

# Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

## Updates

August 2019

### **Naloxone Public Awareness Campaign: Bring It Home**

The Consortium is launching the ‘Bring It Home’ statewide Naloxone awareness campaign on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> with a press conference kick off on the west steps of the Capitol at 10:30 a.m. Members of the Task Force are invited to attend this event.

The campaign will run through November.

More details will be shared with Task Force members. Anyone with an interest is encouraged to promote the campaign in their networks.

### **Colorado Community Reference Guide**

The updated Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Community Reference Guide is now available in digital format at <http://www.corxconsortium.org/communityreference/>. This document offers community members with strategies and tools to address the opioid crisis at the local level. The Consortium prepared this reference document with financial support from the Office of Behavioral Health. Feel free to share this link and the document within your networks.

### **Study Committee on Opioids and Other Substance Use Disorders**

The Legislative Study Committee held its first of six sessions on July 9<sup>th</sup> with a focus on accomplishments related to previous bills of the Committee and high level overview of stakeholder input for this current round of sessions.

The first topic area was prevention. A copy of the summary of stakeholder input is attached.

Information about the Study Committee and the meeting schedule is found at <http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/opioid-and-other-substance-use-disorders-study-committee/2019-regular-session>.

### **MAT Expansion Program**

The Request for Application for the Senate Bill 1029-001 Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Program was released on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a continuation of the successful MAT

Expansion Pilot that ran for two years in Pueblo and Routt Counties under the direction of the College of Nursing, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

The purpose of the new funds from the Colorado General Assembly is to increase the number of MAT Waivered Providers who provide MAT in clinical organizations or practices in Routt and Pueblo, in the San Luis Valley, (including the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache, Custer and Huerfano), and in up to two additional rural Colorado counties with demonstrated need and capacity development opportunities.

The Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention/Consortium is managing this round of funding working in close partnership with the staff of the College of Nursing.

### **Enhancing Rural and Frontier Opioid Response Efforts**

A grant from COBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers and Farm Credit associations throughout the United States, in the amount of \$500,000 was awarded to the University of Colorado's Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention/Consortium to fund physician education and other prevention programs in rural and frontier regions of Colorado.

### **Consortium Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Consortium is scheduled for Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. More details are forthcoming.

For information about the work of the ten work groups of the Consortium visit <http://www.corxconsortium.org/>