

## Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

### Affected Families & Friends Work Group Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2021 via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Sarah Werner, Co-chair

Tracey Ritter, Co-chair

Susanna Velie, Christlife Ministries

Jill Conner

Consortium: Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Rosemarie MacDowell

#### **Absent:**

See attached list.

Work group Co-chair, Sarah Werner, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

A motion was made to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

#### **Approval of Resource List:**

Work group participants approved of the current resource list posted on the Consortium website. Updates to the list can be sent directly to Jen Place: [Jennifer.place@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Jennifer.place@cuanschutz.edu). Jen commented that the CRAFT meetings are supposed to be free of charge. OpiSafe will be added to the resource guide.

#### **Beyond the Numbers 2.0:**

The Story Center is working on the short videos to make them social media friendly. The short versions will be used to support events. The videos should be completed in time for Overdose Awareness Day on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Promotions will include events organized by Duke Rumely (Rockies events), Overdose Awareness Month events, and other public awareness activities. A flyer of Duke's events will be posted on social media. There are events scheduled at The Phoenix. Tri-County is working on a poster for an upcoming tailgate party, also organized by Duke. Tracey and Jen plan to attend the Phoenix event and the Rockies game. They plan to set up a table at The Phoenix and will show the short videos.

Sober AF entertainment calendar of events: <https://www.soberafe.com/calendar>

The Harm Reduction Action Center is planning an open house on Overdose Awareness Day from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A memorial for lost loved ones will be held during the open house.

Sarah will follow up with Adina Hogue regarding a candlelight vigil ceremony planned for August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jessica Eaddy will be conducting Narcan training in Monte Vista and in Ft. Collins. The San Luis Valley AHEC will be providing training and distributing Narcan at their local grocery store parking lots.

Susanna Velie is putting together a peer group at JBBS. Mark Macaluso is organizing meetings to address the possibility of allowing peers to work within the criminal justice system. Susanna has started a work group peer meeting (peer pod) for peers in the community. Susanna will provide updates as this work progresses.

For information regarding Overdose Awareness events:

<https://www.nocooverdoseawareness.com/>

<https://www.endoverdoseco.com/>

### **Speaker Training:**

Suzi Stolte will be conducting speaker training on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tracey will be participating in the training in preparation for her presentation to the employees at Safe Rx on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Susanna would also like to participate in the speaker training session.

Jen provided a legislative update of the funding that will be available for recovery and treatment \$400 million in opioid settlements will be earmarked for substance use disorders. She said an opportunity exists for work group members to speak before boards and other regional governmental groups to provide input on how the funding should be utilized in communities.

### **Exhibit Table Material:**

Existing Consortium material will be distributed at the tailgate party and other scheduled events.

### **Announcements:**

With the exception of the August meeting, the work group members decided to continue meeting on a monthly basis.

OpiSafe will be added to the work group page on the Consortium website and possibly on videos that are specific to naloxone and overdoses.

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m. The August 27<sup>th</sup> work group meeting has been cancelled. The September meeting will be held on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 p.m.

Attachments:

Work group roster

