

Boulder County Opioid Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
1333 Iris Ave, Boulder, Norton Rooms

Meeting Goals

Brainstorm policy suggestions for the Interim Study Committee
Utilize expertise of Boulder County Commissioners office to identify best practices
Promote regional collaboration

Welcome, Review Agenda, Introductions.

Sally D'Angelo Community Pediatrician, Marion Rorke DDPHE, Martin Ursah UC Denver, Chris Lord CU Boulder, Sara Boylan Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services, Kristen Daly, UC Denver, Lili Sussman, BCPH, Allison Bayley, BCPH, Katie Lazar AmeriCorps, Courtney Kramer CJS, Yajaira Johnson-Esparza Salud, Dea Wheeler Sheriff's Office, Matthew Morrell Denver Recovery Group, Jeff Hanley Jefferson County Public Health, Audrey Schroer BCPH, Alyson Williams Health District Northern Larimer County, JK Costello Steadman Group, JC Montanez TLC-CS, Erika Alexander Genoa Pharmacy, Michele Ryan Behavioral Health Group

Guests: Leslie Irwin, Summer Laws, Mark Ruzzin – Boulder County Commissioners Office

Meeting Summary

Boulder County Commissioners Office shared their role in the policy office. They helped lead the group through a brainstorming strategy (where no idea is a bad idea) that could be addressed at the state legislature. The following policy suggestions were proposed by group members. Upon exiting the meeting, members were invited to star the items that they thought were the priorities in order for us to begin to prioritize advocacy. We had representation from surrounding jurisdictions (Larimer, Jefferson, Denver) in person. We also had participation from individuals directly affected. We reached out to surrounding jurisdictions as well to invite to participate and communicated in advance with individuals that could not attend in person.

Policy Suggestions

Highest Number of Votes

- Eliminate housing restrictions for individuals on medication assisted treatment. Reduce requirements for medication assisted treatment based off of type of substance (5 votes)
- Medication assisted treatment in jails (4 votes)
- Funding for spectrum of early intervention services (continuity of care across agencies and services) (4 votes)

- Re-introduce SB18-040 (safe use sites) (3 votes)
- Standards for toxicology and other reporting requirements for coroners etc. (3 votes)
- Emergency room connections to treatment services. Universal consent form concept from Minnesota (SB18-153). Data informatics sharing – CFR42 issues (2 votes)
- Allow access to narcan in schools. Mention of use of peer involvement. (2 votes)
- Telemedicine options/expansion for jails and drug courts (2 votes)
- Standardized assessment to assist with proper placement and expand access to tool at local level, to assist with proper placement (2 votes)
- Quality assurance standards for recovery homes (2 votes)
- Ombudsman for treatment programs (2 vote)

Lower Number of Votes

- Re-introduce SB18-263 (1 vote)
- Require use of PDMP (1 vote)
- Engage dental professionals (1 vote)
- Access to medical detox (1 vote)

No Votes

- Allow hospitals to provide syringe access services
- Evaluate, revamp court-ordered detox programs
- Track federal hospice regulations. If it fails at federal level, look to pursue at state level
- Assess challenges to medication disposal (i.e. reduce restrictions on take back at the pharmacy)

Next Steps

We have asked that the individuals who proposed each idea write a 1-2 sentences about their proposal. We will review these policy suggestions to ensure 1) that they do necessitate a state legislative solution 2) that there is not another agency taking the lead on policy advocacy.

BCPH will be presenting to the Interim Study Committee on August 14. This will be an opportunity to put forward a short list of policy suggestions.

Outreach can occur throughout the year (not just the Interim Committee), so we will stay connected with our Policy team to identify possible opportunities.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 15, 9:30-11:30am