Co-chair Sam Bourdon called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the May 2023 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Legislative/Interim Study Committee Update (Jose Esquibel):

Jose reviewed discussions currently being held by the ISC. The following ISC meetings are scheduled during the month of August: August 7th (focus on criminal justice, prevention, and harm reduction), August 19th (underserved populations, treatment, and recovery). The August 30th meeting might include attendee presentations. Jose mentioned the importance of having legislators understand the role of harm reduction as a critical part of the continuum of services. He asked for volunteers to participate in a presentation on the afternoon of August 7th. Topics that might be addressed during the presentation include the naloxone bulk fund and clarifying and broadening the policy language related to drug paraphernalia and drug checking. Jose also mentioned the putting together panels to address specific topics. He will schedule a planning meeting of volunteers prior to the August 7th ISC meeting. As Senator Kennedy may be
addressing the matter of prevention centers, this issue will also be discussed during the planning meeting.

The following work group members volunteered to provide presentations or serve on a panel:

- Grace Kane: Gkane@srchope.org. She also suggested Kiryn Lake: klake@srchope.org. Kiryn specializes in harm reduction.
- Ellen Velez, Adams County Health Department: evelez@adcogov.org. Glassware.
- Zack Jenio, Mile High Behavioral Healthcare: zjenio@mhbhc.org. Harm Reduction and the connection with greater recovery efforts and continuum of care. MHBC offers recovery services and MAT and supports the LGBTQ+ population.
- Bob Schulz, Denver Health: Bob.schulz@dhha.org. Harm reduction.
- Maggie Seldeen, High Rockies Harm Reduction: maggie@highrockiesharmreduction.com
- Jennifer Dillion, Colorado Drug Policy Coalition: coloradodpc@gmail.com. Naloxone and glassware.

Jose asked other work group members to contact Jessica Eaddy if they would like to volunteer. Jessica.eaddy@cuanschutz.edu

Jennifer Dillon spoke about legislation related to local control of overdose prevention centers and the center parameters suggested by Senator Mullica.

**Good Samaritan Infographic (Jessica Eaddy and Kaitlin Mitchell):**

Kaitlin is currently working on her master’s in public health at CU and is interning with the Consortium over the summer. She is in the process of developing an infographic related to the Good Samaritan Law. The infographic will be provided to harm reduction and syringe access organizations to help drug users understand the legalities of reporting a drug overdose. A draft of the infographic is attached to the minutes. Work group member comments:

- A dark background could be problematic for printing copies. Printing is more expensive. Dark on white would be better.
- Differentiate the text; prioritize with headings.
- Black outlines could be used instead of an entirely black background.
- A gray background often helps neutralize bright white.
- People with vision impairments might have trouble reading the text. White background and simple colors are best.
- For composition purposes, use visual cues such as page breaks/boxes -- it looks like a lot of information to read because it appears as a wall of text.
- “Actively try to help” seems too vague and requires context.
- Remove the word “actively.”
- The legislation doesn’t go into detail about the definition of “helping.”
- “Call law enforcement, remain on the scene, and cooperate with the responder” might be a better phrase.
- Explain how staying on the scene will not result in personal liability and/or legal issues.
- Begin with “Save a life. This law allows you to call for help and protects you from legal punishment.”
- “Remain at the scene and near the victim.”
- “You can save a life and still be protected by the Good Sam Law.”
- “Remain at the scene and follow 911 operator instructions to assist the person in need of assistance.”
- What does "Allows you to call for help" mean? Suggest "this law allows you to respond with Naloxone in the event of a suspected drug overdose without fear of legal punishment."
- “Colorado’s Good Samaritan Law” Save A Life! This law allows you to call 911 for help if someone overdoses without fear of legal punishment if:
  1) You remain at the scene
  2) You identify yourself
  3) You cooperate with the responder

HB23-1167: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2023a_1167_signed.pdf

