

Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force



Presentation to the Colorado General Assembly
Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee
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*Colorado Substance Abuse Trend
and Response Task Force*

Task Force Background

- State Methamphetamine Task Force, 2006-2013
- Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force, 2013 – present

Current Authorization

Colorado Revised Statute § 18-18.5-103(6)(d)(I-III)

Task Force Leadership

Chair

Attorney General Cynthia Coffman

Vice Chair for Treatment

Marc Condojani

Vice Chair for Criminal Justice

Chief Rick Brandt

Vice Chair for Prevention

José Esquibel

Task Force Members

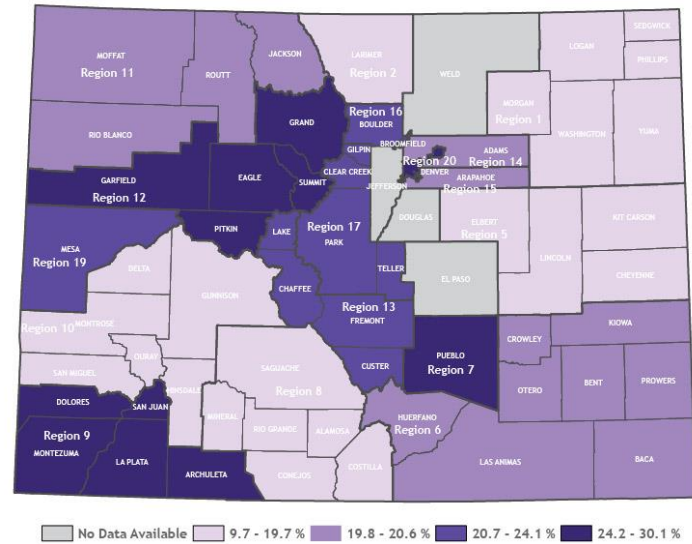
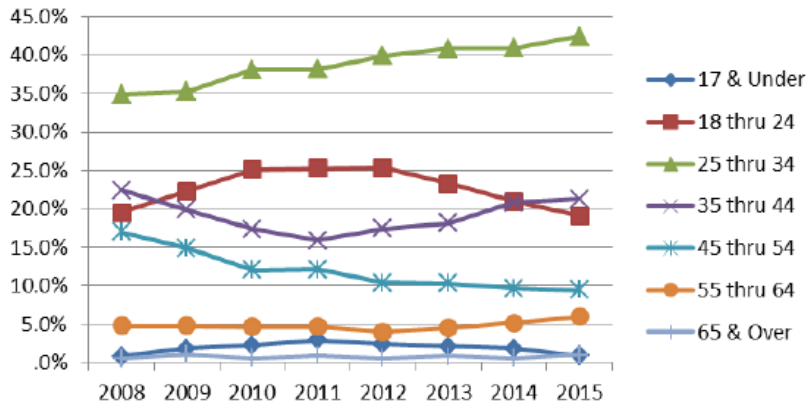
Membership of the Colorado Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force is set forth in C.R.S. § 18-18.5-103

Chair, three vice-chairs, and twenty-eight members, including 4 members of the General Assembly

Task Force Duties

Monitor Colorado Substance Abuse Data and Trends

Prescription Opioids



Marijuana Use Among High School Students, 2015

Task Force Duties

Assist Local Communities and Identify Best Practice Approaches



Rural Law Enforcement Meth Initiative



Colorado Substance Exposed Newborns Hospital Learning Collaborative



Task Force Duties

Annual Report and Recommendations to the Legislature

State of Colorado

Substance Abuse Trend and
Response Task Force



Eleventh Annual Report

January 2017

Cynthia H. Coffman
Colorado Attorney General
Task Force Chair

Submitted by
January 1st to the
House and Senate
Judiciary Committees

Task Force Committees

Substance Exposed Newborns Committee

Co-Chairs

Kathi Wells, MD, Medical Director, Denver Family Crisis Center

Jade Woodard, Executive Director, Illuminate Colorado

Added under SEN Committee in 2015:

