



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

January 20, 2016

1:00 p.m.

ADOT Human Resources Development CT., Grand Canyon, Room 3

1130 N. 22nd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85009

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on January 20, 2016 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 (7)	
John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	
Jacqueline Luckey-Eaton	
Deborah Kurth, Ph.D.	
Carlena Orosco	
James Riggs	
Jamie Ritchey, MPH, Ph.D.	
Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D.	
Marguerite Sagna [Proxy for S. Robert Bailey]	
Staff/Guests Present (9)	Members Absent (7)
Samuel Burba - GOYFF	S. Robert Bailey
Alexandra O'Hannon - GOYFF & ADHS	Nadia Ghani
Darlene Lopez – LeCroy, Ph.D. & Milligan Associates, Inc.	Peggy Glider, Ph.D.
Lee Mcllroy – LeCroy & Milligan Associates, Inc.	Linda Jewell
Kendra Williamson-Henrique – SIRC	JB Kinlacheeny
Vern Harner – SIRC	Douglas Kramer
Erin Hager - DEA	Derek Patton
Angelique Gunton - DEA	



Call to Order

- **Dr. John Vivian**, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with seven (7) members and nine (9) staff/guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

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

Review of Packet and Agenda*

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

Approval of Minutes*

- **Dr. Vivian**, Chair requested a review of the December 16, 2015 meeting minutes.
 - Changes to the minutes: Add credentials to **Anne van Duijnhoven's** name. She has an MPH and MS
 - **James Riggs** motioned to accept the minutes as amended. **Jacqueline Luckey-Eaton** seconded.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Data Project Review

- **Darlene Lopez** provided an update on the Prescription Drug use and Trends and Presentation Options Project.
 - **Ms. Lopez** presented a spreadsheet of indicators that were already discussed at the previous Epi Work Group meeting regarding available data elements for the report.
 - **Ms. Lopez** has asked the poison control center to provide data related to marijuana related calls.
 - **Chairman Vivian, Ph.D.** inquired if the group could use the spreadsheet as a checklist to consider how the data could be used and what additional data were needed.
 - **Ms. Lopez** suggested that additional indicators may not be measured through standardized data systems. She wanted to know whether these data elements address the basic needs for the report.
 - **Jamie Ritchey, Ph.D.** asked for a clarification of the hypothesis to be tested. For example, do we want to know if legalizing recreational marijuana use is linked to an increase in deaths, family problems, DUIs, or strains on the system?
 - **Ms. Lopez** stated the hypothesis of "What is the public health impact of prescription drug misuse and abuse and the recreational use of marijuana?"--How does prescription drug misuse and abuse and marijuana use impact co-morbidity, emergency room visits, and other indicators.
 - **Samuel Burba** provided information about a Health Impact Assessment published by the Vermont Department of Health. Mr. Burba will provide a copy of the report to members.
 - **Ms. Lopez** shared key findings from the prescription drug use data. She asked for input on how the data were displayed and what was important to highlight. She shared data from several sources.
 - **Ms. Lopez** will have the report to the group on February 11, 2016.

Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities: Curriculum Review

- **Dr. Wendy Wolfersteig** provided information about upcoming *Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities* trainings.
 - The Training of Trainers will be held January 28, 2016. Fourteen people will be present (6 from SIRC; 8 from Epi or other areas). Parking, snacks will be provided. Confirmations will go out soon.
 - **Dr. Wolfersteig** recognized **Samuel Burba's** efforts in planning the kick-off training event for February 25. Preparations are being made for 100 people. Attendees will be able to RSVP for only Session 1 or both Session 1 & 2. The Keynote speaker will be **Bill Montgomery**, Maricopa County Attorney and Chair of ASAP.
 - **Dr. Wolfersteig** asked the Epi Work Group if attendees should bring laptops to the meeting for Module 2 presentation.
 - **Chairman. Vivian** asked if tablets would also be appropriate; **Dr. Wolfersteig** stated she believes tablets will work. Several members thought offering attendees the option of bringing a laptop or tablet would be a good method to use for the training.

*Standing agenda item.



- **Mr. Burba** is making updates to the GOYFF website on the types of trainings available.
- **Dr. Wolfersteig** and her team at SIRC are completing a full script for the *Using Data* training (Modules 1 and 3).

2016 Project Priorities

- **Chairman Vivian** opened a discussion regarding what projects members of Epi would like to see moving forward
 - **Dr. Ritchey** suggested waiting for the recommendations from ASAP.
 - **Chairman Vivian** suggested conducting a literature review on methods to reduce heroin use among youth or better informing communities regarding which providers have high quality programs.
 - **Jacqueline Luckey-Eaton** suggested building on what the team is already working on.
 - **Dr. Wolfersteig** suggested clarifying the priorities and needs related to recidivism, including what additional data are needed.
 - **Chairman Vivian** asked the DEA members for suggestions related to their department. DEA members did not provide any suggestions at this time.

2016 Meeting Schedule*

- The next meeting is February 17, 2016 in ADOT Human Resources Center Grand Canyon #3; followed by March 23, 2016 (same time, same room); and, then followed by April **TBA** , 2016 (same time, same room).

Call to the Public*

- **Chairman Vivian** asked for any comments from the public.
- **Vern Harner** suggested increased data collection regarding substance abuse among gender/sexual minorities.

Adjourn*

- **Dr. Vivian**, Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Wendy Wolfersteig** motioned to adjourn.
 - **James Riggs** seconded.
 - **John Vivian, Chair** adjourned the meeting at 2:46pm.

Dated the 20th day of January, 2016
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
Samuel Burba
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