

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Recovery Work Group Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Betsy Craft, Co-chair
Darin Valdez, Colorado Artists in Recovery
Erik Olson, Face It Together
Gabriella Turnbull, Ke'Nekt Recovery
Graham Fritz, Denver Public Library
Jacob Merrion, Advance Pathways
Jazmyn Gray, Cross Purpose
Jenny Hill, Colorado Village Collaborative
Jeremy Pavlik, Halo Reentry
Joan Holtz, Illuminate Colorado
Laura Allem, Advocates for Recovery Colorado
Lorraine Hoover, Raymond Rountree Jr Foundation
Melissa Montoya, Behavioral Health Group
Rob Shearon, Reconnected
Shelley Marie, Health District of Northern Larimer County
Wendy Sachs, Denver County Court
Consortium: José Esquibel, Jennifer Place, Jennifer Mackender, Jessica Eaddy, 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 June 2024 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

State Partner Updates:

BHA Recovery Services Manager Update (Alia Andrews): BHA closed the 2023-2024 fiscal year on June 30th. New contracts are in process. RCO leaders were asked to complete the [RCO survey](#)

Peer Support Professionals Association Update: <https://coloradopeersupport.com/>
Tabled for future meeting.

2024 Work/Subcommittees Updates:

Advancing the Peer Support Workforce in Carceral Facilities Subcommittee (Betsy Craft): The subcommittee has been preparing for an upcoming stakeholders' meeting. Policy advisors will be in attendance to help brainstorm policy recommendations for certified peer support professionals who would like to work within carceral facilities. Peers with lived justice experience are experiencing barriers to employment. Work group members were invited to attend subcommittee meetings.

Medicaid Billing and Best Practices Subcommittee (Jen Place): This subcommittee is focusing on best practices for peer support specialists, Medicaid billing, and recommendations for tiered certification. Emily Schrader, a member of the subcommittee, will be providing a presentation during the Rural Peer Conference regarding billing Medicaid for peer support services. The committee meets every other Thursday. Work group members were invited to attend subcommittee meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Rethinking Addiction & Recovery Conference: <https://northcoloradohealthalliance.org/upcoming->

Virtual Peer Conference/Lunch & Learn opportunities continuing select Tuesdays through July starting at 11:30 or noon. <https://corxconsortium.org/peer-support-lunch-and-learns/>

Yarrow Collective Liberatory Harm Reduction Training July 11th and August 8th Register [here](#). Advocates for Recovery Colorado Rally in September. To reserve a booth: <https://www.advocatesforrecovery.org/rallysignup>

[Colorado Drug Information Opportunity Symposium](#) sponsored by Rocky Mountain HIDTA in Fort Collins on July 30th (virtual and in-person)

2024 Rural Peer Conference Aug 1-2nd in Glenwood Springs – register here: <https://thehealthpartnership.org/rural-peer-conference/> No more scholarships available. Nele Cashmore: ncashmore@ncchealthpartnership.org

[Rocky Mountain Symposium](#) August 16-18. Discounted tickets available: use code FIREWORKS at checkout for a total of \$150 in savings

September Recovery Month events are being planned. Rallies are currently scheduled for Colorado Springs (14th) Denver (21st) and Sterling (26th). There will also be a March Into the Light walk in Colorado Springs on the 21st and Mobilize Recovery Bus Tour stop in Castle Rock on the 30th.

Colorado Opioid Abatement Council Conference (followed by Rethinking Addiction & Recovery Conference) Sept 30th and October 1st <https://events.humanitix.com/2024coac>

NAPS Conference (Chicago, IL) October 16th & 17th – still accepting presentation proposals: https://www.peersupportworks.org/actions/reclaiming-our-power-workshop-proposal/?mc_cid=06d33f38c8&mc_eid=9a2ace93ce

National Lived Experience Conference in November: <https://destinationhomesv.org/national-lived-experience-leadership-conference/>

Serenity Recovery Connection Events: <https://srchope.org/events/>

Colorado Opioid Abatement Council Conference, September: <https://coaag.gov/opioids/conference/>

CAiR Events: <https://www.coloradoartistsinrecovery.org/calendar>

Drag Show for CAiR -<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lushus-larells-birthday-drag-show-cair-fundraiser-tickets-920947317217?aff=oddtcreator>

[Hard Beauty Recovery Along the Rockies Art Show/fundraiser](https://events.handbid.com/auctions/recovery-along-the-rockies-2024-34770) (Castle Rock)
<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/recovery-along-the-rockies-2024-34770>

To post events on Facebook, submit graphic to:
<https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryReadyColorado>

Consortium Announcements/Updates:

IOAD Events: <https://endoverdoseco.com/> Email Hilary Bryant
hilary.bryant@cuanschutz.edu to post an event.

Grant Writing Assistance – funding not available currently (seeking additional funds):
<https://corxconsortium.org/grant-assistance/> . Email Jen Place with any “stories” regarding how grant writing assistance has helped you/your agency: Jennifer.place@cuanschutz.edu.

Guest and Member Announcements/Updates:

Betsy Craft, along with collaborating researchers, has received a grant to form a Community Advisory Board of individuals with criminal legal lived (and living) experience. Board members are currently being recruited. To apply for a compensated position on the board, contact Betsy: betsy.craft@csuglobal.edu

Job Announcements:

Advanced Pathways is accepting applications for support coaches and peer specialists:
<https://advancepathways.org/apply/> Advanced pathways is a new startup organization in Aurora, Colorado with a goal to help reduce homelessness. For information: Jacob Merrion:
jacobm@advancepathways.org <https://advancepathways.org/careers/>
[Colorado Village Collaborative](https://advancepathways.org/careers/)

JEAP - Peer Education Empowering Recovery Support (PEERS). 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/>

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

Boulder Feet Forward is seeking a peer specialist. Submit resume and cover letter to leanne@boulderfeetforward.org

Serenity Recovery Connection: www.srchope.org/careers

AllHealth Network: <https://recruiting.ultipro.com/ARA1003/JobBoard/7d55fb98-3e89-c26d-9fe6-691264fe8ba7/?q=&o=postedDateDesc&f5=Ywu8HLkSqUeDERLH2-slaQ+Jw1cL0k6WEWf4qQRtTBO7Q>

Denver Health THRIVE-JOI: Search for the job ID or title <https://www.denverhealth.org/for-professionals/careers> Job ID: R6952 Title of Posting: Peer Support Specialist II - Jail to Community

Recovery Resources:

Mobilize Recovery (national advocacy & resources) workshops recorded through their [Interconnected Recovery Community Classroom](#). July 25th at 5:00pm: [Register for the Accessibility for All Workshop Here](#)

Recovery Research Institute – recorded Seminar Series on a variety of topics: <https://www.recoveryanswers.org/addiction-research-summaries/seminar-series/>

Reimagining Safety Documentary Premiere: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyj0m45V6IKLSCRy4XAgyFQoaANteHwAgMdmsljZUg420wvg/viewform>

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Attachment: Work group roster, recovery events listing