

BOULDER COUNTY OPIOID Abatement

Regional Council October 21, 2022

MEETING AGENDA

- Virtual Meeting Guidelines
 - This is not a public hearing (no public comment or interaction with the public)
 - For stakeholders and members of the public (who are not Regional Council members or presenting staff) please mute your microphones and turn your cameras off
 - While you may choose to make comments in the chat, your comments will not be part of the public record and will not be followed up on by staff.
- Welcome and Introductions
- Discuss Shovel Ready Program Recommendations
- Process Moving Forward
- Administrative Items



RECAP FROM SEPTEMBER

Allocation Amounts and Recommendation Process

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- Opioid Background Information: Landscape Analysis, Opioid Data, Memorandum of Understanding, Approved Purpose Areas.
- Progress to Date: Work of the Operations Board.
- Review of Proposed Projects and Allocation Amounts.
- BCROC Next Steps: reviewing supplemental materials with intent to approve or raise blocking concerns in October meeting.



SHOVEL READY RECOMMENDATIONS

Questions and Approval

EXERCISE FOR TODAY

Goal: Determine if we can submit the first opioid plan based on the recommended projects / funding levels

- 1. Review projects within each of the high-level approved use areas (Treatment, Prevention, Additional Areas).
 - Determine if you have significant concerns about any of the specified projects
 - Determine if there are critical projects missing that you would like to propose
- 2. Review the allocation of dollars by approved use areas.
 - Determine if you would recommend changes in any of the use areas
 - Identify where you have blocking concerns what would have to change for you to approve all funding areas (*note, again we are not committing to the identified projects at this point*)

REORIENTATION TO INFORMATIONAL PACKET



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Treatment	
Program Name	Program Description
Jail MAT	Sustain the delivery of MAT services in the Jail. Currently, MAT is provided to all people in custody who have been assessed by the jail to have an Opioid Use Disorder. There is not sufficient funding to continue the injections for the full year. The Jail Medication Assisted Treatment Program is comprehensive and offers individualized assessment, planning, individual and group therapy, as well as FDA approved medications for the treatment of OUD.
Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program/MAT Support	Sustain the Boulder County Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP). Funding for MAT in the jail and COAP is the highest priority for the criminal justice stakeholders in the county. There is no new funding currently identified for the COAP program. Boulder County Community Justice Services and the Boulder County Jail partner to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Boulder County Jail. The jail provides the medication component while CJS supports the treatment side of the program. This is an existing program to provide therapeutic and case management support to opioid users.
REWIND	Expand the City of Longmont's REWIND Program by adding one FTE Bilingual Licensed Addiction Counselor. The REWIND program is a program for youth who have been or may be charged with violating a Longmont Municipal Ordinance. The main goal is to address delinquent behavior informally in the community to prevent subsequent offending. REWIND has specialized programs to better meet the needs of youth with mental health and/or substance abuse concerns. Youth are referred to the REWIND program for strengths and needs assessment and receive and evidence-based intervention, case management and parcent support.
LEAD Program	Expand the City of Longmont's LEAD Program by adding one FTE Community Outreach Interventionist position. This position would connect community members to community-based resources. This initiative would support ongoing work by building infrastructure to support linking people to community partners, sharing information about access points to care, removing a community member from a stressful environment when appropriate, and building non-emergency response to other City Departments.
Opioid Case Manager	Expand the current half-time Opioid Case Manager position located in the Jail to be full time.
RestART Studio	Sustain the RestART Studio Program. RestART Studio offers free of charge substance use art therapy and recovery support for youth who have drug related police contact. Licensed art therapists and addictions counselors provide counseling, free of charge, to youth who have had police contact. The program is only half-funded for 2023.

Program Information

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Jail MAT	Sustain the delivery of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services in the Jail. Currently, MAT is provided to anyone in custody who has been assessed to have an opioid use disorder (OUD). There is insufficient funding to continue the program for the full year. The Jail MAT program is comprehensive and offers individualized assessment, planning, individual and group therapy, as well as FDA approved medications for the treatment of OUD.	Criminal Justice
Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program/MAT Support	Sustain the Boulder County Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP). Boulder County Community Justice Services and the Boulder County Jail partner to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Boulder County Jail. The jail provides the medication component while COAP supports the treatment side of the program. This is an existing program that provides therapeutic and case management support to opioid users. This is the highest priority for the criminal justice stakeholders in the county with no ongoing funding currently identified.	Treatment
REWiND	Expand the City of Longmont's REWiND program by adding one FTE bilingual Licensed Addiction Counselor. REWiND is a program for youth who have been or may be charged with violating a Longmont municipal ordinance. REWiND has specialized programs to meet the needs of youth with mental health and/or substance abuse concerns. The goal is to address delinquent behavior informally in the community to prevent subsequent offending. Youth are referred to the REWIND program and receive evidence-based intervention, case management and parent support.	Treatment
LEAD Program	Expand the City of Longmont's LEAD program by adding one FTE Community Outreach Interventionist position. This position will connect community members to community-based resources. This initiative will support ongoing work by building infrastructure to support linking people to community partners, share information about access points to care, remove a community member from a stressful environment when appropriate, and build non-emergency response to other city departments.	Recovery

