

## Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

### Affected Families & Friends Work Group Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2022 via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Sarah Werner and Tracey Ritter, Co-chairs  
Jamie Feld, Attorney General's Office  
Christina Dalpiaz, CHANCE  
Laura Martinez, Rooted 303  
Waltrina DeFrantz Dufor, Collegiate Recovery Community, Denver University  
Lorraine Hoover, Raymond Rountree, Jr. Foundation  
Shirley Pepler, Community Member  
Jude Solano, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association  
Angie Neeley, Springs Recovery Connection  
Andrea Thomas, Voices for Awareness Foundation  
Trina Faatz, Boulder County Public Health  
Duke Rumley, Sober AF Entertainment  
Consortium: Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Lindsey Simbeye, Michael Davidson, Rosemarie MacDowell

**Absent:** See attached roster.

Work group Co-chair, Sarah Werner, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

A motion was made to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

#### **Presentation: Trina Faatz, Boulder County Substance Use Advisory Board and Director, Youth in Recovery:**

Trina spoke about her personal background and how it has influenced the work she is now doing in the local schools (health classes). She started the Substance Youth Advisory Group in Boulder County. The group meets once per month for two hours on the third Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fifty to seventy people attend the meeting. They have approximately 250 individuals on their mailing list. The meetings are educational in nature, with a focus on substance use disorder. Their mission is to de-stigmatize substance use disorder, as stigma can often prevent individuals from seeking help.

The advisory group comprises the following: providers, individuals working in prevention and MAT clinics, law enforcement, harm reduction, legislative matters, and those with lived experience. The program started with Boulder County Public Health under a grant and is now part of the Justice Services Department. Trina welcomed work group members to join meetings and also provide presentations.

To be added to the Boulder County SUAG, email [mrazimoff@bouldercounty.org](mailto:mrazimoff@bouldercounty.org)  
[www.Substanceuseadvisorygroup.org](http://www.Substanceuseadvisorygroup.org)

### Comments:

Jude Solano spoke about her presentations to the local Pueblo inner-city school district. She mentioned a recent school overdose due to black market cannabis pods used for a vape pen. The pods contained opioids. The school where this occurred invited her to give a presentation and distribute Narcan kits.

Work group members discussed stigma, racial inequity, and the fact that substance use disorders cross all socio-economic lines. Speaker funding was also discussed.

Lorraine Hoover spoke about the limitations she encountered when trying to provide a presentation regarding SUD to Overland High School in the Cherry Creek District.

Trina said that speakers have to apply under an addiction curriculum, which is a 30 to 40-page process. Otherwise, an invitation must be from the school district. Interventionists are also utilized if necessary.

Christina Dalpiaz mentioned that all drugs should be addressed, not just opioids.

Michael Davidson said that he would speak further with Trina regarding support from the Consortium and current programs in development.

### **Resource List Update:**

Jen will add Lorraine Hoover's Raymond Rountree, Jr. Foundation to the resource list.

The resource list (copy attached) now lists books that have been vetted by group members. Jen reviewed other recent additions to the list and encouraged work group members to let her know if they have other recommendations.

### **Fentanyl Awareness Day Update (Andrea Thomas):**

Andrea spoke about an upcoming website that will have information (and a toolkit) on National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day, which is planned for August 21<sup>st</sup>. This project was initiated by her organization Voices for Awareness. Many other organizations will be featured on the website and will be participating in the event.

### **Fentanyl Awareness Campaign (Michael Davidson):**

Michael updated participants on the Public Awareness Work Group's fentanyl awareness campaign, including information regarding CDC assets that can be adapted and are available for use by other work groups. CDC materials: <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/> Fentanyl component of the broader campaign: <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/index.html>

### **Beyond the Numbers Update - You Tube Availability:**

The full-length digital stories can be viewed on the following website:  
[www.beyondthenumbersco.org](http://www.beyondthenumbersco.org)

The stories will be posted to the YouTube channel over time, according to Jen.

### **Speaker Opportunities and Other Updates:**

Sarah mentioned that the work group is receiving more requests for speakers. She encouraged work group members to participate in speaker training.

Duke Rumely listed upcoming events sponsored by Sober AF Entertainment:

- April 16<sup>th</sup> Colorado Avalanche Event
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Colorado Rockies Recovery Appreciation Night
- Country Jam – Sober Camping Event and Global Dance, Denver (more details to follow)

Duke has also been contacted about the possibility of a TV reality show.

Lorraine Hoover's organization has a scholarship available for a 12-week intensive outpatient program and another for sober living. Applications are available on the Raymond Rountree, Jr. Foundation website: <https://sosrjrjfoundation.org/>

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Friday, April 15, 2022 from noon to 1 p.m. Presentations will be provided by Lisa Raville, Harm Reduction Action Center, and Laura Martinez, Rooted 303.

Attachments: Work group roster, Resource List