

Boulder County Substance Use Advisory Group

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020

9:30-11:30 am

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Teams

9:30 CAC II Certification Changes

Denise Vincioni, Executive Director of Denver Recovery Group, CAC III, LPC, MA
(or designated representative)

DORA CAC changes and LPCS requirements

- Sunset review (required process of periodic review)
- Intent of review to broaden scope of CAC I and CAC II capabilities
- CAC I: basic functions (UA, sitting in with CAC II on groups to assist, note taking)
- State's intention to broaden scope of what CAC I can do
 - o CAT certified addiction technician
- CAC II or CAC III is now Certified Addiction Specialist (CAS)
- Sunset review had these changes automatically go into effect
- Applications for CAC I, II, III will go into effect until March 31st 2021 (new changes went into effect July 14th)
- Any changes for people working towards their LAC?
 - o Only changes noticed is about who supervises you
- Are CAC II grandfathered in without BA?
 - o Yes they will be
 - o Check in DORA, should be grandfathered over to CAS designation
- Was BA for CAC III required previous to July 14th?
 - o Yes
- Old II or old III now all lumped into CAS category
- Indivs have until March 31st 2021 to get hours and apply for II or III (if haven't reached hours yet)
- Grandfather period until March 31st 2021
- Did they say why they made these changes? Did they assess impact on workforce shortage?
 - o Not sure where intent initially came from
- Moment to reflect on the fact that we need to be more vigilant when these changes are being presented to advocate our points of view
- Final stakeholder meeting September 25th: making decisions on implementation of rules
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9:35 Introductions and Stakeholder Updates

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- opportunities for parents, students and teachers this fall, email to Marcy Campbell
- mcampbell@bouldercounty.org Feel free to send me any events/opportunities you may have for youth, parents, and school staff this fall.

- free SBIRT (screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment) training opportunity for interested healthcare providers in Broomfield/Boulder Counties, email me at dane@centralcoahec.org for details
- Sean Warner, new Opioid Case Manager at jail (part of COAP program)
- Audrey Schroer is out on maternity leave
- HFC is working on licensure on marijuana hospitality establishments: reach out to Allison or Yarrow if interested in getting involved
- Recovery Café Longmont will be hiring bilingual/bicultural specialist
- hoping to open evening services in September
- BIH doing in person services, and also virtual services
- Public health HR coordinator starting at beginning of September
- Patty will be volunteering to support groups with TruCare Hospice
- packet was sent to superintendent of BVSD to advocate for Narcan to be stocked in schools
- Erin Flynn confirmed that Bulk Purchase will be sending 2 kits of Narcan to any school who requests it through a form (do not even need standing orders)
- Tru Community Care has developed a grief and loss group for overdose survivors (hope to distribute materials at Boulder's OAD event)
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9:50 Boulder County's Overdose Awareness Day Event

9:55 Legislative Update

Jamie Feld, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

- No opioid and other SUD committee convening this year, but will convene next year for the next 2 years
- Good time to reach out to legislators to give personal feedback about laws and changes taking place
- 5 bills passed and signed, 1 vetoed (the vetoed bill will be coming back next year)
- Legislators brainstorming legislation ideas (including SBIRT, require DORA to do random checks of providers/pharmacists for compliance...)
- Analysis of 52 policy bills passed through interim study committee
 - o Assessment of impact
 - o Will the analysis of laws passed recently take into account the budget cuts and how that has impacted effectiveness? Can work to include that in the analysis
- Grant-writing assistance program

- Co Consortium - If you'd like to get on our distribution list - <http://www.corxconsortium.org/work-groups/>
- Grant Writing Assistance Program - available through Dec 30, 2021 <http://www.corxconsortium.org/grant-assistance/>

10:00 Criminal Justice Law Update—Diversion and Sealing of Records

Ken Kupfner, Assistant District Attorney, 20th Judicial District

- Marijuana cases distinguished from regular sealing of cases
 - o Will completely vacate conviction related to marijuana—not just sealing it; then the cases is sealed
- Contact Ken for any individuals who would like to have this vacating of conviction/sealing of record file in their name (can be done fairly quickly)
- New DM1 offense, simple possession: cases are dismissed with referral to complete SBIRT
- Mental health diversion pilot project
- Drug numbers as far a number of arrests is down significantly in Boulder County; burglary and theft crimes are up (examined period during COVID)
- DM versus DF? DF is drug felony; DM indication is (4 levels drug felonies,
- Nothing can be done on sealing of records if it's an out-of-state conviction
- What is the first step for those who want to seal previous drug offenses (non MJ)? Coming to clerk of court or going online to find packet to file request for sealing—will provide instructions on how to seal records
 - o Will include filing fees but they're reasonable
 - o Contact Ken about guidance for sealing of records

10:15 Fentanyl Outbreak Update

- Front Range Clinic—finding fentanyl in UAs
- Still facing fentanyl deaths within out community (not only opioids but also mixed in Xanax, stimulants, etc.

10:30 Recovery Panel: Challenges of Recovery During COVID-19

Community Members Sharing Perspectives

- Thank all for your shares! These are some difficult times. I would love to extend scholarship opportunities for SUD treatment. Please e-mail me with any questions at krdriguez@aspenridgenorth.com

11:30 Wrap Up