

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Betsy Craft, Co-chair

Alia Andrews, BHA

Allison Harden, Beyond Betty

Claudia Amura, CU College of Nursing

Darin Valdez, Colorado Artists in Recovery

Erik Olson, Face It Together

Ernest Bilinski, CDPHE

Evan Manley, Safe Side Recovery

Frank Montesano, Serenity Recovery Connection

Heather Dolan, Signal Behavioral Health Network

Imo Succo, Indigenous Wellbriety Program

Jazmyn Gray, Cross Purpose

Katie Whitney, CU Orthopedics

Laura Allem, Advocates for Recovery Colorado

Parker LaCombe, DDPHE

Precious Collins, Colorado Providers Association (COPA)

Rebecca Stieb, Milestone Community Wellness

Rob Shearon, Reconnected Foundation

Rourke Weaver, Colorado Agency for Recovery Residences

Shana Shaw, Compound of Compassion

Behavioral Health Group: Melissa Montoya, Sharon Pendlebury

Consortium: José Esquibel, Jennifer Place, Eric Barker, Jennifer Mackender, Michael Davidson, Teresa Cantwell

Absent: See attached roster.

Co-Chair Betsy Craft called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the May 2024 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

SAMSHA Recovery Meeting Recap (Betsy Craft):

Betsy provided a recap of the meeting, which included a presentation about advancing the peer support workforce in carceral settings. She also spoke about attending a SAMSHA national summit related to harm reduction best practices, which included harm reductionists and persons with lived experience.

BHA Recovery Services Update (Alia Andrews):

A new vendor (Solari) will be managing the Colorado crisis line (988). The BHA team is working closely with Solari and Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners to ensure a smooth, collaborative, transition. The peer support line will be expanded. <https://crisis.solari-inc.org/>

Jen mentioned that some of the current RM Crisis Partners peer professionals had expressed concern related to the transition, and that it now appears that Solari might be hiring some of the RM Crisis Partners peer professionals.

Peer Support Professionals Association Update:

This update was tabled for the July meeting.

COPA – CPFS Committee Members:

COPA is seeking at least one new committee member for the Peer and Family Specialist (CPFS) Committee. To apply:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi8FAndXHlVlcpGnAjVwkN6j9X9KqW5pehYEUxzMZazEY4AA/viewform>

Committee member Alia Andrews provided information on the committee's work and said participating in the committee presents a unique opportunity to learn more about certification, grievances, and other committee responsibilities.

Jen Place asked if COPA is considering different "levels" for the CPFS credential. Precious Collins indicated this is being considered and other states' credentialing levels were being reviewed. Currently, the only credential offered is the Colorado Certified Peer and Families Certification. Oregon, for example, offers a Peer Mentor Certification, which is equivalent to the Colorado certification. Precious also mentioned the need for supervision training.

Alison said that Arkansas has a supervision credential separate from the peer credential.

Precious added a link to International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC): <https://internationalcredentialing.org/member-boards/> She indicated that the State of Arkansas did not appear in the listing; however, they might offer peer certification under a different credentialing body such as NAADAC <https://www.naadac.org/>

Subcommittee - Advancing the Peer Support Workforce in Carceral Facilities (Betsy Craft):

The subcommittee was established in February of 2024. Subcommittee members Jacob Merrion, Jesse Henderson, Bob Schultz, and Betsy Craft gave a presentation at the recent Faces & Voices of Recovery *Recovery Leadership Conference*. A recent committee survey is now being analyzed. The research team is currently conducting a landscape analysis of MOUD, harm reduction, and peer support policies within jails. Garfield County Jail is one unique jail with a peer support policy in place thus far.

The subcommittee is reviewing other states' policies and plans to make policy recommendations to the Colorado Jail Association and the County Sheriffs of Colorado. In the fall, another presentation is planned for the Attorney General's office. Work group members interested in joining the subcommittee were asked to contact Betsy: betsy.craft@csuglobal.edu

Subcommittee – Medicaid Billing & Best Practices (Rourke Weaver):

Due to competing commitments, the committee did not meet regularly until the current week. The subcommittee is working on a PowerPoint presentation for mental health professionals.

The committee reviewed Medicaid billing and third-party billing practices and determined there is a lack of billing standardization. This subcommittee is open to new members. The committee meets every other Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 20th: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81195923743>

To join the subcommittee, email Rourke Weaver: rourke@carrcolorado.org

The August Rural Peer Conference will include a session on HCPF billing with HCPF and Emily Schrader presenting billing policies/regulations from a provider standpoint.