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Subcommittee
(previously a legislative commission)

Substance Exposed Newborns Committee

- *Definition of Drug-Endangered Children for the Legislature*
 - *Policy and Practice Recommendations for Identification, Screening, Assessment and Intervention of Alcohol & Other Drug Use during Pregnancy and the Postnatal Period*
- *HB12-1100: Pregnancy and Evidence of Substance Abuse— removes barrier to identifying pregnant woman abusing drugs, increasing referrals to treatment, and reducing number of newborns with lifelong effects of drug exposure (a first in the nation state law)*

Substance Exposed Newborns Hospital Learning Collaborative

Best practice approaches to identifying and responding to pregnant women who are using drugs and to newborns that are prenatally exposed to drugs



illuminate
Building Brighter Childhoods

THE KEMPE CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT



Substance Exposed Newborns Hospital Learning Collaborative

University of Colorado Health North (UC Health North):
Poudre Valley Hospital (Fort Collins)
Medical Center of the Rockies (Loveland)

University of Colorado Anschutz Campus (Aurora)

Parkview Hospital (Pueblo)

St. Mary's Hospital (Grand Junction)

Banner Health:

Fort Collins Medical Center (Fort Collins)

McKee Medical Center (Loveland)

North Colorado Medical Center (Greeley)

Data Committee: State Epidemiological and Outcomes Work Group

Co-Chairs

Rebecca Helfand, Ph.D., Director of Data and Evaluation,
Office of Behavioral Health

Daniel Vigil, MD, MPH, Program Manager, Marijuana
Health Monitoring and Research Program

Provide communities, policymakers, Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Officials with comprehensive data on the patterns, context, and impact of substance use to inform interventions at the Federal, State, Local and Tribal level.

Data Committee: State Epidemiological and Outcomes Work Group

Multidisciplinary working group of data stewards

Increasing access to data and data products that address substance use and health issues to inform promotion, prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, enforcement, and broader policy.

Current areas of focus

- Alcohol use data and policy recommendations
 - Sustainability beyond federal funding

Policy ad-hoc Committee:

2016 Policy Recommendations

Expand Medication Assisted Treatment and integrated mental health/substance treatment in mainstream medical healthcare settings

Determine solutions for providing Medication Assisted Treatment for inmates entering the Colorado jails and correction system with an opioid addiction and address pre-release coordinated care.

