

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021 via Zoom

Present:

Carly Larson and Rica Rodriguez, Co-chairs
Darin Valdez, CAiR
Wendy White, Face it TOGETHER
Michael Sanchez, P2P Recovery
Heather Dolan, Signal Behavioral Health
Blake Johnson, Spero Recovery
Melinda Dorn, CHOW
James Gannon, Advocates for Recovery
Rebecca Berg, Springs Recovery Connection
Hope Hyatt, Colorado Mental Wellness Network
Wilder Hickney, Colorado Mental Wellness Network
Wendy Sachs, Denver County Court
Dawn O'Keefe, Peak Vista Community Health Center
Joan Holtz, Illuminate Colorado
Ethan Levy, Dork Dancing
John Narine
CDPHE: Alia Andrews, Ernest Bilinski, Stephanie Salkin
River Valley Family Health Centers: Katy Crawford, Shayna Kittell
Consortium: Jose Esquibel, Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent: See attached roster

Program Manager Jen Place called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. She reviewed the work group norms and focus areas.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the January 2022 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

ED-RSS Update:

James Gannon reported for the Swedish Hospital ED program. Last month, 47 patients were referred to the RSS. Nine patients engaged in recovery support services. Alcohol comprised 61 percent of substance use. Seven people returned to the ED because of a use recurrence. Four of the seven are in treatment or engaged in peer recovery services. Laura Allem had reported that over 10% of the ED visits were related to methamphetamines and some individuals had overdosed because the drugs contained fentanyl. James said the past month was the last month they would be receiving funding from the Consortium. He thanked the Consortium, particularly Jen Place, for the support and for providing Advocates for Recovery with the opportunity to begin the pilot program at Swedish Hospital. AFR is continuing to seek funding to continue the program at Swedish and other hospitals.

Public Relations:

Carly and Rica are seeking administrative support for the Recovery Ready Colorado Facebook page, as they are unable to manage the amount of work required. Shayna Kittell and Katy Crawford may be able to assist with event postings.

A discussion was held about recovery-related resources, including the Recovery Advocacy Project and an effort by Melinda Dorn to list all recovery-related services available in Colorado. The listing could be posted on the Recovery Work Group web and Facebook pages. Keeping such a list current would require a lot of work. Carly recommended just posting referral links to other listings that are already in existence.

Jen said she would follow up with Melinda regarding her recent emails pertaining to the resource list. Melinda indicated that organizations interested in having their peer recovery services listed should contact garrett@recoveryvoices.com or aaron@recoveryvoices.com

The Colorado Mental Wellness Network also has a resource directory on their website www.coloradosupport.org but it needs to be updated. Wilder Hickney offered to add organizations to the directory. Contact: wilder@cmwn.org

Rebecca Berg, Springs Recovery Connection, said they have a resource listing focused on Colorado Springs resources: <https://srchope.org/resources/>.

Alia Andrews and Stephanie Salkin said OBH has a resource list currently in development, which will include a directory of providers. They would like to include non-conventional contacts and other services.

RCO/ROSC Support:

John Narine reported that Lindsey Simbeye is in the process of providing final updates to the Recovery Ready Toolkit. Members of the Recovery Work Group will be providing toolkit feedback once the updates are completed.

Jose Esquibel will be meeting with the School of Public Health to introduce them to the toolkit. The school might be able to integrate the toolkit into the work they are doing with employers to help with employees returning to work after treatment for a substance use disorder.

Data:

Jen updated work group members regarding the OBH funding request for data that can be used to inform work group efforts. Jen has compiled a list of questions she would like to see on a comparative analysis of recovery data platforms. A copy of the list is attached to the minutes.

Darin Valdez mentioned the demographic surveys his organization uses for their activities and the challenges encountered in obtaining information. Work group members discussed current data platforms, how to establish a standardized platform, and how data could be useful for informing future work and policy recommendations.

Formalization of the Field:

Colorado Peer & Family Specialist testing/application/renewal fees will soon be reimbursed through OBH (until September 22, 2022). Receipts that are eligible for reimbursement should be dated September 2019 or later. Contact Victor King with questions: vking@mhpcolorado.org

Funding is available to host two or three regional conferences (at least one virtual). A planning committee will be formed. Interested members should contact Carly or Rica: carlyl@rmcrisispartners.org or promotores5280@gmail.com

Employer Guide to the Peer Professional: Another subcommittee will be formed to develop an employer guide. Hope Hyatt indicated CMWN has a sample of this. Interested members should contact Carly or Rica.

Funding Announcements/Updates:

The Colorado Health Foundation: Supporting Recovery through Non-clinical Programs: Deadline: June 15. https://coloradohealth.org/funding-opportunities/funding-opportunity-supporting-coloradans-recovery-through-non-clinical?utm_campaign=fyi_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Consortium Announcements/Updates:

Jen Place is seeking a panel presenter with a workplace-supported recovery story for August 31st (IOAD). Contact Jen if interested: jennifer.place@cuanschutz.edu

Guest and Member Announcements/Updates:

CCAR: Multiple Pathways of Recovery Conference, May 11-13, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs

Western Slope Regional Peer Professional Conference, August 11-12, Glenwood Springs.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Attachments: Work group roster, Swedish Hospital Reports, list of comparative analysis questions for recovery data platforms.