

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022 via Zoom

Present:

Jenny Loth Hill, Rica Rodriguez, Co-chairs
Rebecca Berg, Springs Recovery Connection
Donna Mae Baukat, Community Compassion Outreach
Hope Hyatt, Colorado Mental Wellness Network
Jacob Merrion, CPFS
Alia Andrews, CDHS
Heather Dolan, Signal Behavior Health
Michael Sanchez, P2P Recovery
Victoria Lasky, BHA
Rob Baumgartner, The Phoenix
Jenny Catlin, Poetry for Personal Power
Alia Andrews, CDHS
Ernest Bilinski, CDPHE
Rebecca Stieb, Department of Corrections
Darin Valdez, CAiR
Victor King, Mental Health Partners
Domingo Cruz, Rooted 303
Wendy White, We Face it Together
Angela Govea, New Pathways to Recovery & Wellness Counseling
Consortium: Gina Olberding, Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Hilary Bryant

Absent: See attached roster

Co-chair Jenny Hill called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Rica Rodriguez reviewed the work group norms and focus areas.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Recovery-Friendly Workplace Toolkit Update:

The toolkit is in the final stages of approval. A toolkit launch event is being planned by the university Center for Health, Work, and the Environment. Business owners will be invited to attend.

Regional Conferences:

Tentative locations for the peer recovery professionals' conferences are north or southeast Colorado and the San Louis Valley. Approximately \$10,000 in funding is available for each conference. The first conference will be held on August 11 and 12 in Glenwood Springs. Work group members discussed future conference objectives, including peer certification, tailoring geographical needs, employment placement support, issues related to the homeless population, and recovery housing. Rebecca Berg said the Springs Recovery Connection would be interested in hosting one of the conferences. Virtual conferences would be helpful for peers currently incarcerated.

Public Relations:

Members discussed public relations' objectives, including the importance of providing a recovery resource for clinicians as well as individuals with lived experience. The Facebook page (Recovery Ready, Colorado) serves as a resource by listing events and other recovery activities. Several work group members offered to review the Facebook page and provide feedback. Other suggestions: highlight some of the work groups, other recovery organizations and programs, the Recovery-Friendly Workplace Toolkit, companies that are recovery friendly. Suggested posts can be submitted to the work group co-chairs.

Anyone interested in becoming the Facebook page administrator should contact Jen directly jennifer.place@cuanschutz.edu

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

Upcoming Event Notices:

To be included with the agenda and meeting notifications, event announcements should be sent directly to Rosemarie at least one week before each work group meeting:

rosemarie.macdowell@cuanschutz.edu

RCO Support:

Work group members discussed RCO licensing and community organizations versus recovery support services organizations.

Data Platform Comparative Analysis/Behavioral Risk Factors Survey:

Jen said the university Evaluation Center has provided a proposal to conduct a comparative analysis report based on existing recovery data platforms. The analysis could be of interest to treatment providers.

The work group put together three questions related to the BRFS several years ago that were accepted and used in a survey. There is another opportunity to provide questions for an upcoming survey. Jen will have more information available at next month's work group meeting.

Funding and Other Announcements:

OBH/SOR Team is offering another round of \$5,000 mini-grants for overdose awareness events: [request funding through this application](#). For questions, email Desarae Allen: desarae.allen@state.co.us

Jacob Merrion, CPFS, said reimbursements offered through the SOR Grant will continue through September. State Stimulant & Opioid Response grant: Peer Scholarship (Round Two) <https://forms.gle/RRu8fzhipjkpvT3P8>

Consortium Grant Writing Assistance: <https://corxconsortium.org/grant-assistance/> through June 2023 or earlier if funds are depleted

Consortium Annual Meeting - October 27, 2022

Western Slope Regional Peer Professional Conference: August 11 & 12, Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs

Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day: August 21, 2022 in Denver

International Overdose Awareness Day: August 31, 2022 – statewide events. See event information at <https://www.endoverdoseco.com/>

Poetry for Personal Power (P3) hosts a Peer Support Coalition Meeting on the third Thursday of every month from 2-3:30 p.m. For meeting information: jcatlin@poetryforpersonalpower.org

The Colorado Artists in Recovery (CAiR) art show is August 5th from 5-8 p.m. at Chrysalis Continuing Care, 3454 Larimer Street, Denver.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Attachments: Work group roster