Support the expansion of school-based substance abuse treatment

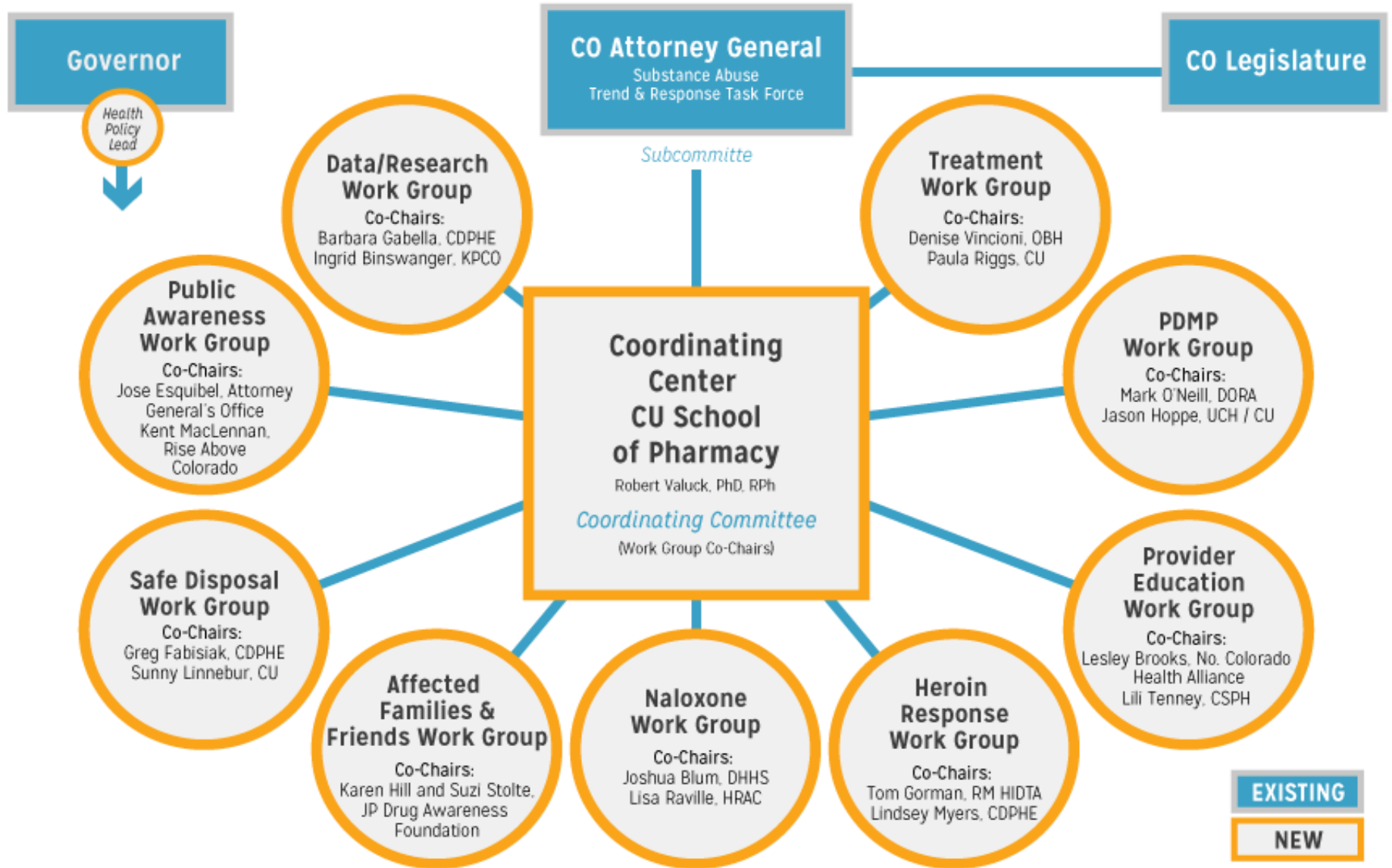
2017 Legislative Session Support for Bills

