9:30  Introduction and Community Updates & Announcements

★ Community Updates:
  ○ Survey for new name ideas for Healthy Youth Alliance, reach out to Alyssa Amidei for further questions (aamidei@bouldercounty.org)
  ○ New school for recovery classes at Recovery Cafe Longmont including AcuWellness, Acupuncture with meditation, Ted Talk Thursday, and meditative walks on Thursday as well
    ■ Free Acudetox on Saturdays at 3pm
  ○ Substance Use Loss Support Group at Tru Care is meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 6-8pm. Registration to join this group available
  ○ External Relations Strategist position open for Consortium
  ○ HSR 17, Park, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties Regional Health Connector job listing with a $1k hiring bonus
  ○ BVSD has received their shipment of Naloxone from the Bulk Fund from CDPHE and is not focusing on training of nurses/emergency response teams on administering Naloxone
    ■ BVSD Podcast about Health and Wellness for youth-serving adults
  ○ Colorado Sun Article about fentanyl overdoses
    ■ Questions can be directed to Commander Nick Goldberger (ngoldberger@bouldercounty.org, desk phone 303-441-3654, general office 303-441-1690)
  ○ Inspire Youth Connections has created a map on youth resources available in the county - send to youth, if you have questions reach out to Liz Burham
  ○ Behavioral Health Group
    ■ Central intake process where individuals can intake at one center via tele-health and be put on the calendar = no waiting times
    ■ Extending hours in Denver location till 8pm, Longmont center will extend their hours till 3pm
    ■ All centers are hiring for a range of positions such as administrative support, nursing, therapists, etc.
  ○ Colorado School of Public Health Cannabis Research & Policy - workgroup available
  ○ Apply for Housing Opportunities on December 14th! Boulder County Housing Authority’s (BCHA) mission is expanding access to affordable housing in our community - Applications will only be accepted online
Broomfield Public Health released a new campaign on “Why Language Matters” around topics such as mental health and substance use.

Sober AF Entertainment event coming up on December 30th to go to a Nuggets Game - check their website for more event information.

- Sober support tailgate within Ball Arena in the Executive Board Room where peer recovery coaches will be promoted nationally.
- Sober Support Tent at Decadence (EDM Festival), 8 tickets available for volunteers needed! Reach out to Duke Rumely (duke@soberafe.com)

Healthy Future Coalition is looking for new members (age 15-20) to join the youth coalition and are in the process of hiring a youth advisor. If you want to learn more, please reach out to Abby at abohannan@bouldercounty.org

10:00 Updates on Possession with SUD present / Diversion Cases
Boulder County District Attorney: Elaina Shively, Deputy District Attorney (eshively@bouldercounty.org) & Jenny Dusseau, Lead Diversion Coordinator (jdusseau@bouldercounty.org)

DA’s Office Diversion Programs Update
- Diversion is a pre-conviction alternative to traditional prosecution that reduces the damaging collateral consequences of a criminal conviction while holding participants accountable for the offense and supporting them to repair harm to victims and others affected.
  - Diversion Principles:
    - Trauma-informed
    - Restorative & Victim Centered
    - Individualized
    - Equitable, accessible, and culturally responsive
- Diversion Expansion
  - 2017: Added unsupervised diversion, expanded to all ages, expanded volunteer RJ program
  - 2018: Co-responder/LE programs, BH Hub Planning, Increased Capacity, Focus on Harm Reduction
  - 2019-2020: Launched Mental Health Diversion, New Drug Reform, Drivers License Diversion

Restorative Justice
- Offender must be accepting responsibility
- Focus is on who was harmed, how they were harmed and what their needs are, and what can be done to repair harm from the offense (victim-centered)
- Must be voluntary for all parties
A restorative justice process brings together the people involved in the incident - the offender(s), victim(s), support people, and other community members to decide what needs to happen to make things as right as possible after a crime has been committed.

Restorative conversations are incorporated into all diversion tracks.

