



The Schreiber Research Group (TSRG) is a team of experts whose mission is to improve substance-use-related outcomes through community outreach, consulting services, and research.

The Schreiber Research Group
Harm Reduction Meeting Minutes
10.16.2024 via Zoom

Attendees:

- Kristin Carpenter, Colorado Consortium
- Christine Charron, Access Point Pueblo
- Robert Guerrero, Access Point Pueblo
- Lauren Kerr, TSRG
- Rob Miller, Safe Side Recovery
- Jeff Richardson
- Maddie Peloff, TSRG
- Terri Schreiber, TSRG

Harm Reduction Work Group Overview:

Mission:

(Group to come together with ideas to collaboratively draft the mission statement on 11/6 meeting.)

Ground Rules:

- Share names and roles
- Raise hands or use chat for contributions
- Use respectful and inclusive language
- Make room for all voices and ideas
- Keep conversations on actionable topics

Meeting Purpose:

The overall purpose was to establish this harm reduction work group, identify key goals and priorities, and start planning collaborative efforts to improve harm reduction services and education in the region.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Introductions
 - a. All participants introduce themselves and describe their background and relevancy to the project.
 - b. Participants share personal and group goals such as improving community education and awareness around harm reduction, expanding access to harm

reduction supplies and services, and learning from successful programs in other regions (like the sharps exchange program in the San Luis Valley).

- 2) Overview of the Work Group Purpose
 - a. The group wants to improve the overall understanding and acceptance of harm reduction in the region.
 - i. Need to get harm reduction supplies (like naloxone, clean syringes, etc.) into the hands of those who need them most.
- 3) Establishing Ground Rules
 - a. Ground rules were established, all present parties agreed upon the ground rules to foster a productive and respectful environment.
- 4) Meeting Schedule and Logistics
 - a. Participants agreed to meet on a biweekly basis.
 - b. Wednesday at 1:00 PM –2:00 PM established as the regular meeting time.
- 5) Roles and Responsibilities
 - a. Chistine Charron – Community Leader & Lauren Kerr –TSRG Partner
 - b. Meetings will be recorded and transcribed via Otter.ai
 - c. Meeting minutes and agenda will be posted publicly on TSRG website starting in December/January

Other Discussion Topics:

- 1) Suggestions of connecting with the San Luis Valley AHEC to learn about their sharps exchange program model.
- 2) Sharps disposal guidelines
 - a. The group discussed the state guidelines for safe sharps disposal, which recommend using hard plastic, sealed containers marked as biohazard.
- 3) Challenges with sharps programs:
 - a. Concerns expressed about the safety of staff and community resistance to introducing sharps programs, especially in more rural areas like Otero, Crowley, and Bent counties.
 - b. Emphasis on the need for a well-protected, "under the radar" introduction of such programs, potentially through a trusted community organization.

Action Items:

- 1) Lauren create shared Miro Board for everyone to access both in and outside of meeting
- 2) All participants review linked recourses and definitions
 - a. See cited definitions [here](#)
- 3) All participants collaborate next meeting to create and draft a mission statement

Next meeting: Date: 11/6/24 Time: 1:00 PM Location: Zoom