



**Healthy Futures Coalition- Partnering to Reduce Substance Abuse  
Boulder County**

**Vision:** Boulder County is a thriving community of youth and adults making choices not to abuse substances.

**Mission:** Prevent and reduce youth substance use, adult substance abuse and harmful impacts of the community by collectively mobilizing resources and partnerships throughout Boulder County to create informed and healthy community attitudes towards drugs and alcohol.

**Collective Impact:** Common agenda; continuous communication; backbone support; mutually-reinforcing activities; shared measurement systems.

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 08, 2016

- 1) Introductions and partner updates
- 2) 'Boulder County Opioid Assessment' presentation by Talia Brown- BCPH Biostatistician & Jamie Feld BCPH Epidemiologist & HFC member
  - Opioid landscape analysis stakeholders- local, state and national
  - Local conditions in Boulder County-criminal justice, clinical, community, schools
  - CDPHE resources- TakeMedsSeriously.org
  - Local data overview- misused prescription drugs & heroin
  - Rx opioid death rates highest in Longmont
  - Heroin overdose deaths rates highest in southeast Boulder County
  - Most fatal overdoses among single, white men in Boulder County
  - HFC call to action: Opioid Task Force work group sign-up sheets
  - HFC will integrate this new taskforce/work group in the fall after we hold our first annual strategic planning retreat in Oct. We will use all of our data to drive our prevention efforts with this new group
- 3) Town Hall & resource fair update
- 4) Industry discussion
  - Meca shared with the group that she had lunch with a parent/staff member of a local marijuana dispensary.
  - The woman gave her a tour and showed Meca their lock boxes, edible packaging, etc.
  - Marnie & Meca spoke with the group about the potential opportunities for collaboration, learning, communication, prevention messaging with industry people who are also aligned with youth prevention in our community.
  - HFC members discussed the advantages, disadvantages, and concerns.



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- All members agreed that they are opposed to tobacco industry people will not be welcome at the table due to the extensive history of their unethical tactics, but continue the discussion to potentially include alcohol/pharmaceutical representation.
- HFC members agreed that they would welcome the industry person/parent Meca met with. We will invite her to present at next month's HFC meeting.
- We will continue the discussion with the potential of an industry advisory committee.



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