Treatment (2)			
Program Name	Program Description	Original Approved Purpose	
Opioid Case Manager	Expand the current half-time Opioid Case Manager position located in the Jail to be full-time.	Criminal Justice	
RestART Studio	Sustain the RestART Studio Program. RestART Studio offers substance use art therapy and recovery support for youth who have drug- related police contact. Licensed art therapists and addictions counselors provide counseling, free of charge, to youth who have had police contact. The program is only half-funded for 2023.	Treatment	
Community Health Worker	Expand Mental Health Partner's Community Health Worker (CHW) program by adding one FTE Community Health Worker. The CHW program addresses social determinants of health challenges for priority populations by working directly within the community. CHW's bring resources and services where community members are, including libraries, schools, family resource centers, recreation, senior centers, and at community events. Currently, the CHW program offers individual support through resource navigation, web-based and in-person group outreach, psychoeducation, community-building events, and disaster response.	Prevention & Education	
LEAF Mental Wellness & Addiction Recovery	Expand Lyons' LEAF Mental Wellness & Addiction Recovery Program with additional staff. Expanded programming will include substance use disorder counseling, telehealth, in-person groups, MAT coordination, and case and referral management. LEAF will establish protocols for referrals and crisis response, as well as conduct outreach and education. These services will available be in Lyons and neighboring mountain communities.	Treatment	
Pride in Recovery	Sustain Out Boulder County's Pride in Recovery Program. Pride in Recovery offers LGBTQ-specific, peer-led substance use recovery support services including recovery coaching, recovery-focused community activities, groups geared toward harm reduction and relapse prevention, access to harm reduction supplies, contingency management, and transportation assistance.	Recovery	

Treatment (3)		
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Pride in Recovery	Sustain Out Boulder County's Pride in Recovery Program. Pride in Recovery offers LGBTQ-specific, peer-led substance use recovery support services including recovery coaching, recovery-focused community activities, groups geared toward harm reduction and relapse prevention, access to harm reduction supplies, contingency management, and transportation assistance.	Recovery
Adventure Recovery	Expand Adventure Recovery program through a scholarship fund. Adventure Recovery is an outdoor education and mentorship program focused on helping individuals in recovery from substance use disorder and mental health concerns. Certified Peer Counselors work on a 1:1 basis providing counseling and emotional support through teaching outdoor and life skills. Clients typically do three to four hour "adventures", two to four times per month. This program also offers accredited recovery coach training and outdoor leadership training.	Recovery
Community AcuDetox / AcuWellness	Sustain Natural Highs' AcuDetox / AcuWellness Program. AcuDetox / AcuWellness is an acupuncture protocol to treat addiction, trauma, and mental health issues. Funding will support roughly 3,000 acupuncture treatments.	Prevention & Education
MAT Expansion	Expand Mental Health Partners' MAT Program. Adding additional staff will increase access to and engagement with medication assisted treatment. Other services include therapy and wraparound services such as housing navigation and employment preparation. The project will expand services to other locations in Boulder County as well as increase capacity to serve youth with substance use disorder treatment needs.	Treatment

Prevention (1)		
Program Name	Program Description	Original Approved Purpose
Youth in Recovery	Expand Youth in Recovery's school programs with additional staff. Youth in Recovery offers in-school presentations about fentanyl and opioid use disorder, naloxone training, and offers access to Peer Recovery Coaches for youth.	Prevention & Education
Parenting Support	Expand City of Longmont's Nurturing Parenting Class Coordinator's hours to be full time. Expanded staff hours will allow Active Parenting and Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT) to be offered free of charge. These classes will be provided in English and Spanish and teach substance use prevention and recovery support for parents whose child is experimenting with substances or may be involved in the criminal justice / juvenile justice system with charges related to substance use.	Harm Reduction
Substance Use Advisory Group	Expand and Sustain Boulder County Community Services' Substance Use Advisory Group (SUAG). The Substance Use Advisory Group brings together professionals, advocates, and those with life experience of addiction to collaborate within the SUD care continuum as well as discuss, learn, and align efforts on substance use disorder services. Funding will double the hours of the current SUAG facilitator and allow for attendance at two conferences.	Prevention & Education
PSA and Social Media Campaign	Develop PSA and social media campaigns for youth and other priority populations on opioid-related topics. There is a broader need to expand messaging to youth for overdose prevention. School districts have asked for assistance to educate families. Youth would be involved in the creation of the content.	Prevention & Education

