

Opioid Advisory Group – Steering Committee

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
12:45-2:15pm

3482 N. Broadway, Boulder, CO
Sundquist Bldg, Baltic Room

Present: Jim Shuler, Katie Arrington, Garry Sanfacon, Karla Guardado, James Gould, Trina Faatz, Ted Bradshaw, Marco Prospero, Chris White, Carol Helwig, Scott Williams, Jamie Feld.

Update on bills

Supporting passage of 5 opioid bills in State Legislature

Passage of 5 opioid bills:

HB1003 – Opioid misuse prevention

HB1136 – SUD treatment

HB1007 – SUD payment and coverage

SB24 – Expand access behavioral providers

SB22- Clinical Practice bill

Not passed: SB40- Harm Reduction Bill –Supervised used sites

Announcements from steering committee members:

Alison Harvey, Regional Health Connector, Boulder County Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP)

- 5 year county wide plans – focusing on health issues community wide and shared objectives. Data collection. Have agreed on mental health as focus. The partners want it to be clear that it is behavioral health and SUD.
- Focus is on access to care. PHIP team is doing root cause analysis – trying to get past the symptoms. Steering committee is looking at root causes with underlying drivers. Look at systemic barriers and at structural process.
- August – steering committee will look at goals and what the PHIP team can do
- Group agreed today – that criminal justice linkage to behavioral health will not be a focus. Not focusing on early childhood.
- Access to private providers that take insurance. Won't exclude young people or people involved in criminal justice. Not focusing on diversion. Still in planning stage – lots of goal setting right now. Connecting housing first.

Trina Faatz, PEN announcements

- Panelist going to be presenting as panelist. Reached 500 kids. Boulder High asked to come back for a whole day (250 kids). Get into all the high schools next fall.
- September 26, 2018 – Monarch High School is the next event.

- Team up with BCPH – Opioid Town Hall – all speakers agreed – for a ‘mini-Dreamland’.
- Not a lot of opportunities for activities – teachers and donated spaces, but need to pay teachers. Need donations.
- Trina is going to the Capitol and will share about the Opioid Advisory group.

Ted Bradshaw, Alfalfas

- Working on 3rd store in south Denver.
- Increasing # in recovery working in the store. Word is out that will hire people in recovery.

Marco Prospero, Community Services

- Looking at criminal justice initiatives.
- Planning a pilot called Mental Health Diversion pre-file. Before they get filed on in court can be re-routed. Screening instruments. Looking into co-occurring mental health.
- Senate bill 249 – offers funding. Have a position.

Chris, Boulder Integrated Health

- Looking for help with website.
- Have done outreach to Longmont Safety.
- 18 beds and a certain amount to hold for scholarships. All 18 are acute detox.

Carol Helwig – Boulder County Public Health Works program

- Syringe access funded by state health dept. 4 sites: BCAP, MHP, BCPH Hub and Sundquist.
- From 2016-2017, another 30% increase in # of clients. Been consistent increase since 2010.

Jim Shuler, MD, community member

- Chris Urbina is been disseminating information to CMOs of hospitals.
- Northern Larimer County invited him to be part of the steering to look for incorporate treatment instead of sending people to jail or hospitals. He information gathered will be shared in this group.
- Northern Larimer County is working on a Hub & Spoke model; led to 300 visits to ED Dept first year and 0 the second year.

Scot Williams, BOCO Sheriffs Office

- Not seeing a lot of opioids.
- Served search warrant on a guy who said he provided illicit Xanax. There were 3 deaths on the hill. All had Xanax on board. Tox came back from coroner with fentanyl.
- CBI testing did not come positive of confiscated Xanax.

- Working with coroner to keeping stomach contents.
- Served a couple of other search warrants – didn't have fentanyl.
- In Lyons, pharmacist was distributing blank Rx pads. Led from a non-fatal overdose call. Fines could come for the pharmacist. The idea is to take those fines and distribute them to treatment. Going out and talking people – not all deaths.
- Statewide heroin project – Operation poison pusher and helping hand. Take data into one source. Go after sources. Pharmacist has not been charged yet, but it would be federal.

Lily Sussman, Boulder County Public Health – Data Work Group

- Pushing ahead with data project.
- The dashboard will be created sometime during summer; collecting more data and hoping to have a better picture that reflects the different focus areas in the future.
- Hopeful that dashboard should be up in early fall.

James Gould, CU SSDP

- Looking for a job as a professional web developer. May move for job.

Meeting Schedule Update

Cancellation of summer meetings for a break

- Meetings cancelled July 4th and July 18th
- Granters want to attend one of our meetings so we can share what we're doing, and to keep moving forward and distribute it to community resources. August 15th meeting was recommended.
- Move June meeting from June 20th to June 27th. Trina will bring a person from the recovery group to share his/her experience.
- NACO award – will look into seeing if Commissioner Deb Garner could present to the group at June 27 meeting.
- Providers Symposium. Opportunity to hear medical providers and highlight the best practices- We'll keep you posted on that. It will happen probably in the fall.

Discuss how to ensure shared leadership?

At the large meeting we talked about connecting people to state wide efforts if people want to join to some of the state wide groups so we can avoid duplicating efforts. Besides that, what else we can do to best recognize your efforts and to support you in your leadership and in your groups. One possible way can be to bring facilitators in the large group to present and do updates. All these activities would be to build ownership. Designate leaders in the work groups too. Having workgroup facilitators or having workgroups leads.

How to ensure we are connected to state/federal resources

We don't know about all funding opportunities. Everyone keeps eyes open for funding. There is a lot approved at the federal level. The work that we're doing is seen as innovative – received national NACo award.

Discuss how to ensure local strategies move forward

Will try to get a lead for each work group to organize meetings between the large group meetings.

Treatment Work group question: Instead of creating our own number, we can use the State number Opioid addiction. 1-844- 493-8255. The number will be contacted to explore the different options they offer.

Review draft agenda for upcoming Advisory Group

Trina – will introduce a person who's going through recovery

Group Activity to get to know other folks

Allison- Update on state legislation

Denise V. – Share about Hub and Spoke Model. Lift the Label campaign - Taylor was one of the people who was highlighted on this new campaign Lift the Label

Workgroups updates

Trina will lead updates

Marco Prospero will lead group activities.

If time permits: Review draft Communication Plan. Chana created a draft communication plan revise and edit the document. *We did not get to this agenda item and will review at the next meeting.*