Drug Possession Cases & Diversion
- De-Felonization of most Drug Possession Offenses in March 2020 (Fentanyl not included)
  - The charge of possessing an illegal substance no longer includes felony offense, sentencing schemes are now different
- Collaboration with Public Health and MHP on Minor in Possession Tickets and Drug Possession Cases where Possession is the sole charge

Harm Reduction Practices
- Meeting people “where they’re at”
- Person-centered goals and treatment plans; case plan may prioritize something else such as trauma recovery and resiliency prior to addressing substance use
- Focus on matching connections with community supports outside of justice systems (diversion is a short-term program)
- Many of those in diversion are involved with MAT treatment

Restorative Diversion Outcomes
- 8% recidivism rate, reoffending after release
- 94-97% successful completion rate
- Decreased risk, procedural justice, increased sense of safety, community involvement, accountability, system savings, victim centered work and treatment, satisfaction of community members
- 50% decrease from 2019, 2020 on % of drug arrests

Questions:
- How do laws with DF Felonies affect previous offenders?
  - Charges going forward from that date. Possession laws have changed March 1, 2020. If a possession charge has been made after March 1, 2020, it will be the new after those laws when a crime is committed, it would be the new possession laws that will drive those charges
- Under a certain quantity that possession charges are committed under, what is this amount?
  - Drug Possession Statue

10:30 Perinatal Substance Use Disorder 101 & Legislative Updates, Illuminate Colorado
Jillian Fabricius, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Illuminate (jfabricius@illuminatecolorado.org)
Preventing and Addressing Prenatal Substance Exposure: Illuminate Colorado’s Approach

- Illuminating Protective Factors through Strengthening Families
  - Parental Resilience
  - Social Connections
  - Concrete support in times of need
  - Knowledge of parenting & child development
  - Social & emotional competence
- Illuminates Two-Generational Approach:
  - This approach focuses on equally and intentionally creating opportunities for and addressing needs of the whole family, including both children and the adults in their lives, together
- Emerging trends: pregnancy & substance use
  - Individuals 24-39, 53.4% needed but did not receive treatment services
    - Reasons for this included: uncertainty about costs, unsure they could cover costs, did not have insurance, difficulty getting an appointment, wait lists, shortage of providers
  - Alcohol is the most used substance in women during their last trimester
    - People binge drink more after pregnancy
  - Greatest resource needs in the county:
    - Recovery supports: recovery housing
    - Substance use treatment: family involved treatment
    - Child care: child care for families in crisis and families in treatment
  - According to an NIH study, it is estimated that 1 in 20 first-graders have a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
  - Pregnant or parenting people in CO who enroll in the Special Connections residential SUD treatment program face average waitlists of 8-12 weeks for short-term treatment programs, an dan average of 20-30 individuals are on waitlist queues at any given time
- The Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee with Family Advisory Board (FAB)
  - Priority 1: reduce stigma around accessing substance use disorder treatment and recovery supports for pregnant and parenting people
    - One barrier to this priority is fear/fear of potentially losing a child
  - Priority 2: ensure systems, and the people who work within them, develop policies and practices with families that support warm handoffs and standardize practices to address equities
  - Priority 3: Build Colorado’s statewide capacity to align efforts, apply lessons from our data, and recognize and respond to emerging needs
  - Priority 4: Build Colorado’s statewide capacity to identify Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and support impacted families
  - To get involved, get periodic updates, and learn more about workgroups - please go to their website: https://www.illuminatecolorado.org/project/sen/
Questions:
- Do you work with mothers who have given birth to an addicted infant / do you work with the mothers to regain custody?
  ● We do not provide programmatic services ourselves, we provide partnerships to those who can actually help in these situations and support families. We look at policies/practices that are getting in the way of helping this population. If your client is enrolled in Medicaid, there are some services there that are available - for immediate attention on this topic, you can reach out to sbryan@bouldercounty.org to get more information
  ● Toolkit, reports, provider lists are linked within the powerpoint slides
- For further questions and information on this topic and available resources, email Jillian (jfabricius@illuminatecolorado.org) and Hattie (hlandry@illuminatecolorado.org)

11:00 Behavioral Health Hub Discussion
Kelly Veit, Strategic Implementation Manager, Boulder County Community Justice Services (kveit@bouldercounty.org)

Behavioral Health Hub - https://resources.bouldercounty.org/findrx/BoulderCountyBHAS
  ★ The website is now available and open for you to view it!
  ★ Main Features - BHAS
    ○ Searching for services
    ○ Filtering services
    ○ Viewing agency profiles
    ○ Sharing services to self or others
    ○ Requesting updates to services
  ★ ASK: Let us know the gaps - what is missing?
  ★ Send initial feedback to kveit@bouldercounty.org