



ARIZONA SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP (EPI)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 1:00 PM

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Conference Room B
1700 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02 (A) (2), the Arizona Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group can vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or considering documents exempt by law from public inspection and/or discussion or consultation for legal advice with its attorney.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), the Arizona Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group may obtain public comment pertaining to any of the listed agenda items if it so desires. A formal call to the public will take place at the end of the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

	<u>Agenda Item</u>		<u>Anticipated Action</u>
A.	Call to Order*	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Discussion/Action
B.	Welcome/Introductions *	All	Discussion
C.	Review of Packet and Agenda *	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Discussion
D.	Approval of Minutes* <ul style="list-style-type: none">September 20, 2017	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Discussion/Action
E.	Election of a Chairperson	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Discussion/Action
F.	Department of Juvenile Corrections Scorecard	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Discussion
G.	Department of Child Safety Scorecard	Linda Jewell	Discussion
H.	Informatics to resolve data problems in the childhood lead program	Robert Bailey	Discussion
I.	Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities Training Update	Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D.	Discussion
J.	2017 Meeting Schedule* <ul style="list-style-type: none">November 15, 2017No meeting in December	All	Discussion
K.	2018 Meeting Schedule	All	Discussion
L.	Call to the Public*	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Action
M.	Adjourn *	John Vivian, Ph.D., Chair	Action

* Standing agenda item.

The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group meeting will tentatively be held at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 1:00 pm.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP

September 20, 2017

1:00 p.m.

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family
1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) held on **September 20, 2017**, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family (GOYFF), 1700 West Washington St. 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, PhD., Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	
Maria Aguilar-Amaya, Ph.D., Administrative Office of the Courts (via phone)	
Catie Clark, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	
Peggy Glider, PhD., The University of Arizona	
Daniel Greenleaf, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System ACHSS (via phone)	
Douglas Kramer, Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc.	
Jamie Ritchey, Inter Tribal Council/Tribal Epidemiology Center, Anne van Duijnhoven representing (via phone)	
Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D., Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center	
Staff/Guests Present (4)	Members Absent (5)
Wendy Boyle, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	S. Robert Bailey, Arizona Department of Health Services, Public Health Statistics
Alexandra O'Hannon, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family	Linda Jewell, Arizona Department of Child Safety
Lisa Teyechea, Partner for Success Evaluator	JB Kinlacheeny, Navajo Epidemiology Center/Navajo Division of Health
Christina Haswood, SIRC Intern	Deborah Kurth, Ph.D., Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile Justice Division
	James Riggs, Arizona Department of Corrections



Call to Order

- **Dr. Vivian** called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with eight members and four staff/guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

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

Review of Handouts

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

Approval of April Minutes

- **Dr. Vivian** requested a review of the meeting minutes from April 19, 2017.
 - **Ms. Clark** moved to accept the minutes. **Dr. Wolfersteig** seconded.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Data Specific Needs

- The presenter was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. This agenda item has been rescheduled for the November 15, 2017 meeting.

Threat Assessment

- **James Ragan**, the Program Coordinator with the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), presented the threat assessment report produced by HIDTA. The reporting covers the nature and extent of drug threats in Arizona, the concept of the HIDTA strategy, predictive intelligence on current drug trends, and a funding source base.
- Some of the key issues in Arizona focus on Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). Specifically, 67 percent of HIDTA's investigations focused on Mexican DTOs. HIDTA is also tracking intra-cartel violence among the Mexican DTOs.
- Methamphetamine is currently the greatest threat to Arizona, and is the number one drug associated with property crime and violent crime. Other drugs and seizures covered in the presentation include heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, marijuana, synthetic opioids, and hash oil. In regards to drug trafficking issues, HIDTA has found there is an increase in officer safety issues with more mixed-drug seizures.
- **Dr. Vivian** asked if HIDTA collects data on those arrested for marijuana across the border, specifically the juveniles (backpackers) carrying the drugs. **Mr. Ragan** affirmed that HIDTA collects data on juveniles arrested at the border and placed in the threat assessment. However, the primary drugs seized by juveniles transporting drugs across the U.S.-Mexico border are heroin and cocaine.
- **Dr. Vivian** also asked when the Governor's State of Emergency for Opiates ends, and **Ms. O'Hannon** offered to find out the information and convey to the EPI members.

Follow-ups from August ASAP Meeting

- **Dr. Vivian** briefed the EPI workgroup on the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting in August and advised that Chairperson Bill Montgomery discussed creating a statewide strategic plan as a resource and bringing in a consultant to assist in the effort. ASAP members were asked to volunteer to form a sub-committee and work with the consulting firm; the importance of the EPI workgroup playing a role in this planning was mentioned. **Dr. Vivian** advised that it would be necessary for the EPI members to be involved with the committee and have discussion and input on the thoughts and goals on the strategic plan.



- **Ms. Clark** volunteered to serve as an EPI representative, and **Ms. O'Hannon** stated she will contact **Jenna Shroyer** from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family on the status of the workgroup. **Dr. Wolfersteig** suggested that the EPI group be informed of other projects going on within state agencies.

Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities Training Update

- **Dr. Wolfersteig** discussed a training held on Monday, September 18, 2017, for the sub-committee for Child Safety and Empowerment to address the issue of providing additional support to African American children and families associated with the child welfare system and foster care.
- The next training is scheduled for October with the Phoenix Indian Center for two days.
- The ACJC website has been changed, and CDP updates are in progress. **Ms. Clark** and **Dr. Wolfersteig** will meet to discuss these changes so that the training manual can be updated and expand the training.
- There have been 128 people trained in the past nine months in how to use data to focus and plan efforts in substance abuse prevention and treatment.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017, with the following meeting on November 15, 2017. **Dr. Vivian** offered to present at the October meeting on the Governor's Arizona Management System (AMS). It was also suggested to have **Mr. Bailey** from the Department of Health Services, and **Mr. Riggs** from the Department of Corrections speak on their work with AMS.
- Shana Malone will present in November.
- The group decided to cancel the December meeting. The discussion and nomination process for the next Chairperson will thus be placed on the Agenda for October, so as to hold the election of a Chairperson at the November meeting.

Call to Public

- **Dr. Vivian** asked for comments from the public. **Ms. O'Hannon** asked the EPI group if there were objections to her reaching out to members to ascertain intention to continue participation. The group voiced no objections to this.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Dated the 20th day of September 2017
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:

Wendy Boyle
Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
On behalf of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family