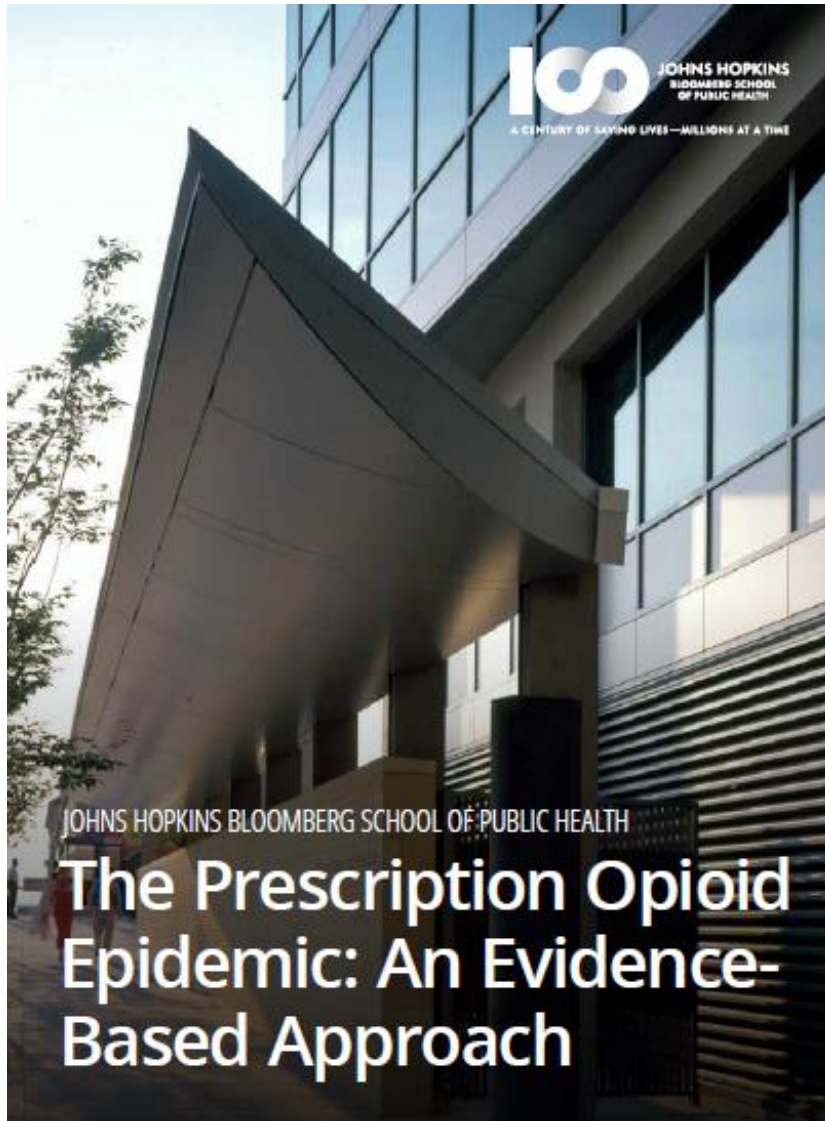
Assisted in drafting and testified in support
of SB17-174: Medication-Assisted Treatment
Expansion Pilot Program

Testified in support of SB17-193: Center for
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
Research

Testified in support for SB17-146: Access to
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention





Recommendations for Action

- 1. Prescribing Guidelines**
- 2. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**
- 3. Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Pharmacies**
- 4. Engineering Strategies**
- 5. Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution**
- 6. Addiction Treatment**
- 7. Community-Based Prevention Strategies**

2016 Task Force Priorities

1. Support the Expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment
2. Increase Access to Naloxone
3. Monitor Underage Use of Marijuana

Highlight: Colorado Naloxone for Life Partners

- **Colorado Office of the Attorney General**
- **Naloxone Work Group/CO Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention**
- **Harm Reduction Action Center**
 - **Denver Health**
 - **Rx Assurance**
- **Colorado County Sheriffs**
- **Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police**
- **Colorado Municipal League**
 - **Metro Mayors Caucus**
- **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**
 - **AdaptPharma**
 - **Smith Medical**
 - **Premier**

2,500 Narcan Kits 225 personnel from 68 communities trained

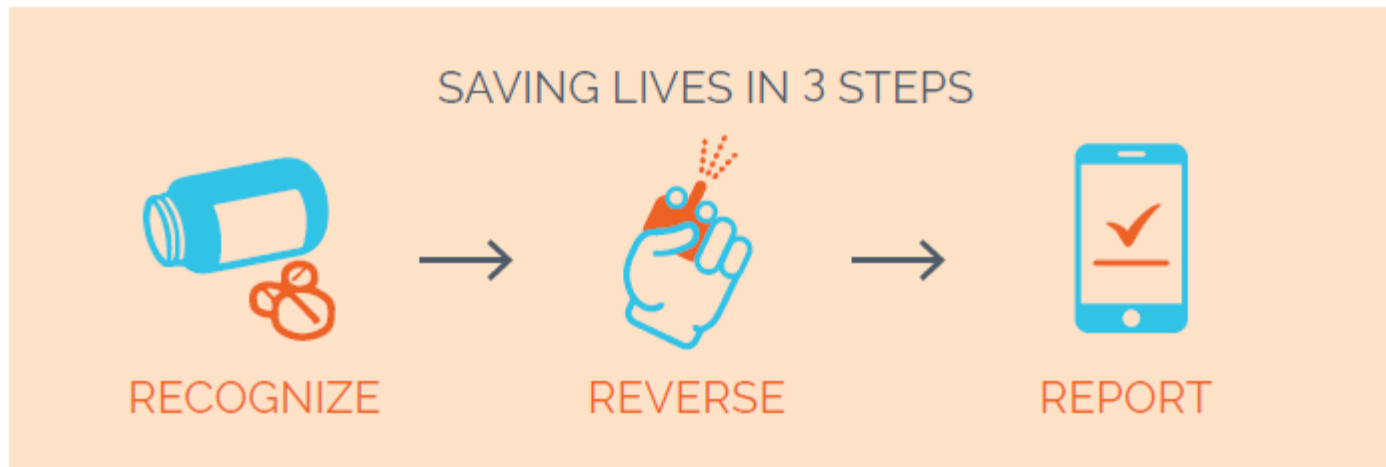
192 overdose reversals reported between January and June 2017

