

Boulder County Opioid Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2017

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

1333 Iris Ave, Boulder, Norton Rooms

Meeting Goals

- Keep our momentum
- Connect with fellow OAG members
- Determine structure and function of workgroups
- Celebrate successes

Welcome, Review Agenda, Introductions.

Chris Urbina, BCPH, Alison Harvey, BCPH, Karla Guardado, BCPH, Sally D'Angelo, Community Pediatrician, Chris White, Boulder I. Health, Jeff Jones, TFRS, Denise Vincioni, DRG, Tina Beckley, BHG, Marion Rorke, DDPHE, Martin Ursah, UC Denver, Chris Lord, CU Boulder, Patty Brezovar, BCPH, Marcy Campbell, BCPH, Sara Boylan, BCDHHS, Carol Myers, Kristen Daly, UC Denver, Logan Stec, Lili Sussman, BCPH, Allison Bayley, BCPH, Katie Lazar, Brody Montoya, CORP, Jeff Satur, Longmont PD, Carey Weinheimer, Boulder Police, Jenny Elliot, Boulder Jail, Sophia Yager, SVVD, Tayler Wright, MHP, Alejandra Tooley, Jim Shuler, Physician, Courtney Kramer, CJS, Mae Martin, Boulder Integrated Health, Yajaira Johnson-Esparza, Salud, Karen Elias, Alkermes

Personal Story of Success in Recovery

Sandra has been in recovery for the past 12 years. She has experienced living on the streets, where no one reached out to help her. She lost all confidence in herself and couldn't see a way out of it. When first recovered, she didn't take advantage of any support systems that were around and after relapses and struggles. Eventually she found Phoenix Multisport group. They use kickboxing, meditation and yoga and they help members develop and maintain the emotional strength needed to stay in recovery, while also building a positive support network to ensure successful recovery. "When you feel you have the support of people that have gone through what you've been going through, it makes it a lot easier to stick to the recovery treatment" she says.

We appreciate these stories of courage that ground our work. Please reach out if you'd like to share at an upcoming Opioid Advisory Group!

Group Networking Activity

- Tell 3 different people what brings you here today, and listen to what brings them here

Federal Updates

[National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit](#) 2018 Held in Atlanta early April

- Password is *2018presentations* if you want to view and download the presentations.

- Here is a [snapshot](#) of some of the resources: US Surgeon General released advisory on naloxone, directors from major federal agencies presented including SAMHSA, CDC, NIDA, FDA, USDA, DEA and ONDCP. Bi-partisan agreement with presentations from Kellyanne Conway and Bill Clinton. There was a Congressional panel presentation. Total Fiscal year funding equals \$7.4 billion ([see slide](#)). There are several upcoming federal legislation under consideration ([see slide](#)). Federal agencies are also using a 'continuum of care model' including health care, justice system, addiction treatment programs and community programs. Colorado Consortium presented.
- Resources coming from the federal level so it's important to align to take advantage of upcoming opportunities and campaigns.
- We did our own [action planning](#) on what we can do locally. We've been working with different groups to identify possible [strategies](#). Some of the strategies require more funding or resources. We need to define where we can get more involved in the state work groups. How can we amplify the voice that we are having here so we can drive the changes at the state/federal level too?

Workgroups: what now?

- Summarize work to date on priority strategies, vision for large and small group functioning
- If you want to join to a state work group visit the contact page: <http://www.corxconsortium.org/contact-us/>

Colorado Consortium State work groups:

Data/research, public awareness, safe disposal, affected family/friends, Naloxone, heroin response, provider education, PDMP work group, Treatment.

Updates from Consortium Work Groups:

- Heroin Response Group: Heroin Impact Project. Law enforcement not only will focus on drug dealers, they will also offer support to those who are struggling with addiction.
- Treatment Group: Lift the Label campaign, stigma campaign, work group meets every other Friday, at Rocky Mountain Crisis Center. It aims to remove damaging labels that prevent those with opioid use disorder from seeking help. They have a media event May 14th, at Center Park. They have created a massive wall that is portable. We could use that wall for overdose awareness day.

