

## Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

### Prescriber & Provider Work Group Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021 via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Joshua Blum, MD, Co-chair, Denver Health  
Sara Jean Cardona, Office of Suicide Prevention  
Meredith Davis, Office of Behavioral Health  
JK Costello, MD, The Steadman Group  
Kelsey Alma, Grand Junction Hospital  
Brook Thomas, Grand Junction Hospital  
Ali Rosenberg, Colorado Hospital Association  
Fran Gorman, Gorman Medical  
Alice Casey, Pickens Technical College  
Sharon Langendoerfer, Pediatrician  
Kailey Meardon, Southeast Health Group  
Liz Grace, CPEP  
Steve Young, M.D.  
Consortium: Jose Esquibel, Gina Olberding, Susanna Cooper, Jamie Feld, Rosemarie MacDowell

**Absent:** See attached list.

Co-Chair Josh Blum called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

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

A motion was made to approve the May 2021 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

#### **Updates:**

Ali Rosenberg reported that the Colorado Hospital Association is helping hospitals with opioid disorder related measures for the HCPF Hospital Transformation Program (HTP). For hospitals or organizations working on supporting the program, email [Ali.Rosenberg@cha.com](mailto:Ali.Rosenberg@cha.com) for additional information.

Liz Grace provided updates on CPEP's current course curriculum, including a prescribing controlled drugs course. They have new faculty.

Meredith Davis said a significant amount of funding has been allocated by legislation in addition to block grant funding. Grant funding will be earmarked for recovery support services.

Sarah Jean Cardona is working on a digital story telling project related to overdoses and naloxone use. Participants are expected to commit to 24 hours of training and will receive a \$250 gift card for their time. <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/anthropology/digital-storytelling-project>

Gina Olberding mentioned that Steve Koestler, a retired CU Anschutz Anthropology Professor, is also working on digital story project funded by the State Department of Health. The stories will feature individuals who have saved lives using naloxone.

Gina reported on a partnership with the CDPHE Prevention Unit, which developed a program focusing on effective pain management for dentists and oral health care providers. The program consists of 15 minute provider-to-provider educational videos that can be viewed in the provider's office. Dr. Don Teater is the presenting provider. The dental licensee can use the educational video to satisfy license renewal requirements. For additional information regarding the video: <https://corxconsortium.org/projects/dental-academic-detailing/>

A question was raised regarding the possibility of expanding this educational opportunity to other states.

Work group participants were encouraged to contact Gina or Susanna if they have any suggestions for publicizing the above program. [gina.olberding@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:gina.olberding@cuanschutz.edu) or [susanna.cooper@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:susanna.cooper@cuanschutz.edu)

J.K. Costello will be addressing the Treatment Work Group on July 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding Contingency Management, legislation, and funding priorities for CM expansion. Interested work group members can contact J.K. or Steve Young for additional information: [jkcostello@steadmangroup.com](mailto:jkcostello@steadmangroup.com) or [steven.g.young@ucdenver.edu](mailto:steven.g.young@ucdenver.edu)

Jamie Feld said there was a 30% increase in overdose deaths in 2020 over the previous year. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm> A number of events are being planned statewide for Overdose Awareness Day in August.

### **Legislative Updates:**

HB 1276 contains changes for providers. DORA is currently working on a summary of the new prescription requirements. Jose mentioned the potential coordination between the Provider Education Work Group and the Benzodiazepine Action Work Group regarding benzodiazepines and provider education related seminars.

The American Rescue Plan funding allocates \$1 million in funding to the Consortium for provider education, the grant writing program, and recovery support services. This funding is in addition to money available from CoBank. Funding will support future work group projects and some of the School of Medicine programs. Future projects will also consider provider needs.

DORA stakeholder meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> HB 21-1276:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CODORA/bulletins/2e7d887>

<https://corxconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/SB137-Bill-Summary-6.18.21.pdf>

<https://corxconsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-Opioid-Bills.pdf>

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb21-1276>

### **October Symposium:**

Lunch and learn sessions are finished for the summer. The October symposium will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The work group discussed future educational sessions that will continue to address buprenorphine and other sessions related to the fentanyl crises (possibly including a panel of coroners and toxicologists).

<https://corxconsortium.org/2021-lunch-and-learn-series/>

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next work group meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom.

Attachments:

Work group roster