Colorado Naloxone for Life

192 overdose reversals reported with OpiRescue app

RxAssurance with funding from the
Office of the Attorney General

OpiRescue and OpiRescue HQ



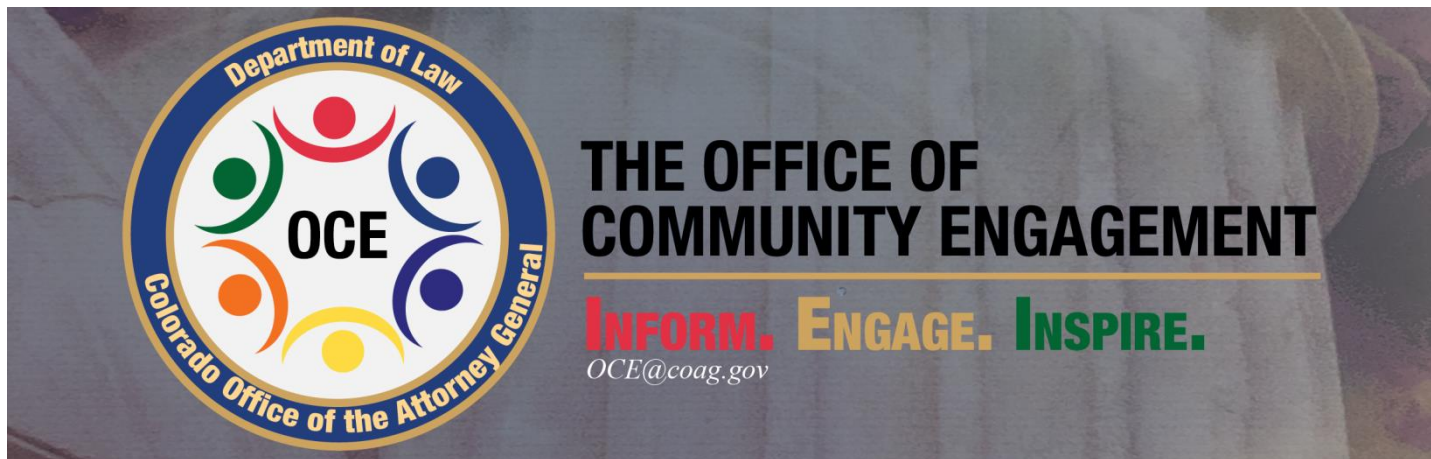
2017 Task Force Priorities

1. Addressing the Impact of Substance Abuse on Children
2. Follow up on Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion
3. Obtaining Funds for AmeriCorps and VISTA Members to Assist Local Communities
4. Recovery Ready Colorado
5. Update on Data and Trends

Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force

Set to repeal July 1, 2018 pursuant to
§ 18-18.5-106 C.R.S

- Colorado's main coordinating body on statewide substance abuse issues
- Extensive network of partners from multiple-disciplines and various communities
- Provides flexible and swift responses to emerging drug abuse trends
- Develops best practice and policy recommendations
- Provides expertise to local communities in responding to substance abuse trends
- Utilizes existing dollars and accesses grant funds without reliance on state general funds dollars



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