

## Boulder County Substance Use Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

9:30-11:30 am

Microsoft Teams Meeting

9:30 Updates

Boulder County Public Health COVID-19 Data Update

*Emily Payne, Epidemiologist, Surveillance and Data Branch Lead*

- [BCPH COVID Illness and Recovery Page](#)
- [Case Summary Dashboard](#)
- [Hospital Resource Dashboard](#)

Member Updates:

- Boulder County resource list:
  - For comprehensive resources during COVID-19: [www.boco.org/COVID-19Resources](http://www.boco.org/COVID-19Resources)
  - Para una lista comprensiva de recursos durante COVID-19 visite: [www.boco.org/COVID-19Recursos](http://www.boco.org/COVID-19Recursos)
- Cultural Brokers:
  - Cultural brokers in Boulder County have developed the Facebook page below to connect folks in the Latinx, primarily or monolingual Spanish speaking, and undocumented communities to resources and information during this time: <https://www.facebook.com/BoCOSuma/>
- Front Range Clinic:
  - seeing a huge uptick in relapse and non-compliance across the entire system
  - Reports from patients that it is harder to access their drug supply
  - Patients are on wait lists for both clinics
- Boulder Integrated Health:
  - will resume "in-person" treatment starting June 1 (OP, IOP, PHP)
- Behavioral Health Group:
  - Now open in Colorado Springs
- Housing and Human Services:
  - If folks need rental assistance due to COVID-related loss of income there is a housing helpline: 303-441-1206
- BCH Opioid & Chronic Pain Response Program:
  - Looking for speakers for Virtual Recovery Stories! Email [awroblewski@bch.org](mailto:awroblewski@bch.org)
- BCPH Works Program:
  - Opening back to regular hours out of Longmont (M-F 10:30-4:30). Reopening at Lafayette on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the first week of June. We have had a lot of interest in our harm reduction mailing program and intend to keep that available for participants for the foreseeable future. Our Sundquist site will be shuttered indefinitely.
- CO Attorney General's Office and the CO Consortium:
  - We are reaching out to representatives of various faith-communities to engage in a conversation about responses to the substance use crisis. If you know any

faith-community leaders who may be interested in participating in a Zoom call June 10, 11am-12pm, feel free to email [jamie.feld@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:jamie.feld@cuanschutz.edu) or [info@corxconsortium.org](mailto:info@corxconsortium.org)

9:55 District Attorney's Office Update on Court Proceedings in Light of COVID-19  
*Ken Kupfner, Assistant District Attorney 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District*

- Visit our page for resource information and to access copies of flyers shared in the PowerPoint: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/district-attorney/community-protection/>
- Following decisive actions to reduce jail population in efforts to decrease risk of COVID among this high-risk population
  - Jail population reduced from 435 to 215 inmates
- Waiting for legislature to come back in session to discuss speedy trial procedures

10:10 Update on SUD-Related Bills in the State Legislature  
*Jamie Feld, External Relations Strategist, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention*

- Trying to predict models of economic recovery
- Joint Budget Committee going through recommended cuts proposed by state government
- Every bill getting passed cannot have fiscal notes associated with them or include any "risky" components
- Office of Behavioral Health included all components of recovery bill into their application, so these resources will still be covered through federal funds
- Probably no opportunity for testimony in person, but trying to allow for virtual testimony
- Not a good situation for state funds currently; many cuts are being made to behavioral health support

10:25 Colorado Opioid Synergy – Larimer and Weld (CO-SLAW)  
*Heather Ihrig, CO-SLAW Program Director*

<https://northcoloradohealthalliance.org/co-slaw/>

- CO-SLAW model based off of Vermont Hub and Spoke model
- CO-SLAW is funded through SAMHSA grant (3 year opportunity)
- CO-SLAW mutual agreement: Defining vision and model of care to operate in similar fashion across all partners, with overarching harm reduction guidelines
- Modifying approaches going forward to include peers in this model

For SUAG members: How do you see CO-SLAW's work relating/being applicable to behavioral health coordination work within Boulder County?

- We emulate the hub & spoke, namely working with the BCH emergency department after induction and connection to ongoing treatment
- COAP grant (Criminal Justice Services) has been allowing counseling and service linkage from jail to MAT
- New hire to hopefully move hub coordination forward

11:30 Wrap Up