Prevention (2)

Program Name	Program Description	Original Approved Purpose
Harm Reduction Coordinator	Sustain the Boulder County Public Health's Harm Reduction Coordinator position.	Harm Reduction
Community Narcan Web	Create a countywide web of naloxone distribution, education, and training for priority populations and all municipalities. Current infrastructure is supportive for adults to have training and to obtain naloxone, but not for youth. Specific efforts would include youth naloxone access and education, provide train-the-trainer model for naloxone use with youth, support naloxone distribution and access, and provide parent education.	Prevention & Education
Harm Reduction Staff at Crisis Center	Expand harm reduction efforts at Mental Health Partners' Crisis Center. Embed 1 FTE staff member from the Works Program at the MHP Crisis Center during key times. Mental Health Partners has been asking for this position for over 2 years, and this is the Works Program's most pressing need. Current Harm Reduction efforts at the Crisis Center are done by volunteers.	Harm Reduction
Overdose Prevention Vending Machines	Install vending machines with Harm Reduction supplies in Lafayette and Nederland. Currently no vending machines exist county-wide. This would increase access to lifesaving naloxone, clean syringes, and other harm reduction supplies without the need for added staff.	Harm Reduction
Harm Reduction Supplies and Servicing	Expand the availability of harm reduction supplies, overdose reversal medication, and syringe disposal locations. Bolster the Works Program's supply of naloxone and fentanyl test strips to be distributed throughout the county. Install syringe disposal units into each of the Longmont Housing Authority's sites, provide portable syringe disposal boxes to Longmont Parks and Recreation staff and regularly service all units.	Harm Reduction

Additional Areas			
Program Name	Program Description	Original Approved Purpose	
Investigation Equipment: Cellebrite Premium	Expand law enforcement's opioid-related interdiction efforts. Cellebrite Premium unlocks password- protected cell phones. This tool increases the chance of intercepting drug traffickers, investigating drug- related crimes, and identifying individuals in overdose-related cases.	Criminal Justice	
Investigation Equipment: TruNarc	Expand law enforcement's opioid-related interdiction efforts. TruNarc is a portable narcotics analyzer. This tool increases the chance of intercepting drug traffickers and investigating drug-related crimes.	Criminal Justice	
Investigation Equipment: Graykey	Expand law enforcement's opioid-related interdiction efforts. Graykey has the capability to unlock and retrieve data specifically from iPhones, increasing the chances of intercepting drug traffickers, investigating drug-related crimes, and identifying individuals in overdose-related cases.	Criminal Justice	
Community Health Worker Training	Expand Mental Health Partners' Community Health Worker's training relating to addiction outreach and prevention. Additional staff training will ensure sustainability of addictions outreach expertise and capacity to reach target populations and geographic areas.	Prevention & Education	

DELIBERATION AND VOTE

Questions

- Discussion / Reflections
- Blocking Concerns or Areas of Further Review
- BCROC Vote



PROCESS MOVING FORWARD

Approving Projects, Sustainability, Operations Group Changes

WHAT'S NEXT- APPROVING PROJECTS

What process does the BCROC recommend to approve project level fund allocations?

- Example; Approve standing recommendations directly from the Opioid Operations Board
- Example; Bring forward project level questions in another discussion, or highlight for Operations Board to discuss
- Other work/ process you'd recommend to further approve fund allocations to projects?

WHAT'S NEXT- SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

What we heard in September; Are we taking into account the sustainability of these programs at the end of Opioid Abatement funding?

Opioid Operations Group, Monday 10/24

- One time v. Ongoing Funding needs across Shovel Ready Programs
- Scope of sustainability planning requirements in monitoring current, or bringing in additional programs. Measuring against our vision; do we agree this program is still a top priority to continue investing in?

Questions from BCROC- What other concerns or questions re: Sustainability?

WHAT'S NEXT - OPIOID OPERATIONS GROUP

Funding Strategy

- Vision of the System
- Aspirational Projects
- Single v. multi-year requests
- Folding in the new while sustaining the current

Monitoring Effectiveness

- Program data
- Program evaluation
- Incentivizing partnership

Additional Voices

- Community Input
- Who else?

WHAT'S NEXT OPIOID OPERATIONS GROUP

Given some of the expressed changes to the focus areas of the Operations Group, are there additional representatives, expertise, or voices you think need to be represented?

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Resources for Evaluation
- BCROC Website
- Setting Ongoing Meetings
- Member Comments for the Good of the Order