

# Colorado Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee

November 2018

## The Steering Committee

The Colorado SEN Steering Committee seeks to identify and implement strategies for reducing the number of families impacted by substance use during pregnancy and for improving outcomes for families across the lifespan.

Progress to Date:

- The committee has a reaffirmed commitment from 21 members ranging in expertise from medical professionals, SUD treatment providers, child welfare professionals, public health professionals, family and children program providers, and policy experts.
- Attorney General Coffman has generously funded the advancement of the committee's priorities, support for planning and implementation, the development of a Family Advisory Committee, and the expansion of the CHoSEN Collaborative support
- The committee has begun to develop plans for a Family Advisory Committee, comprised of Coloradans with relevant lived experience, which will advise the committee, the work groups, and the statewide effort at large.

Opportunity: The Steering Committee will be developing a 2018 report and planning for 2019.

## 2018-2020 Priority Area Work Groups

In the period beginning in 2018 and concluding at the end of 2020, the SEN Steering Committee will be convening, supporting, and guiding work groups to advance the six priority areas outlined below.

**The Colorado Hospital SEN (CHoSEN) Collaborative** is working to increase consistency in implementation of best practice approaches in the identification of and response to newborns prenatally exposed to substances and their caregivers at the time of birth across Colorado—through education and formal quality improvement efforts. The CHoSEN Collaborative includes a continuum of ways hospitals, practices, and individual perinatal care providers can engage, including formal quality improvement work led by University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative, continued perinatal provider education and assessments, and events to share practices.

Progress to Date:

- Illuminate Colorado is facilitating the second of two offerings of a SEN ECHO Series for perinatal providers—with more than 30 participants from around the state.
- The quality improvement work has grown to 15 birth hospitals across the state including representation from the along the Front Range, the Western Slope, and the San Luis Valley.
- Research posters featuring both the SEN ECHO Series and the CHoSEN Collaborative's Quality Improvement work were displayed at the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention's Provider Education Symposium and Annual Meeting

Opportunity: The CHoSEN Collaborative is continuing to engage and recruit additional perinatal providers to participate and welcomes suggestions and connections for continued outreach.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

**The SEN Data and Research Work Group** is working to increase statewide data and research capacity in order to inform our work and to share successes and challenges.

Progress to Date:

- Have convened core group of representatives from various agencies who house data
- Developed database of potential data sources, including data request policies, contact person, format of information, analytic capacity, and data sharing policies
- Developed data priorities which shaped a proposed needs assessment in the Interim Study Committee's Prevention Bill

Opportunity: The Data and Research Work Group is looking for opportunities to begin a discreet data project linking maternal health records with infant health records.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 P.M.

**The SEN FASD Identification Work Group** is working to assess the needs related to FASD identification capacity in the state and develop an expansion plan. The group intends to begin by conducting a scan of current places and professionals thought to be resources—including an evaluation of their training needs and referral patterns.

Progress to Date:

- Had an initial planning meeting including many members from the former FASD Commission
- Identified some next steps including additional outreach
- Have a masters level intern to support this priority area, beginning with stakeholder research

Opportunity: The FASD Identification Work Group is looking to expand its membership to include members from the developmental disabilities community and neuropsychiatry.

Next Meeting: TBD

**The SEN Plans of Safe Care Work Group** is working to promote community-based strategies to meeting the CAPTA/CARA requirement regarding plans of safe care for infants and caregivers.

Progress to Date:

- Created a Plans of Safe Care Discharge Guidelines and Checklist to guide hospital practice
- Presented the Discharge Guidelines and Checklist to the Steering Committee for feedback
- Finalized the Discharge Guidelines and Checklist and began dissemination planning

Opportunity: The Plans of Safe Care Work Group will continue its work by focusing on dissemination of the guidelines, documentation of plans, and federal reporting requirements.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4 P.M.

**The SEN Policy Work Group** is working to develop state policy priorities including access to treatment, barriers to engagement, SBIRT promotion, and other issues.

Progress to Date:

- Reorganized the leadership structure to include both policy implementation co-chairs as well as advocacy co-chairs
- Shared opportunities to coordinate around Interim Study Committee bills, changes to the Children's Code, the 1136 Stakeholder Process, child care access for those in substance use disorder treatment, and other related priorities
- Identified the need to establish policy engagement guidelines and began drafting

Opportunity: The Policy Work Group will be finalizing their policy engagement guidelines at their next meeting and will begin 2019 with a focus on policy priorities.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 P.M.

**The SEN Provider Education Work Group** is working to expand provider education on related issues such as screening every pregnant woman with a validated screening tool in prenatal, hospital and postpartum settings.

Progress to Date:

- Illuminate Colorado secured CDPHE funds for the creation of a provider education platform
- Convened a work group of issue and practice experts, including members of professional associations such as the Colorado Chapters of AAP and ACOG
- Created an in-progress inventory of existing provider education resources
- Reorganized the inventory by developing provider-friendly categories and subcategories and by prioritizing the most useful resources
- Identified opportunities for the creation of in-person provider education modules in collaboration with the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Preventions' Provider Education Work Group

Opportunity: The Provider Education Work Group will be looking for additional members with expertise in educating medical providers and clinical support staff.

Next Meeting: TBD

**To join a work group, nominate someone to a work group, or receive more information, contact Jillian Adams at [jadams@illuminatecolorado.org](mailto:jadams@illuminatecolorado.org) or 303.413.3460.**