(b) THE DEFENDANT REPORTS IN GOOD FAITH AN EMERGENCY DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TO THE 911 SYSTEM, OR TO A MEDICAL PROVIDER, OR THE DEFENDANT AIDS OR SEeks AID FOR THE PERSON WHO SUFFERED THE EMERGENCY DRUG OVERDOSE;

(c) THE DEFENDANT REMAINS AT THE SCENE OF THE EVENT UNTIL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER ARRIVES OR THE DEFENDANT REMAINS AT THE FACILITIES OF THE MEDICAL PROVIDER UNTIL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ARRIVES;

(d) THE DEFENDANT IDENTIFIES HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND COOPERATES WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER, OR MEDICAL PROVIDER; AND

(e) THE OFFENSE ARISES FROM THE SAME COURSE OF EVENTS FROM WHICH THE EMERGENCY OVERDOSE EVENT AROSE.

(The law protects an individual if they are using (but not selling) drugs, have drugs on their person, or if the drugs someone overdosed on were either shared or given to them by the person at the scene.)

Work group members discussed broadening the infographic audience to other groups (schools, methadone clinics, etc.). Grace Kane volunteered to assist with design.

Maggie Seldeen pointed out that the Good Samaritan law is often interpreted by responding law enforcement, which might also present a barrier for someone to report an overdose.

Other infographic comments can be submitted directly to Kaitlin: Kaitlin.mitchell@cuanschutz.edu

Keep the Party Safe/Naloxone Promotion Update (Michael Davidson):

A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. Michael summarized campaign efforts, including digital ads and the collaboration with AEG at large music events. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the campaign and new opportunities to set up booths at major Red Rocks music concerts. The Denver Department of Public Health has provided
Narcan at events. School of Pharmacy and Consortium volunteers have assisted. Michael asked for work group member suggestions regarding future public awareness and community engagement efforts.

Comments:

- Grace Kane: SRC has been successful in distributing Narcan at events such as the Pride Parade. SRC has also been contacted by people planning to attend raves.
- Jennifer Mackender: Suggested that work group members report how they have been utilizing Keep the Party Safe materials.
- Jessica Eaddy: Asked if AEG might be willing to help with the purchase of Narcan.
- Zack Jenio: Spoke about distributing information cards with Naloxone and Kloxxado.
- Hilary Bryant: Giveaways, such as fanny packs, include a conversation about Narcan.

https://corxconsortium.org/keep-the-party-safe

Keep the Party Safe Toolkit:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ox3mm3i81lnthb7/AACqFqmTWNBn8VzDlhf9GEJda?dl=0

Member Updates:

Mila Long, Denver Recovery Group and Chair of the Boulder County Public Health Outreach and Engagement Work Group: Her organization participates in events, including a recent event at Boulder Creek where Narcan was distributed and training was conducted. They are also planning Overdose Awareness Day events in Lafayette and Nederland. The organization is currently seeking additional work group members as well as volunteers. For information: Mila@denverrecoverygroup.com

Michael asked work group members to let him know if they need assistance with Overdose Awareness Day events and suggested they attend the next Public Awareness Work Group meeting on July 19th at 1 p.m. For information about the meeting: rosemarie.macdowell@cuanschutz.edu

Bob Schulz, Denver Health (peer to peer support): Narcan training by Sophie Feffer will be held in July at the Broadway location. Fentanyl test strips will be available. Training will include community members and peer support specialists. For information and a flyer: bob.schulz@dhha.org

Ciara Gregovich, DEA: Sierra just relocated to Colorado from Utah. She has years of professional and personal experience in the opioid realm and is currently working for the Department of Justice (DEA) facilitating public health advocacy and outreach. She would appreciate receiving information on available resources. Ciara.a.gregovich@dea.gov

Jericho Dorsey, CDPHE: CDPHE sent naloxone order reminders to all partners for upcoming events. jericho.dorsey@state.co.us

Grace Kane, SRC: Colorado Springs Recovery Rally. For information: Gkane@srchope.org
**Adjournment/Next Meeting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Attachments: Work group roster, Draft infographic, Keep the Party Safe presentation