily Richardson, OBH
Marco Macaluso, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office/Steadman Group Consultant
Allyson Gottsman, Department of Family Medicine, CU
Terri Hurst, CO Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Kelly Russell, Office of Behavioral Health
Mike Nerenberg, M.D., SCHRA, PDPHE
Laurie Lorenzo, Regis U PharmD
Susanna Velie, Christlife Ministries
James Mobley, State Opioid Response Grant/MISO at Diversus Health.
Roger Frame, Community Member
James Henning, Community Member
K.J. Bergfalk, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association
Consortium: Jose Esquibel, Gina Olberding, Tyler Payne, Jen Place, Lindsey Simbeye, Judy Solano, Rosemarie MacDowell
Absent: See attached roster.

Program Manager Tyler Payne called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Tyler introduced the work group's two new co-chairs, Jenny Wood, Office of Behavioral Health, Director of Criminal Justice Services and Brandy Gilbert, CHP-Garfield County Jail JBBS Case Manager.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the February 2021 work group meeting minutes. Motion passed.

March 2nd Criminal Justice Seminar:

A total of 103 people attended the seminar on March 2nd. Work group members were very positive in their comments about the seminar. Melissa Divido will be sending participants a survey, which will also ask for future seminar topic suggestions. Over 100 people also attended the February 2nd seminar. Additional seminars are planned for late spring/early summer.

Videos of both sessions are available on the Consortium website:
<https://corxconsortium.org/projects/criminal-justice-education/>

K.J. Bergfalk suggested a topic related to barriers and suggested a speaker who has done research in this area, Professor Jennifer Schlosser of Coastal Carolina University. She will follow up to see if Professor Schlosser is available to attend the April work group meeting.

Other suggested seminar topics include:

1. Clinicians and organizations involved in treatment and reentry could address the trauma that can arise from incarceration.
2. Address the barriers to peer access for those still in the justice system.
3. Determine whether or not other groups trying to change the treatment paradigm are obtaining input from those with lived experience within the justice system.
4. CIRCLES Program. Marc Condojani may be able to assist.
5. DOC on implementing MAT while incarcerated and access once released. Leonard Woodson could provide a presentation: leonard.woodsoniii@state.co.us.
6. Other wrap around services to support transition from jail.
7. Utilize the PEER Support network more effectively.
8. PEER support resources within the jail setting.
9. Immediate resources needed upon release, i.e., identification, etc.
10. Training for therapists working with individuals who have been incarcerated.
11. Peer support training for formerly incarcerated individuals who would like to provide peer support.
12. Law enforcement mental health training - where to refer an individual with a substance use disorder.
13. Information regarding the process involved in obtaining identification and any other required documents for formerly incarcerated individuals.
14. PAARI and LEAD Programs - resources available.
15. Education for Families, i.e., CRAFT, life skills training, others? Jessica Triplett and/or Dr. Robert Meyers may be able to assist. <https://robertjimeyersphd.com/craft.html>
16. Pre-Arrest Diversion Programs in general (PAARI and LEAD) – training on how they work.

Susanna Velie spoke about a program that is setting up resources prior to release. She also indicated that individuals incarcerated because of sexual offences often have nowhere to go upon release.

Jose Esquibel mentioned SB 21-153, which requires the Department of Corrections to operate a program to assist offenders with acquiring state-issued identification cards and other documents necessary to obtain state-issued identification.

Link to bill: <https://openstates.org/co/bills/2021A/SB21-153/>

Kelly Russell said that five county jails (Denver, Pueblo, Washington, Teller, and Morgan) are interested in mobile ID units. The no-cost program will start within the next month. The goal is to get every jail on board.

Kelly said there is training available on the JBBS website provided by the DMV regarding IDs: <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/behavioral-health/jbbs>

"Training Materials", DMV ID Card Training: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021A/bills/2021a_153_01.pdf

Brandy Gilbert indicated that in Garfield county clients need some kind of document to prove identity.

Judy Solano mentioned that many of the jails aren't aware of the program and often the discharging teams are overwhelmed. Pueblo's re-entry program does have access to ID's for people leaving jail.

Roger Frame suggested training for therapists working with formerly incarcerated individuals, training for those who have been incarcerated who would like to serve as mentors to assist others reintegrate into society, and therapists accompanying law enforcement on calls related to mental health issues.

Marco Macaluso pointed out that individuals are constitutionally entitled to obtain an ID and that there is a need to educate communities. Often individuals released from incarceration do not have a residence where they can receive mail. Peers support specialists should be enlisted to assist these individuals. There are other processes that can be completed by jails to obtain temporary ID's and distribute them.

Other suggestions include SUD education for co-responders, family engagement as a key part of the care coordination team (CRAFT), pre-arrest diversion program education and training, and the importance of customizing programs to fit a need.

Work group members discussed the CRAFT program and training available.

The national LEAD programs can provide technical support.

Terri Hurst said that Lakewood is about to launch a LEAD program. Funding is through CDPHE.

Strategy Map:

Tyler provided an update of the strategy map purpose as well as recent changes. A copy of the map is attached to the minutes. Additional items include the following: expand and enhance drug and family court (under both Prevention/Intervention and Transition/Release), implement training on Narcan for those incarcerated, enhance MAT education policies and practices within jails across Colorado (under Treatment While in Custody), and improve and expand reentry programs and resources available, advance and strengthen recovery supports for individuals and their families in the criminal justice system, increase individuals leaving incarceration with Narcan (under Transition/Release).

Comments:

Jenny Wood will contact the State Family Court Administrator's Office.

The strategy map is flexible, depending upon the goals and objectives of the work group and actions required to influence policies and practices.

Jenny suggested following the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM).

Link: <https://www.samhsa.gov/criminal-juvenile-justice/sim-overview>

Tyler will review the SIM model and make the necessary modifications to the strategy map. The work group will discuss the SIM model again during next month's meeting.

Legislation:

Terri Hurst reported on SB 138, which is related to measures to improve the support of persons in the criminal justice system who have a brain injury.

https://legiscan.com/CO/bill/SB138/2021?utm_campaign=rss&guid=22uxPc44pd1sew5sxsgO77

Jose Esquibel mentioned an Omnibus bill related to behavioral health services that includes \$30 million fiscal note. Jose will provide additional information regarding this legislation.

Marco Macaluso mentioned SB 21-062, which allows a peace officer the discretion to issue a summons instead of arresting an individual.

<https://legiscan.com/CO/text/SB062/id/2293876>

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at noon. The next work group meeting will be held on April 14, 2021 from 11 to noon.

Attachments:

Strategy Map and Work Group Roster