



**SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP**

December 16, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Department of Environmental Quality, Room 3175 A

1110 W Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on December 16, 2015 at the Department of Environmental Quality, Room 3175 A, 1110 W Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (8)	
John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	
Jacqueline Luckey-Eaton (via teleconference)	
Douglas Kramer (via teleconference)	
Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D.	
S. Robert Bailey	
James Riggs	
Peggy Glider, Ph.D. (via teleconference)	
Jamie Ritchey, MPH, Ph.D.	
Staff/Guests Present (10)	Members Absent (6)
Samuel Burba – GOYFF	JB Kinlacheeny
Darlene Lopez, Ph.D. – LeCroy & Milligan Associates, Inc.	Derek Patton
Lee McIlroy – LeCroy & Milligan Associates, Inc.	Nadia Ghani
Craig Talmage, Ph.D. – SIRC	Linda Jewell
Kendra Williamson-Henrique, Ph.D. – SIRC	Deborah Kurth, Ph.D.
Vern Harner – SIRC	Carlana Orosco
Lisa Teyechea – PPP	
David Gallagher – Arizona Addiction Treatment Program	
Anne van Duijnhoven – ITCA	
Sheila Sjolander – ADHS	



### Call to Order

- **John Vivian, Chair** called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with eight (8) members and ten (10) staff/guests present.

### Welcome/Introductions

- **John Vivian, Chair** asked each member and guest to introduce him/herself.

### Review of Packet and Agenda\*

- **John Vivian, Chair** reviewed the agenda and packet of meeting materials with members and guests.

### Approval of Minutes\*

- **Changes to the minutes:**
  - None
- **John Vivian, Chair** requested a review of the October 28, 2015 meeting minutes.
  - **James Riggs** moved to accept the minutes as amended.
  - **Wendy Wolfersteig** seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### ADHS Data Project

- **Sheila Sjolander** and **Robert Bailey** gave an overview of the ADHS Data Project. They asked for feedback regarding what kinds of data, analyses and goals others might have for using the epidemiological data ADHS collects and can access (e.g., prescription drug use, prescribing patterns, etc.). They shared past experiences with using ADHS data for understanding issues and planning for prevention and health concerns.
- **Chairman Vivian** highlighted the importance of consistency in the data collected, so that comparisons can be made. He also suggested we will need to collect data on marijuana and data related to marijuana involved health issues. **Robert Bailey** noted limitations regarding data collection focused on marijuana (e.g., medical versus illegal use). **Darlene Lopez, Wendy Wolfersteig, and Jamie Ritchey** highlighted the differences between medical codes (e.g., billing).
- Further discussion was held around the levels of data and types of data that could be accessed and utilized.
- **Chairman Vivian** asked that all further suggestions be sent to **Mr. Bailey** or **Ms. Sjolander**.

### Data Project Review

- **Darlene Lopez** provided an update on the Arizona marijuana and prescription drug data project. Ms. Lopez reviewed data that has been collected for Arizona, data that LeCroy & Milligan are attempting to collect and data point that will be missing in the report, and asked the Epi Work Group members to determine if there are any additional data sources available. Discussion was had among the group on how to fill in the data gaps (e.g., different indicators and levels of data) and the next steps of the project. **Ms. Lopez** will be following up with commissioners with data requests.

### *Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities: Curriculum Review*

- **Wendy Wolfersteig** gave an overview of the changes to the training curriculum based on feedback from the Epi Work Group. **Chairman Vivian** encouraged all Epi Work Group members to be trained as trainers of the curriculum. Edits were suggested. The last day to suggest changes to **Dr. Wolfersteig** is before Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

### *Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities: Training of Trainers*

- **Chairman Vivian** reiterated the importance of having Epi Work Group members get out and help in training the community on the curriculum. He emphasized the importance of connecting research with community members. **Chairman Vivian** outlined a tentative plan for conducting the training process. **Jamie Ritchey** expressed enthusiasm for the training curriculum. She introduced **Anne van Duijnhoven** and how her role and those she works with can benefit from using the training curriculum. **Wendy Wolfersteig** will be reserving a training location at ASU once she receives the final training date from **Samuel Burba**.

\*Standing agenda item.



**Website Review: SubstanceAbuse.AZ.gov or KeepThemSafe.AZ.gov**

- **Samuel Burba** did a quick review of the website. Suggestions and ideas can be sent to **Mr. Burba**. The sub-committee expressed gratitude for the new website and provider database.

**2016 Meeting Schedule\***

- Next meeting is January 20, 2016 in ADOT Human Resources Center Grand Canyon #3; followed by February 17, 2016 (same time, same room).

**Announcements**

- **John Vivian** asked for any comments from the public. Send any suggestions for ADHS data to S. Robert Bailey.

**Call to the Public\***

- **David Gallagher** shared his thoughts on marijuana issues in the State of Arizona.
- **Lisa Teyechea** shared her thoughts on the meeting and the work of the group.
- Further discussion was held around the training of trainers and logistics about the curriculum.
- **Craig Talmage** expressed his gratitude to the group for the opportunities they provided him professionally.

**Adjourn\***

- **Wendy Wolfersteig** moved. **James Riggs** seconded. **John Vivian, Chair** adjourned the meeting at 3:04pm.

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015  
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Samuel Burba  
Program Administrator, Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership