

COLORADO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREND AND RESPONSE TASK FORCE

MEETING AGENDA

November 3, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Colorado Municipal League

1144 Sherman St., Denver (South of the Capitol)

Conference Call Number

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Chair – Attorney General Cynthia Coffman

Vice –Chairs:

- *Treatment* – Marc Condojani, Director, Community Treatment & Recovery Programs, Office of Behavioral Health, Colorado Dept. of Human Services
- *Prevention* – José Esquibel, Director, Office of Community Engagement, Colorado Dept. of Law/Colorado Office of the Attorney General
- *Law Enforcement* – Chief Rick Brandt, Evans Police Department

Attendees: *Adam Zarrin, Amy Kingery, Anastasia Snelling, Ashley Chase, Cheri Jahn, Colleen Brisnehan, Cynthia H. Coffman, Dana Smith, Jenny Wood, José Esquibel, Julia L. Roguski, Lindsey Myers, Lisa Noble, Liz Hickman, Marc Condojani, Melissa Gallardo, Miles De Young, Peggy Heil, Ron Rakowsky, Rick Brandt, Robert Valuck, Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Renie Dugwyler, Jade Woodward*

Guests: Denise Vincioni, Kent Maclennan, Stazi Snelling, Cynthia Kowart, Qing Li, Lillian Adams, Aaron Miller, Lindsey Kato, Tami Clark, Kathy Doht, Amber Woodside, Stacey Miller, Jack Reed, Sierra Candelaria, Michael Davidson, Daniel Vigil, Mike Orrill, Judith Miller, Kacy Crawford, Franklin Erickson, Whit Oyle, Gina Olderding, Kyle Gustafson, Henny Lasley, Rebecca Helfand

Review and Approval of Minutes for the August 4, 2017 meeting passed.

Announcements from Task Force Members

AG announcements:

Colorado Naloxone for Life: Successfully purchased and distributing another 1500 kits. There are now 154 agencies that carry naloxone. There have been over 259 opioid reversals reported through the use of the OpiRescue App. We will be training canine officers and their dogs later this month. It has become a risk for the animals to inhale fatal drugs while on search during police duty.

Recovery Ready Colorado (RRCO): The RRCO town hall was successfully launched in September and now a RRCO workgroup is being initiated by the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, (CCPDAP). The co-chairs for this group are Dana Smith, (The Phoenix), and Rourke Weaver, (Red Rocks Recovery Center). On Monday, Nov 6th, we will be hosting our first meeting. For more information for this and other CCPDAP workgroups, visit the website for contacts and details.

<http://www.corxconsortium.org/work-groups/>

AG participating as lead state in a **coalition of 41 states' attorneys general** have served five major opioid manufacturers with subpoenas seeking information about how these companies marketed and sold prescription opioids. The coalition is also demanding documents and information related to distribution practices from three drug distributors. The investigative subpoenas and document requests were served to pharmaceutical manufacturers Endo International, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd./Cephalon Inc. and Allergan. The group also served a supplemental investigative subpoena to Purdue Pharma. The attorneys general are hoping to learn whether these companies may have marketed or distributed their products illegally.

Judith Ann Miller – Soaring Hope: The underlying theme of many conferences that I attend is that we must re-brand addiction. I have had a horrific history (14 years) of dealing with NIMBYISM (Not in My Back Yard). So many people do not understand addiction and the stigma is inhibiting our ability to serve effectively. **National Adherence to ADA** – A solution to the nationwide problem of lack of adequate residential addiction treatment facilities could be having all states, all cities and all counties adopt a Use-By-Right permit that would assure the safety of neighborhoods where such a facility would be housed. *Use-By-Right Permit Handout* available online at <https://coag.gov/SATF-agenda-minutes>

Lindsey Kato – The Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Unit processed applications (RFA) to provide financial and technical assistance to 8 additional agencies throughout Colorado looking to educate health care providers across selected counties.

Dana Smith – Working with City of Denver to replicate Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). This is a pre-booking diversion pilot program developed with the community to address low-level drug and prostitution crimes in Seattle. The program allows law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activity to community-based services, instead of jail and prosecution.

Liz Hickman – Thanked the AG for coming out to visit several agencies in NE rural Colorado. We were happy to host and wonderful opportunity to treatment, recovery and ideas for new resources. It is encouraging to see the desire to expand prevention efforts for youth.

Kent MacLennan - Launched *On the Rise* promotion campaign, ran by RAC and partnering with constellation across the state. The goal is to close perceived vs reality of drug use and behavior. We have tools that can be used reach your local communities as well. Visit www.riseaboveco.org or www.I RiseAboveCO.org for more information.

Prenatal Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Expansion Pilot Program. - Dr. Qing Li is an epidemiologist and requested the support and approval from the State Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force for a SBIRT Expansion Pilot Program. In 2016, CARA authorized the inclusion of services for pregnant women under family-based substance abuse grants. Pregnant women are the sentinel and priority population in the epidemic of opioid and other substance use disorders.

Opioid addiction during pregnancy has emerged as a significant public health concern in Colorado, with accidental overdose and suicide as the leading cause of pregnancy-associated death from 2004 to 2012 in Colorado. Among 50 deaths with toxicology testing available, the most commonly detected class of drugs was opioids (48%, 24/50). Pregnant women may choose to deny or underreport drug use, and could miss or delay prenatal interventions. Clinical care and data are often incomplete and delayed on substance exposed pregnancy & neonatal abstinence syndrome in Colorado.

The goals of this pilot program include: 1) Compile existing SBIRT data, explore new data sources (e.g., All Payer Claims Data and Electronic Health Records), and increase facility capacity in monitoring SBIRT, substance use, and related outcomes in selected counties including jail or prison; 2) Promptly identify

substance exposed pregnancy and newborns for prompt service; and 3) Increase MAT access among pregnant women. Dr. Li testified for this proposal for potential funding from retail marijuana tax revenues at the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee.

Interim Study Committee on Opioid and Other Substance Abuse - A word of appreciation and gratitude is extended to Task Force members and guests who participated in any way with the Interim Study Committee on Opioids and Other Substance Use Disorders. The proposed bills from the committee were sent to members in a separate email message. The six bills and other documentation also available online at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/opioid-and-other-substance-use-disorders-interim-study-committee/2017-regular-session>. The bills are scheduled to be considered by the Legislative Council committee on November 15th, and if approved as fitting within the charge of the committee, will be introduced at the start of the 2018 legislative session.

Substance Abuse Trends

- Fentanyl and other synthetic drug misuse are spiking. Naloxone will work, but you may need more than one dose.
- We need to provide continued public awareness that street opioids can be laced with these drugs making it a higher risk for overdose.
- Some law enforcement agencies are not field testing and prohibiting testing due to safety for officers. It is becoming more important that naloxone should be a part of PPD
- SMART CO – as approach 5 years, we are seeing that the perception of harm has dropped 6% for our youth. The inventory of product available at the MMJ dispensaries is huge. Edibles, vaping, stabbing and smoking merchandise. This has led to a high disconnect between our resources and what is on the market. Important to not let MMJ drop off the radar because it is critical to keep all safe.
- Alcohol still remains top SU that cause a great harm to community.

Progress on 2017 Priorities

Colorado Naloxone For Life (CONFL) – Rick Brandt – The CONFL workgroup has helped us keep a finger on both the national and international pulse for opioid crisis. We have had requests for an additional 1100 kits from our law enforcement agencies. CONFL will conduct a total of three extra trainings this fall and winter.

Nurse Practitioner Initiative MAT is expanding. People are submitting application and we are looking for 2 members to sit on the board for the next 18 months.

Jail Based Treatment - Peggy Heil - Jail base service in Fremont and Alamosa counties are working to get a grant. There is a group looking at a jail based service for access to Medicaid requested to facilitate treatment. It is inhuman to allow people to withdraw in jail without help. Marc Condojani stated that through our Fed grant expansion, jail based contracts could include MAT with 3 of the FDA approved meds 7 days prior to release. Same allowance is available to any county that are available. The Heroin Workgroup is looking at the barriers of having MAT in jails. Denver and Douglas County have programs that we are going to document various models to replicate in order to create info on resources for Sheriff Offices to implement programs from the research.

Impact on Children of Caregiver Substance Use Convening – Jade Woodard – Save the date January 19th, 2018. We will have 2 back-to-back meetings to look at the spectrum of ways children are impacted through all stages of development to better meet the needs of children impacted by caregiver substance misuse.

Over the next few months, a steering committee will guide a process to shape a research-based guiding strategy to address this issue. We are looking for a treatment provider to be on the steering committee. We are also looking to law enforcement to represent the perspective on the street. Please contact Jade if you are interested in being a part of this committee at jwoodard@illuminatecolorado.org.

Substance Exposed Newborns Summit

The Substance Exposed Newborns Summit was attend on November 2nd by over 200 participants. The Summit initiated a new structure for the SEN Committee. Please contact Jade Woodard (jwoodard@illuminatecolorado.org) if you are interested in having your organization represented on any of the work groups of the SEN Steering Committee. The work groups are: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; Hospital Learning Collaborative; Plans for Safe Care; Provider Education; Quality Improvement; Research; and Data.

Presentation: 2018-2020 plan for SEN:

(Presentation and handouts available at <https://coag.gov/SATF-agenda-minutes>)

5 points of intervention model: 1) pre-pregnant 2) prenatal 3) birth 4) post-natal 5) throughout childhood.

This model is a circle to recognize that as kids grow up, they will become the next generation of parents.

