



**Prescription Drug Core Group Meeting  
January 31, 2017  
1:00 p.m.**

**Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family – Conference Room B**  
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A general meeting of the Prescription Drug Core Group was convened on January 31, 2017 at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, Conference Room B, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230 Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

**Members Present (12)**

<b>Sheila Sjolander</b> , Chairman, Arizona Department of Health Services
<b>Deborah Miller</b> , Co-Chair, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Chief Thomas Kelly</b> , Apache Junction Police Department (via phone)
<b>Kim Crawford , Proxy</b> , Arizona Board of Pharmacy (via phone)
<b>Tomi St. Mars</b> , Arizona Department of Health Services
<b>Jacqueline Kurth</b> , Industrial Commission of Arizona
<b>Brett Klein</b> , High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
<b>Carlena Orosco</b> , Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (via phone)
<b>Duce Minor</b> , Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment (PACCE) (via phone)
<b>Travis Williams</b> , Arizona Attorney General's Office
<b>Michelle Skurka</b> , Arizona Health Cost Care Containment System
<b>Jenna Jones</b> , Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners (via phone)

<b>Staff/Guests Present (5)</b>	<b>Members Absent (0)</b>
<b>Sonya Pierce-Johnson</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
<b>Lindsay Cotton</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
<b>Lacie Ampadu</b> , Arizona Department of Health Services	
<b>Tracy Cruickshank</b> , Maricopa County Department of Public Health	
<b>Keith Walker</b> , Maricopa County Department of Public Health	

**Call to Order**

- **Sheila Sjolander, Chairman**, called the Prescription Drug Core Group meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with 12 members and 5 staff and guests present.

**Welcome/Introductions**

- **Sheila Sjolander, Chairman** welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes for the meeting held December 19, 2016 were reviewed. **Tomi St. Mars** made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Chief Thomas Kelly** and approved by all.

**Substance Abuse Task Force Recommendations:**

- **Sheila Sjolander, Chairman** stated that the Group will work to identify what the strategic focus should be for this year. She mentioned that a lot of great work is being done and the core group will review the Task Force recommendations to determine which items the Group could take action on.

- Under the prevention section, whenever a grant opportunity exists, Arizona should apply for them. This is something the Group should look at as an action step.
- The Group should also look at building existing media campaigns.
- **Jacqueline Kurth**, shared that it is good to have media support on evidence based practices. There has always been a perception that evidence based is a negative thing, it would be good if we could shed some light that evidence based is good, best practice is good, share it with the public in a positive way.
- Recommendation 13 is where the community toolkit fits.
- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is already working on recommendation 14, a flyer to distribute.
- Recommendations 15 and 16 are beyond the scope of the core group.
- Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) website already supports recommendation 17.
- Recommendations 18 and 19 are already being worked on around chronic pain.
- **Jacqueline Kurth**, shared that in regards to recommendation 20, some city leaders and council members may be working in silos, our core group need to ensure that we are providing effective communication. She recommends that we have members from our core group attend meetings and talk about what is being done in the state. Our core group could also present what our agencies are doing to city leaders; we can reach the officials at the city level.
- Recommendations 21 and 22, if the core group is needed, group members are able to help.
- Recommendations 23-25, are already being worked on.
- Recommendation 28, is an untapped area, this is already in our implementation plan, and should be an area to possibly explore.
- Recommendation 30 is underway, this is more of a federal effort.
- Recommendation 32, need some work, hopefully, the core group can work on this recommendation and include it in the Strategic Plan.
- GOYFF is still working on recommendation 33.
- Unsure about recommendation 34's applicability to the Group.
- SBIRT is being applied in some settings, and looking to expand to university settings, which is recommendation 35.
- Under the Access to Treatment section, AHCCCS is looked at to take the lead and work on these recommendations.

### **RX initiative Strategic Plan Review**

- **Sheila Sjolander, Chairman** reported that the priority actions in the next year are:
  - Disseminate toolkits
  - Training around communications, connections with local organizations/partners.
  - Strategy 1:
    - Ask for funding to purchase more drop box areas.
    - Outreach to pharmacies, how we notify others about the pharmacy drop boxes.
  - Strategy 2:
    - CSPMP
    - Update/send out more report cards
    - Academic partners-content; find out existing curriculums i.e. pain management, prescribing, substance abuse, etc.
  - Strategy 3:
    - Attorney General Office (AGO) is doing training and receiving great feedback, recommended removing poison control in objective 2.
    - AGO is struggling with how to identify who was responsible for overdoses.

- Strategy 4:
  - Developing a database with information on who is able to conduct the RX 360 training.
- Strategy 5:
  - Remove decision tree from ADHS.
  - GOYFF is working with NAU, U of A, ASU on the SBIRT model
  - AHCCCS and ASU-CABHP will do some training on Substance Abuse, free training, motivational interviewing training and possible CME's.
  - Reach out to academies on Chronic Pain, appropriate prescribing, Substance Abuse, and Pain Management.
  - Reach out to Osteopathic Schools and Medical Schools, possibly Jenna Jones; core group member can assist with this.

**Deborrah Miller, Co-Chair** moved to accept the action steps for the New Year for the core group. **Jacqueline Kurt** seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **RethinkRXAbuse.org-website –Campaign Update**

- **Tomi St. Mars**, made a motion to table this update for our next meeting. **Deborrah Miller**, seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **Agency / Partner Updates**

- **Ms. Miller** informed the group that the GOYFF is working with AHCCCS to provide information on the Opiate STR grant. She also shared that the GOYFF has an AmeriCorps Vista who is assigned to the core group, her name is Lindsay Cotton. PPEP has also applied for an AmeriCorps grant in which they will work towards the Opiate epidemic. If Opiate STR grant is awarded, GOYFF plans to hire a full time staff to go out into the communities and provide technical assistance for the toolkit.
- **Brett Klein** introduced himself as the new HIDTA representative on the core group.
- **Michelle Skurka** shared that AHCCCS is working on the Opiate STR grant. She also shared that AHCCCS has a federal site visit coming up in May. **Tomi St. Mars** offered letters of support if they need one.
- **Tomi St. Mars** informed the group that they held a tribal meeting, which was well attended by partners. Methamphetamines are still their greatest concern. They are still working with AZ Post on train the trainers for Naloxone.
- **Jacqueline Kurth** informed the group that they are still disseminating information on the treatment guidelines.

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

- Next meeting is scheduled for:
  - Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- **Tomi St. Mars**, update on Naloxone from AZ Post perspective.
- **Michelle Skurka**, will share the data from Sonora Prevention Works on Naloxone.

#### **Adjourn**

- **Sheila Sjolander, Chair**, called for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Kurth moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 pm. Motion was seconded by Chief Kelly. Meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.