

# **Pueblo Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion - LEAD Key Stakeholder Policy Committee Meeting (KSPC)**

January 19, 2023 ▪ 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Emergency Services Bureau, 101 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street

The LEAD Key Stakeholder Policy Committee (KSPC) meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM January 19, 2023 at the Pueblo County Emergency Services Bureau, 101 W 10<sup>th</sup> St., Pueblo, CO.

## **In attendance:**

10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office	Jeff Chostner, Marguerite Bischoff
Pueblo Police Department	Chris Noeller
Pueblo Department of Human Services	Lee Hodge
Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc.	Charles Davis, Rob Archuleta
Pueblo County Community Corrections	Brian Gomez
Pueblo Dept. of Public Health & Environment	Randy Evetts
Community Member	Eileen Dennis
Community Member	Shaun Gogarty

## **Absent:**

Board of County Commissioners	
Pueblo County Sheriff's Office	
Colorado Public Defender's Office - Pueblo	
Community Member	Shanna Farmer (excused)

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Zeitvogel presented the agenda for approval.

Ms. Dennis moved to approve the agenda; seconded by DA Chostner.

***The motion passed unanimously.***

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Ms. Zeitvogel presented the minutes from the October 20, 2022 KSPC meeting for approval.

Mr. Evetts moved to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2022 KSPC meeting; seconded by Chief Noeller.

***The motion passed unanimously.***

**Staff recognition: Ginger Coffey**

Ms. Zeitvogel introduced Ms. Coffey and stated that she took the initiative to apply for a \$1,000 grant to purchase client support items. The application was successful, and Ms. Zeitvogel wanted to publicly recognize Ms. Coffey's effort.

Ms. Zeitvogel also introduced the rest of the staff since there are several new members. Access Specialist Brittany Ditmore has been with LEAD for about 3 years, but Access Specialist Alayna Parker, Case Managers Billie Bookout and Alex Mellgoza are new. The program is now fully staffed making it possible for the team to have more contact with clients. It also allows the team to conduct more outreach efforts to reach inactive participants.

**Assistant County Attorney request for an Executive Session for the purpose of providing legal advice on specific matters pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4) (b) related to procedure changes and contractual obligations.**

Ms. Zeitvogel requested a motion to adjourn to executive session.

Mr. Hodge moved to adjourn to executive session for a conference with the Assistant County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding confidentiality and data sharing; seconded by Chief Noeller.

***The motion passed unanimously.***

The KSPC moved into Executive Session at 3:06 PM.

The KSPC returned from Executive Session at 3:15 PM to continue the meeting.

Ms. Zeitvogel requested a motion to return from executive session.

Mr. Gomez moved to return from executive session; seconded by Chief Noeller.

***The motion passed unanimously.***

### **SURE (Substance Use Response Ecosystem) Update**

Ms. Zeitvogel reported that the SURE website is being updated to include fact sheets and other data materials with a plan to update it about every 6 months. Judge Ernst is piloting a competency court in an effort to manage competency cases differently.

### **Evaluation Report Updates**

BHA leadership has requested additional edits, further delaying release.

### **Quarterly Report**

Ms. Zeitvogel presented the quarterly report to be submitted to BHA covering the period from 10/1/22 to 12/31/22.

LEAD maintained capacity to respond to law enforcement referrals by pausing community referrals until December when additional staff had been hired and trained. From March 2022 through December 2022, there were 1349 successful contacts with participants and 1449 unsuccessful attempts. In the first 18 days of January, there have been 145 successful contacts with participants and 263 unsuccessful attempts.

Project manager and LEAD staff continue to fine tune the Civicore case management system.

LEAD has received 402 referrals. 255 people have enrolled in LEAD with 245 remaining active; ten have been discharged.

No diversions have been received since April 2021. In 2022, 28 social referrals and 45 community referrals were received.

#### Demographics:

Age: The majority of LEAD participants of both genders fall between the ages of 26 and 40.

- Males: 3 aged 18-25, 64 aged 26-40, 26 aged 41-64
- Females: 17 aged 18-25, 98 aged 26-40, 37 aged 41-64

#### Race:

- Males: 81 White, 6 American Indian, 5 Black, and 1 of unknown race.
- Females: 131 White, 7 American Indian, 5 Black, 3 multiracial, and 6 of unknown race.

#### Hispanic Ethnicity:

- 37 male participants are Hispanic, 31 Non-Hispanic, and 25 are of unknown ethnicity.
- 82 female participants are Hispanic, 35 Non-Hispanic, 1 identifies as both, and 34 are of unknown ethnicity.

#### Presenting issues:

- Co-occurring mental health and substance use issues: 167
- History of or current use of heroin or opioids: 144
- History of or current use of meth: 171
- History of or current drug related criminal charges or convictions: 216

#### Levels of engagement:

- Active with case manager and other services in past month: 37
- Active with case manager only in past month: 26
- Contacted within 3 months: 16
- Contacted within 6 months: 39
- Inactive: 131

- Withdrawn or deceased: 6

Ms. Zeitvogel updated the following success stories:

The individual reported on last quarter is now employed by a substance use treatment provider!

The individual who previously spoke to the KSPC successfully qualified for disability payments and managed to maintain his sobriety through multiple surgeries. His most recent surgery was for colon cancer. He called the LEAD team right after surgery to let them know that he survived and thanked each member for their support.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Zeitvogel shared a picture of the case management team standing with a pile of toys donated during two toy drives. Pueblo County Sheriff's Office collected toys at their locations and REPS on Union donated the use of their gym for a CrossFit workout/toy drive. So many toys were donated that each child with a parent engaged in LEAD received several toys for Christmas and there were still toys left over to share with DHS.

DA Chostner shared that Mount Carmel Veterans Service was holding an event that evening.

Ms. Zeitvogel shared that Neighborworks received a \$6,000,000 grant for eviction prevention.

Dr. Gogarty shared that Boulder County library has been closed due to contamination with methamphetamine. Decontamination is expected to cost about \$125,000. This has motivated Boulder County to convert a county office into a treatment center and purchase housing for homeless citizens using grant funds. Chief Noeller stated that 3 additional libraries in the metro area were in the same situation.

DA Chostner spoke briefly about the coordinated operation plan for responding to a mass casualty event that they are developing at the monthly chiefs' meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Chief Noeller moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Davis.

*The motion passed unanimously*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Zeitvogel  
LEAD Project Manager, Pueblo County

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