Summary of Upcoming Events:

- Virtual Peer Conference/Lunch & Learn opportunities continuing on select Tuesdays through July starting at 11:30 or noon. <https://corxconsortium.org/peer-support-lunch-and-learns/> Sessions are not recorded.
- Cross Purpose Summer Jam – Denver family/community event: June 28th. Jazmin Grey: jgray@crosspurpose.org
- 2024 Rural Peer Conference August 1-2nd in Glenwood Springs – register here: <https://thehealthpartnership.org/rural-peer-conference/>
- Rocky Mountain Symposium is August 16-18th
- Colorado Opioid Abatement Council Conference (followed by Rethinking Addiction & Recovery Conference) Sept 30th & October 1st <https://events.humanitix.com/2024coac>
- Colorado Artists in Recovery (CAiR) events: <https://www.coloradoartistsinrecovery.org/>
- Colorado Opioid Abatement Council Conference September and October in Loveland.
- National Association of Peer Supporters Conference, Chicago.
- Colorado Health Symposium in July hosted by Colorado Health Foundation. <https://coloradohealth.swoogo.com/2024?i=INvpR2snqhpWdXw6a6KYbyhcbZz5U6Qtickets...https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lushus-larells-birthday-drag-show-cair-fundraiser-tickets-920947317217?aff=oddtcreator>
- Advocates for Recovery Colorado Peer Recovery Coach Training: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peer-recovery-coach-training-tickets-923988373097?aff=oddtcreator>

Other events can be posted on the Facebook page (email info/graphic to Jennifer.place@cuanschultz.edu)

<https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryReadyColorado>

Funding Announcements/Updates:

SAMHSA:

- [Minority AIDS Initiative: Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Prevention and Treatment Pilot Program](#) *Application Due Date: Friday, July 12, 2024*
- [National Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions](#) *Application Due Date: Monday, July 8, 2024*
- [Tribal Opioid Response Grants](#) *Application Due Date: Monday, July 1, 2024*
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HRSA:

- [HRSA's Electronic Handbooks](#) on Tuesday, July 2. Visit [Apply for QIF-TJI webpage](#) [Apply for QIF-TJI webpage](#) for the Notice of Funding Opportunity and technical assistance (TA) information for applicants.

Consortium Announcements/Updates:

Legislative Update – The Recovery bill has been signed. The final bill can be found [here](#).

Grant Writing Assistance – not currently available: <https://corxconsortium.org/grant-assistance/> seeking additional funding. If you have “stories” regarding how grant writing assistance has helped you/your agency, please reach out to Jen Place.

Guest and Member Announcements/Updates:

HRSA released [DRAFT Health Center Program Policy Guidance Regarding Services to Support Transitions in Care for Justice-Involved Individuals Reentering the Community](#) (PIN). We encourage health centers and members of the public to provide feedback. Submit feedback by Friday, June 14, via the [BPHC Contact Form](#)

Job Announcements:

AllHealth Network: <https://recruiting.ultipro.com/ARA1003/JobBoard/7d55fb98-3e89-c26d-9fe6-691264fe8ba7/?q=&o=postedDateDesc&f5=Ywu8HLkSqUeDErLH2-slaQ+Jw1cL0k6WEWf4qQRtTBO7Q>

<https://coloradononprofits.org/careers/yarrow-collective-liberatory-harm-reduction-events-coordinator/>

JEAP - PEERS: Peer Education Empowering Recovery Support. Receive valuable training in peer recovery support, vocational and educational coaching, and receive money for completing research visits and providing program feedback while helping local emerging adults meet their

recovery goals. Now enrolling adults, ages 18-30, interested in becoming coaches to help emerging adults in the criminal legal system: <https://www.jeapinitiative.org/participate-in-studies/>

The Attorney General's Office is hiring an Opioid Response Infrastructure Share Specialist - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/4495011/opioid-response-infrastructure-specialist>

THRIVE Peer Support Specialist I position at Denver Health: https://denverhealth.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/DHHA-Main?_gl=1*11ilynv*_ga*ODc4NjE4NjY5LjE3MTIzMjY1MjE.*_ga_484V9EBXC6*MTcxMjMyNjUyMC4xLjEuMTcxMjMyNjYyMC4zNy4wLjA

THRIVE-JOI Peer II position at Denver Health (Job posting #R6952): <https://www.denverhealth.org/for-professionals/careers>

CU PSP jobs – <https://cu.taleo.net/careersection/2/moresearch.ft!/?lang=en> Part-time doula position - Job # 31819

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Attachment: Work group roster, recovery events listing