Vision: decreasing number of women children and family impacted by sub during pregnancy and where those who are affected are identified and supported with appropriate resource, practices policies in their communities and lifespan.

Mission: to identify and implement strategies for reducing the number of families impacted by sub uses during pregnancy and for improving outcomes for families across the lifespan.

Values: Identify all moving pieces and point in same direction for strategic approach.

6 priorities for Plans of Safe Care:

- **SAFE CARE:** Promote community based strategic to meeting the CAPTIA/CARA requirements regarding plans of safe care for infants and caregivers
- **BEST PRACTICES:** Increase consistency in implementation of best practice approaches in the identification of and response to newborns prenatally exposed to sub and their caregivers at the time of birth across Colorado
- **PROVIDER EDUCATION:** Expand provider education on related issues such as screening every pregnant woman with a validated screening tool in prenatal, hospital and postpartum settings
- **POLICY:** Develop and pursue a state policy agenda including access to treatment, barriers to engagement, SBIRT promotion and other issues
- **FASD:** Assess need for increased FASD identification/clinical diagnostic capacity in the state and develop an expansion plan
- **STATEWIDE DATA:** Increase statewide data, research and quality improvement capacity in order to inform our work and to share successes and challenges.

Presentation: Public Safety: Marijuana Use Data and Trends

(Presentation available at <https://coag.gov/SATF-agenda-minutes>)

Marijuana Arrest Rates – Arrest rates have dropped significantly. Broken down by Age, Race, Gender, and filings across the state have all gone down almost in half after 2012. **Filings for Serious Drug Crime Types** have dropped until after 2014, however, the type of serious, black-market activity has increased.

Fatalities on Colorado roadways. We do know there has been an increase of presence of cannabinoid have continued to increase. Fatality rates in state vs national, Colorado tests for all drugs so reporting system is better than most US reports. Colorado has been below but has moved to

close to national rate. The **cannabinoid fatality rate** has continually increased, but based on per 100 million miles driven, it is about 3 out of 100,000 fatality crashes involve marijuana. We are working on improving DUI citation data from multiple sites and substances on board.

School suspension Rates is based on drugs as a whole per 100,000 students. The rate itself has decreased, but the drug suspension percentage has increased. When looking at the total drug expulsions rate, the rates have decreased over the past few years. Starting in 2016, we will have MMJ referrals in public schools from Law endorsement. Marijuana referrals now make up 25% of all referrals and 22% of all expulsions were marijuana related. Over the last 8 years, the drop out rate has decreased and the graduation rate has increased. Those markers are not getting worse because of the legalization of marijuana.

Data Committee: State Epidemiological & Outcomes Workgroup

Reaching out to local stakeholders that use data for planning of their work and how they use data and ways we can support their data efforts. Email Daniel.Veheal@state.co.us. Looking for data to flush out overall picture to include as well data gaps to try to tie together in an overall picture. Focused topical briefs that have been suggested. The first to work on is the Alcohol Policy Brief. SEOW grant goes for two more years and we are looking for sustainability to continue in the future for shaping policy.

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Center at CU overview. Building on foundation for 1:1 matching funding for step one of sustainability. The longer perspective is substance abuse as a whole and prevention for all areas not just opioid awareness. We just had our annual meeting and increased the workgroups to include a new Recovery Ready Colorado launched from the RRCO town hall.

We are working on grant with CCAHEC to get **AmeriCorp** staff hired for reaching the local support needed to provide resources to communities that is not current accessible. If you have connections out there for local people to recruit for these areas. We will be reaching out for support as needed when requested by Americorp through this group.

Awareness and public awareness event on January 24th, 2018. Tickets for **Dreamland in Denver** will go on sale starting December 1st, 2017. Flyer available under handouts at <https://coag.gov/SATF-agenda-minutes> or contact Gina.Olberding@UCDenver.edu.

Task Force Reauthorization

The legislation authorizing the Task Force is set to repeal at the end of June 2018. Thank you to Senators Jahn, Crowder and Lambert, and Representative Esgar for being willing to carry a bill to reauthorize the Task Force with a ten-year repeal date.

Closing Comments and Adjournment

Membership openings - Rise Above Colorado's youth representative for SATF has graduated. Kent MacLennan introduced Anastasia Snelling, the new Youth Partner with Rise Above Colorado. Upon approval by the chair, Anastasia will fulfill the role as the Youth member for SAFT.

There are two positions still vacant for the SATF Membership. A representative for Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado District Attorneys Council. The vice-chairs will be reaching out again to seek candidates for these positions.

Save the Dates:

Dreamland in Denver – Confronting the Opioid Epidemic in the Mile High City – January 24th, 2018.

CO Collaborative Justice Conference May 2-4th, 2018

Next meeting will be Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Colorado Municipal League. Updated dates can be found online at <https://coag.gov/SATF>