

Boulder County Opioid Advisory Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Conference Call

Introductions, Identify Note-taker, Review Agenda

Gary, facilitator of call

Arielle (new PHAP working with OAG), note-taker

Discuss Process for Scholarships to [National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit](#) in Atlanta; April 22-25, 2019

- Two spots available for scholarship
- More than two people showed interest; came up with questions to determine who would receive scholarships
 - o *Do you pledge to commit to attending the entire training?*
 - o *Are you willing to share what you learned with the rest of the group in the form of presenting to OAG and making connections for others?*
 - o *Have you been a committed member of the Opioid Advisory Group (actively participated for at least the last 6 mos.)?*
 - o *Have you been personally affected by the opioid crisis?*
 - o *Would you not be able to attend the conference without this scholarship?*
- Is there a core group from our stakeholders that can be identified to go?
 - o 5-6 people; way to incorporate all facets of group
- Steering group will make decision on which candidates will receive the scholarships
- Application process will be conducted through email
 - o Trying to meet Oct 26th submission deadline for pre-conference rate
 - o Send email with response to questions to Jamie by October 12th to be considered for the scholarship

Discuss Becoming a More Formalized Group with Governance Structure and Decision-Making

- Jamie will send out group charter once revised and finalized
- Purpose of formalizing charter to ensure consistency and stability within the group
- Charter will outline elements such as purpose, membership, roles and responsibilities, meeting frequency, communications
- Chair and facilitator roles will be outlined somewhat broadly, role-holders can take on certain elements of role as they see fit

Discuss Steering Group Membership

- Are there other people that should be included to be part of the steering group?
 - o Reevaluation should be done to see if others should be invited
- Should commitment to group be formalized and require members to commit for a length of time?
 - o Formalize a document of governance listing certain positions and explicit commitment
 - o Would help with sustainability, decision-making
- Entities which should be included:
 - o Criminal Justice
 - o Harm reduction

- Clinical
- Prevention
- Community
- 12-month time commitment agreed upon
- Forgiveness for missing 1 call or so; discussion with leadership for missing multiple meetings
- Frequency of meetings:
 - Large group will be bi-monthly
 - Steering group will be bi-monthly

Review Draft Agenda for October

- Time for updates included in meeting
 - Scott, Drug Diversion Training
 - Trina, Peer Engagement Network
- Possibility of speakers with more of a training focus to be included
- Legislative updates with opioid committees to be included
- Have someone from HHS come speak about impact of opioid abuse on parenting/family relationship
 - Marco will reach out to HHS
- Possibly reach out to Boulder PD—meth and homelessness rising issue being observed
- Include information for providers on how to identify opioid misuse
- Possibly bring in Jane Woodard, Illuminate Colorado
 - Jamie will reach out and contact her
- Next meeting should have a family focus
- Attempt for a panel-style meeting to be organized
 - Easier to attempt under the time constraints than presentations

Discuss Possible Name Change

- Name change in attempts to be more inclusive/ forward-thinking in terms of addressing and incorporating other substances into group name
 - Name should build off of overarching ideas about the group: drug abuse and substance abuse
 - Possibly incorporating designation that the group as a whole is focused on ‘substance abuse, with a focus on opioids for the quarter’
 - Designating a subfocus for each quarter
- Keeping Opioid Advisory group for now, and rethinking name at a later date?
 - Discussion over name will not be easily resolved
 - Should a commitment be made to a new name before fliers/marketing materials start being produced?
- Steering committee will be used to come up with name options as a way to facilitate/speed up naming process
 - Steering committee will come up with 3-4 general ideas, and then will bring it to the larger group to be voted upon
 - Add naming discussion to agenda for December 5th steering group meeting

Updates

- From Marco:
 - Community Justice Services applied for opioid diversion grant

- This grant would help divert individuals out of legal intervention and point them more towards public health intervention
 - Issues lie around having to report documented status
- From Michelle:
 - Grant for individuals to receive treatment for opioid misuse disorder through Hub and Spoke.
- From Trina (communicated through Jamie):
 - Gathering individuals in recovery to speak at local high schools
 - One young man died over the weekend on Saturday due to drug overdose; roommate of one of the young adults in recover
 - At PEN event, mother disclosed that recently reversed the life of her son via narcan. She stated need to get out more info about narcan availability.
- From Jamie:
 - There are now 13 safe-disposal sites in Boulder County. New one at Boulder Community Health hospital on Foothills in the ED.
 - Input to be made on bills going out to the legislature. 5 bills put forward out of Interim Study Committee.