

Boulder County Substance Use Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th, 2020

9:30-11:30 am

Zoom Meeting

9:30 Introductions

Please edit your Zoom name to reflect agency/community affiliation

9:40 Legislative Update

Jamie Feld, MPH Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

- Use Jamie's power point

9:50 Human Connection as Harm Reduction: Longmont Public Safety's Approach to Case Management

Join us for a presentation and discussion about how Longmont Public Safety's comprehensive behavioral health response system (which includes the case management team) works to provide opportunity for healing to community members. Woven into our time together will be stories of resilience, recovery and examples of how Law Enforcement choosing to "do something different" has the capacity to make an impact where it otherwise may not be felt.

Presenters: Emily Van Doren and Annabel Perez

Q & A to include Assistant Public Safety Chief Dan Eamon and Sergeant Andy Feaster

Bios

Emily Van Doren, Case Management Supervisor

Emily Van Doren supervises a team of Public Safety based Peer Case Managers who advocate for community members in Longmont who are experiencing addiction and mental health disorders. Working in the behavioral health field for nearly 10 years, she values a recovery oriented, strengths-based approach and strongly believes in approaching this work rooted in the principles of harm reduction. Emily and her team compassionately serve the community through acceptance and partnership. They emphasize self-determination while valuing the journey of meeting people where they are at, and caring enough not to stop there.

Annabel Perez, Peer Case Manager

Annabel Perez is a Peer Case Manager who works to for Longmont Public Safety's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program which is a part of Public Safety's Case Management system. Annabel compassionately walks alongside her participants to help them connect with resources in the community that will positively impact their life. She is able to relate to her participants and build relationships with them by sharing from her own recovery

story. Focusing on harm reduction and a sense of mutuality Annabel works with her participants build community and improve their overall quality of life.

Dan Eamon, Assistant Public Safety Chief

Dan Eamon is the Assistant Public Safety Chief with the Longmont Department of Public Safety and oversees one of its four divisions, the Community Health and Resilience Division. This includes the Office of Emergency Management, the Victim Services Group, Public Safety Volunteer Programs, and Community Health and Criminal Justice Diversion Programs. These programs include the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, the Crisis Outreach, Response and Engagement (CORE) co-responder teams, Community Health, and the Angel Initiative programs.

Andy Feaster, Sergeant

Sergeant Andy Feaster oversees the Longmont Department of Public Safety Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement (CORE) co-responder program. He has worked in this capacity for nearly a year, after having spent 18 years in Patrol as an Officer, Sergeant and Patrol Liaison for the LEAD and CORE Teams, within Longmont Public Safety. He and his team respond to Mental Health Crisis calls and complete follow up and outreach to those struggling with mental health related issues. Andy believes in building relationships with citizens and providing those in need with the correct services, at the correct location, at the correct time. He and his team work diligently, each day, to break down previously built barriers between law enforcement and those struggling with mental illness.

- Ask for power point from Annabel and Emily
- please share some of your best practices for data management and analysis between PD and case managers within this program
 - o OBH keeping
- With the current push nationally to change how police provide services, what do you see the CORE teams capacity looking like in the future since they are a two team crew with limited capacity at the moment?
 - o Defunding the police really means shifting resources to most beneficial sources of response at the time
 - o Longmont Public Safety seeing more calls during COVID (due to unstable nature of the climate we're in) so keeping up with a higher demand
 - o Fundamentally, CORE and LEAD are designed to triage individuals to addressing real/underlying needs of community members
- Expansion of LEAD
 - o To cover entire jurisdiction of prosecutor's office
 - o Restorative practices—always looking at community connection piece
 - o Goal is to have many offramps from system to community connection and care

- Not just looking at first time offenders; also those repeatedly caught in the system
- Where does the CJ system not need to be involved to get the care/resources folks deserve
- Working with cultural competency
- VERA Institute analyzing data externally (org focused on ending mass incarceration)
- Divert about 700 cases a year
- Mental health diversion program (and others) trying to reach folks before they even come into contact with the Criminal Justice system
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11:05 Optional Updates and Announcements from Work Groups

11:10 Updates and Announcements

- Recovery Café Longmont opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays with limited capacity (due to COVID guidelines)
 - Call and make a reservation; can stop by in person if they don't have access to a call-in line
 - Temp health screens, masking while inside, observing all health and safety regulations
- Behavioral Health Group
 - Increase in drug screens with fentanyl in UA screen
 - Almost every intake indicated positive for fentanyl
- CDPHE, local law enforcement seeing increase in fentanyl, nonfatal and fatal overdoses and will be forming a group to address issue
 - Seeing high numbers in syndromic surveillance
- BVSD just applied for the SHP grant to continue substance prevention programming from our school nurses in Middle and High Schools. We are expected to hear back about the award Mid August
- Office of Behavioral Health has a Peer Navigator and Recovery Coach Scholarship program. They have funds available to sponsor 50 additional peers in a scholarship through 9/28/20. Fill out this form to apply.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEc8WlMkrZ21lyhYqoH_OyqIFhEfJ4ZP93_sclfcL27xWHEw/formResponse
 - Victor King <vking@mhpcolorado.org> who is based at Mental Health Partners is the contact
- Any new data on whether meth use/overdose is specifically increasing during COVID?
 - https://cohealthviz.dphe.state.co.us/t/PSDVIP-MHPPUBLIC/views/DrugOverdoseDashboard/LandingPage?iframeSizedToWindow=true&%3Aembed=y&%3AshowAppBar=false&%3Adisplay_count=no&%3AshowVizHome=no&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link
 - Share this link with SUAG
- Works program in addressing fentanyl:
 - Providing fentanyl test strips
 - Handing out multiple kits of naloxone at a time to participants
- SCL Health/Good Samaritan Medical Center (Peggy Jarrett) putting together Narcan kits

- Starting with Platt Valley inpatient w overdose and/or substance use diagnosis
 - Good Sam in Lafayette
 - Indivs being discharged with indication of overdose use will be getting doses for free Narcan
- BCH will be rolling out the same thing in our ED in the coming months!
- Centura Health plans to launch Naloxone Distribution out of all 14 Colorado hospital Emergency Departments in Sept. Patients identified as at risk for OD will be given a take-home-pack of Naloxone at no cost.
- Behavioral Health Hub
 - Have initiated one year contract with NOWPOW referral platform
 - Will be using this first year as a trial period