

## **OAG Steering Committee** November 1, 2017

**Present:** Michele Ryan, Marco Prospero, Carol Helwig, James Gould, Jamie Feld, , Katie Albright, Alison Harvey, Chris Urbina, Kristen Dailey

**Facilitator:** Garry Sanfacon

**Provider Education Grant:** CDPHE \$50,000 per year grant for provider education has been awarded to BCPH starting December, 2017 for two years. The work will focus on provider outreach and education on pain management and prescribing practices. The grant will also include some funding for food for OAG and for engaging community members in the work.

System Mapping:

**Legislative session:** The bill including naloxone for schools was passed unanimously in the interim committee yesterday. It's important to elevate our voices and needs because folks at the capitol are not necessarily aware of our community needs.

**Sherriff's office:** Vivitrol launched in the jail today. Injections will be provided 7 days from release. The position for the 20 hr case mgt position has been posted.

Fentanyl: There have been three deaths with cyclopropyl fentanyl since early August. The Sherriff's department is testing potentially fentanyl laced Xanax. There are lots of fake Xanax bars on the east coast, made primarily with fentanyl.

**SIF:** Supervised Injection Facilities. HRAC in Denver is moving forward with legislation for SIF. They are seeking endorsements. For the timeliness of the issue it might be best to do individual agency endorsements. There is contention on the treatment side. Because harm reduction want to keep people safe and treatment folks want to get folks into treatment.

**Drug checking:** Several different types of drug checking. Reagent checking is testing a small amount of substance on a place and drop some reagent. The reagents change color depending on the substance. For example: orange for meth, black for other substance. With multiple reagent tests, you can generally ascertain what's in the substance. This is generally done by the consumer of the substance. The reagents are considered paraphernalia. Perhaps reagents could not be considered paraphernalia? The ideal situation would be that there's a program similar to a syringe access program that offers the service. Having a "drug checker" who has criminal and civil liability protection is important.

**Boulder High Event:** Boulder High school will have an event to reduce stigma around substance us and to bring awareness around the issue. The details went out in the OAG update email.

**Planning for November Advisory Group:**

- Discussion on moving forward now that Bill Fulton with Civic Canopy is no longer facilitating.

- The groups include Community, Prevention, Treatment, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, Data, Health Care.
  - Systems Mapping was one of the major next steps for CJ
  - Prevention had CTC in Lafayette events
- How do we best use our time together with updates or activities?
  - Might benefit to know what action items to take away from each meeting? Better when there are tangible tasks to then report back on and bring back.
  - The strength of having people from different systems is that we can start to leverage the whole system. We hear the same themes when we're in our silos. It would be great to hear about how other systems are impacted. Education is a big piece. Having other members educating each other is important. It's hard to have momentum as a group once a month for a bit of time. Likely the task groups have to work in between the meetings and then reporting back at the larger OAG meetings.
  - Clear action items and accountability
  - Some folks say that they miss the opportunity for cross section interaction so that's a need to ensure we have that.
  - Tee up future issues such as drug checking and SIF.
  - Each section having a chair that reports back to the larger group.
  - Expanding the perspective hearing from all the different angles.
    - Perhaps we plan various sessions in future meetings.
  - Getting some formal process for voting or getting group consensus in place.
  - Community engagement: Having separate, more public events, educational events for the community. i.e. what is MAT, drug checking, etc. for community members. Hosting it as the OAG.
  - For next meeting we'll likely do more report outs because we don't have any presentations cued up and the meeting is coming up soon. Then we can figure out a rotation of presentations.

The structure was good. Perhaps more time would be beneficial. There was a vote and the decision was made that steering committee meetings will take 1.5 hours instead of one hour.

**Action/Actionish Items:**

- Can the Opioid Advisory Group endorse the SIF campaign in Denver? How do we do endorsements?
- Communication plan for OAG. i.e what's our collective response to fentanyl issues.