Partner Updates – General

- National Drug Take Back is on April 28. Police departments have regular safe disposal, so Drug Take Back has had less emphasis. Can go to DEA website or www.BoulderCountyMedDisposal.org to find ongoing disposal sites. Has received traction from promotion by Public Health on County Next Door sites.
- Question regarding naloxone: Colorado has a standing order for Naloxone.
- We need to update: www.BoulderCountyNarcan.org to provide a provider list. Syringe access programs have narcan on site so they can provide to people who cannot go to a pharmacy. Going to the pharmacies is a barrier. CO Consortium Naloxone work group is working along with the chain representatives so they can implement changes in the pharmacies.

Treatment Updates

- MHP Update: They are working hard to get Narcan to people who don't want to go pharmacies and with extremely high risk of overdose. They are being working with the pharmacies in Boulder and training them on how to get Narcan and use it. They have compiled a list of pharmacies. They can share that list with Jamie. Narcan supply is coming probably end of May. [MHP letter](#) highlights limited Narcan availability.
- Discussion about challenge of connecting individuals to detox after an overdose.
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) 101 was suggested as a topic so people understand what it is.

Law Enforcement Update

- Angel Initiative- Since January, 78 people getting into treatment. Fire department is working collaboratively also. Back in October they helped 45 people get into treatment. This has led to a 73% reduction in contact with the police.
- Scott Williams, Boulder County Drug Task force - Pharmacy in Lyons was giving fraudulent prescriptions. They investigated and were able to prevent future fraudulent Rx from being given. They are also investigating in regards to an overdose death from synthetic opioids.
- Chief of Louisville Colorado. Have had 7 or 8 heroin arrests. They carry naloxone, but it will expire in May. Hopefully they get them before May 2018. Interested in participated to a greater extent.

- Drug Take back date April 28th is free and open to the public. Many law enforcement have year round safe disposal in Boulder County.

Prevention Updates

- Trina Parent Engagement Network (PEN) – Panel of 8 young adults in recovery presented to 8 classes & up to 250 students at Boulder high over 2 days. It was so impactful that they asked them back for a full day next week to have a more informal rap time to discuss questions and answers!
- Lafayette Communities that Care – Focusing on extreme deprivation of property. Poverty looks different compared to other cities in US. We're learning more about that experience financial hardship to better support families so that people are not under toxic stress that leads to substance use.
- Marnie Copeland, Coordinator for Health Coalition is no longer with BCPH, the position recently closed. Allison Bayley is the current contact.
- Dr. Urbina Medical Officer and Jamie Feld of Boulder County Public Health are visiting all Chief Medical Officers in the county to discuss opioid prescribing practices.

State Legislative Update

Things are moving fast in the final weeks of the legislative session, and there have been many developments.

[HB18-1003](#) Opioid Misuse Prevention, [HB18-1007 Substance Use Disorder Payment and Coverage](#), and [HB18-1136](#) Substance Use Disorder Treatment all passed the House, were introduced in the Senate, and had been assigned to the State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. [HB18-1003](#) and [HB18-1136](#) passed State Affairs committee in Senate on Weds 4/25.

[SB18-022 Clinical Practice for Opioid Prescribing](#) passed the Senate, was introduced in the House and assigned to Health, Insurance, & Environment – Scheduled for **5/3 at 1:30pm**. Testimony is encouraged.

[SB18-024 Expand Access to Behavioral Health Providers](#) passed the Senate, was introduced in the House, and has been assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services (not yet scheduled).

[SB18-249 Redirection Criminal Justice Behavioral Health](#) will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee April 30.

Note: The Joint Budget Committee has appropriated \$6.5 million to HB18-1003 and SB18-24.

Medicaid Credentialing Process

Info about the credentialing process with CCHAPlus, the soon-to-be Regional Accountable Entity. They are building their network of behavioral health providers right now, and it's important to start the contract negotiations soon to facilitate prompt payments in July.

They're asking all interested providers to use this contact form: <http://www.cchacares.com/about-ccha/contact-us/> and select "Becoming an ACC provider"

Filling out this contact form doesn't commit you to anything. Someone from CCHA and/or Anthem will get back to you to discuss the process and requirements.

Meeting Summary

- Keep up the good work! All sectors, as demonstrated by the updates are working actively on this collective work
- Check out the Colorado Consortium and identify if there are any work groups you'd like to join
- Stay tuned for more info as new resources and info are coming quickly from the federal and state level. It will be important for us to stay informed to avoid duplication and maximize our impact.
- Hope you met some new faces during the networking time!

Next Meeting May Meeting Change – May 23rd 9:30-11:30am, 1333 Iris Ave. Boulder CO