

## OAG Steering Committee Meeting

February 7, 2018

Present: Marne Copeland, Alison Harvey, Melanie Dreiling, Blaise Rastello, Kaila Guardado, James Gould, Jamie Feld, Marco Prospero, Garry Sanfacon, Kate Arrington, Lily Sussman, Carol Helwig, Trina Faatz

### January OAG debrief:

- The group appreciated hearing Representative Singer speak to the group. There was some desire for him to spend less time explaining the bills and more time answering questions and leading a discussion.
- The group was mixed on Chief Butler's presentation. Some felt he was "amazing" and made good points around the need for social capital. There were also some differing opinions when it came to his comments around policies and funding for services not being the answer.
- There was positive feedback about having a person in recovery speak. Several felt she was a great choice. She was able to speak both to the struggles she's faced and how she overcame adversity.
- Overall there was a positive response to the speakers, but this was more of an event, and should not always be the norm. It was good to hear from speakers, but not a lot of work was accomplished. The group discussed having speakers and events on a quarterly basis.

### Group decision making and communication:

- The group revisited the guidelines for voting to support topics as an advisory group. It was agreed that there was some confusion at the last OAG meeting. In order to provide clarity the group agreed to the following:
  - **The OAG will vote to make recommendations on topics in alignment with the mission and prioritized strategies of the OAG. These recommendations can be carried forward to agency heads for formal endorsement.**
  - **If someone wants the OAG to vote for support of a topic they will contact the Steering Committee to get time at the next OAG to present their proposal to the group. The proposer should write up a statement to articulate what we are voting on. In the OAG there will be opportunity for pros and cons to be voiced.**
  - **The Steering Committee will not decide whether or not a topic will be brought up to vote, however they will decide on the meeting where it will be presented. This decision will be based on the other agenda topics.**
- The group discussed how the agenda is created and how the input from the Steering Committee will be included. The group agreed to the following:
  - **Alison and Jamie will send out a rough draft of the OAG agenda ahead of time to the Steering Committee for feedback.**

- **The group decided that it was okay for Jamie and Alison to add things to the agenda without the whole group needing to have to weigh in. When agenda additions are made Jamie and/or Alison will send an email with a deadline. If there is no response it is considered support.**
- The group discussed how to communicate as a group when there is a disagreement about something that happened in the meeting. There was also some discussion of how to provide more clarity when decisions are made. The group agreed to the following:
  - **Objections, concerns, or feedback about decisions made or the group process should come to the group as a whole rather than only giving the feedback to Jamie and Alison. This can happen in a future Steering Committee meeting or via group email.**
  - **When there are votes taken or agreements these will be documented in the meeting minutes and sent out to everyone. Agreements and votes will be in their own section and also in the body of the email when sending notes.**

**Review draft agenda for upcoming Advisory Group meeting on Feb. 21:**

- **The group agreed to the draft agenda presented by Alison**
- **The group agreed to have the OAG vote to support Narcan in schools.**
- **The group agreed not to have the OAG vote on Supervised Injection Sites (Consumption Spaces) at this meeting, but to prioritize it next OAG meeting.**

**Updates:**

- Blaise Rastello was introduced as the new Opioid Case Manager working at the Boulder County Jail. He is currently being on boarded at the Jail and learning the resources in the community. He will be working with clients “that are falling through the cracks.”
- Kristen has been supporting Mike Johnston, he is in the governor’s race. He has a lot of ideas around opiate legislation and has ideas on criminal justice reform. Kristen asked if the group would like to have him come speak to the OAG. **The group agreed to invite him after the primaries, or they should invite the other candidates.**
- Update from Jamie: Our parents, school nurses, and community members have expressed the desire to have local control to decide if naloxone can be in schools. It is not a mandate, there is no cost, and it is recommended by the National Association for School Nurses. We were able to get in this year's legislative cycle. However, there is some concern that it could be killed if we don't get the support of Jeff Co reps Senator Jahn in Jefferson County and Adams County Sen Priola.

Please have your folks email them if possible ASAP. It is important that folks that are their constituents express interest. Please consider writing as a constituent rather than employee of your agency if you don't have time to get your agency to sign on. We do have our lobbyist from CALPHO (Colorado Association of Local Public Health Orgs) backing on this who is recommending this as a good way to keep this portion of the bill alive (see below).

- Their emails are:
  - [cheri.jahn.senate@state.co.us](mailto:cheri.jahn.senate@state.co.us) – Jefferson County
  - [kevin.priola.senate@state.co.us](mailto:kevin.priola.senate@state.co.us) – Adams County

- Trina updated the group on a young person that overdosed when they were smoking heroin. There is a belief there was a lot of fentanyl. There is concern that there is danger in use of other drugs as well. Luckily, he was brought back by Narcan.
- Alison will not be at the next OAG. Jamie asked that someone volunteer to co-facilitate and to contact her to coordinate.