New Directions Colorado:
A Public Safety and Health Approach to Drug Policy

Thursday
June 6, 2013

8:30am Registration
9:00am Opening
5:00pm Reception

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On behalf of the Colorado School of Public Health and the Drug Policy Alliance we are pleased to welcome you to New Directions.

This one-day convening of direct service providers, lawmakers, policymakers, public health and safety personnel, and community advocates will explore both public health and safety-centered approaches to drug policy. The recent legalization of marijuana in Colorado has laid the groundwork for meaningful dialogue concerning the role of drug policy in our state. This conference promises to be a timely and thought-provoking conversation between a range of stakeholders to develop drug policies that can optimize prevention, public health, harm reduction, treatment, and public safety.

Today we will envision a coordinated, comprehensive approach to drug policy that balances public health and safety. Tomorrow we will work together to create safer, healthier communities, and will measure our success by the impact of evolving drug policy on the overall public health.

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<td>Opening Plenary Where We Are Now: Drug Policy, From Global To Local</td>
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<td>This introductory panel will provide background for the day’s discussion by outlining local, national and global trends and opportunities. Throughout today’s dialogue, we will utilize this framework to examine and envision a more balanced approach to drug policy in Colorado. What recent advancements in drug policy should attendees be aware of? What local policy advances should garner attention for statewide advocacy and implementation? What is effective from both a public health and public safety point of view?</td>
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<td>This roundtable discussion will examine the intersections of medical marijuana policies with the state’s plan to legally regulate marijuana for all adults. What are potential impacts of such policies in our communities? What role did public health and safety concerns play in the drafting of Amendment 64 and subsequent implementation efforts? How has the medical marijuana industry impacted public health and safety?</td>
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<td>What are some evidence-based interventions available for people struggling with drug addiction in Colorado and what other options could be available? These emerging therapies include harm reduction interventions, non-abstinence-based housing, alternative/replacement therapies, supervised injection facilities, and community safety initiatives. What potential do these interventions have in Colorado? Is it time to expand the definition of treatment and recovery?</td>
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<td>Plenary Four Reducing Harm: Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and Health Interventions</td>
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<td>This panel will examine relationship-building within the four pillars approach to drug policy: public health, law enforcement, prevention and treatment, and harm reduction. What role should law enforcement play in health-centered approaches to drug policy? What is ‘treatment on demand’? And how can we learn from Summit View, the only treatment on demand facility in Colorado?</td>
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Biographies

John Baker, a retired Police Sergeant from Colorado. He served both active and reserve duty as an Airborne Ranger including a tour in Vietnam. After graduating the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Academy, he began work with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department as a deputy sheriff. During his 20 years of law enforcement, he worked as a patrol officer, detective, and Police Academy and field officer instructor. He retired at the rank of Sergeant and has continued servicing his community. He is actively involved in the Make a Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics. He has also worked closely with the Medical Marijuana Enthusiasts Association and has lectured on Amendment 64. John also teaches History at the University of Denver, majoring in business. He, his wife, and two children reside in Parker, Colorado.

Susan Boyd, PhD, is a professor in the department of Human and Social Development at the University of Western Ontario. She is a member of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and works with local community groups such as End Prohibition and the NARAC Patients Association. Her research contributions have been in the areas of women, drug laws, and policy, maternal/state conflicts, law and policy, and maternal childhood and youth. Her focus has been in the areas of women, drug laws, and policy, maternal/state conflicts, law and policy, maternal/state conflicts, and the areas of women, drug laws, and policy. Her research contributions have been in the areas of women, drug laws, and policy, maternal/state conflicts, law and policy, and maternal/state conflicts. She is a member of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and works with local community groups such as End Prohibition and the NARAC Patients Association. Her research contributions have been in the areas of women, drug laws, and policy, maternal/state conflicts, law and policy, and maternal/state conflicts.

Pam Clifton is the communications coordinator for the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. She studied psychology and sociology at the University of Colorado and Colorado College. Pam joined the staff at CCJRC because of her desire to see drug laws changed, parole laws reformed, and the warehousing of people in Colorado stopped. She has spent her last four years working as a supervisor for a local funding organization that raised money for non-profit and political organizations around the country. She served seven years in prison for Colorado for a minor drug conviction and they put her in a halfway house. She has spent the last four years working as a supervisor for a local funding organization that raised money for non-profit and political organizations around the country. She served seven years in prison for Colorado for a minor drug conviction and they put her in a halfway house.

Daliah Heller is a family therapist and psychoanalyst with twenty-five years of experience working with individuals and families. She is the executive director of the California Department of Public Health, the program director of the San Francisco Bay Area Homeless HIV/AIDS Task Force, and a member of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Board of Directors. Prior to her appointment as executive director, she served as the program coordinator for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Department of Public Health. While in this position, she oversaw the development and implementation of programmatic initiatives that address health disparities among marginalized populations. In addition, she has worked extensively in the area of substance use disorder prevention and treatment, including the development and implementation of programs for youth and young adults. She has also been involved in the development and implementation of policy initiatives to address the overdose crisis and increase access to evidence-based treatment options. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in social work from the University of California, San Francisco. She is a member of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Board of Directors and serves on the board of directors for the California Healthy Cities and Communities Coalition. She has also been actively involved in the development and implementation of policies and programs aimed at reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes for underserved populations. In her current role, she is dedicated to leading the California Department of Public Health in addressing the complex and multifaceted challenges facing public health in California, including the ongoing pandemic, climate change, and social determinants of health.
Ron Martin, Detective Sergeant (retired) works part-time as one of North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition’s (HRAC) Law Enforcement Safety Advocates. He is a former Detective Sergeant and is dedicated, committed Law Enforcement Professional with over 20 years of experience in the New York City Police Department. At the NYPD, he trained officers to a highly proficient level of community patrol, enforcement and public security. He supervised narcotics teams, conducted street level buy and sell operations, warrant executions, and managed mid to high-level narcotic cases leading to extensive criminal prosecution. He has also conducted and investigated various criminal cases as a team member in conjunction with the Section 8 DEA, ADX, and the NCDJU. At NHRAC, he advocates for needle stick prevention measures for officers in North Carolina and for more dialogue between drug users, sex workers, and law enforcement to create safer communities.

Ethan Nadelmann, JD, PhD, is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States advocating for drug policies grounded in science, compassion, health, and human rights. Nadelmann received his BA, JD, and PhD in political science from the London School of Economics, and his master’s degree in public affairs at Princeton University. He has authored Cop’s Across Borders and (with Pennebaker) The Politics of Fear: The Cultural Response to Disease, as well as dozens of articles. He is widely regarded as the authority on drug policy reform both in the U.S. and abroad.

Theslia Naidoo, Esq., is a staff attorney with the Office of Legal Affairs. She works on litigation, legislative drafting and public education efforts concerning drug policy reform, including California’s Proposition 47, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000. She provides legal advice, counsel and advocacy on drug policy, including securing access to medical marijuana and promoting drug treatment initiatives. Naidoo often serves as a guest speaker on criminal justice and drug policy at law schools, universities and other institutions. Naidoo received her B.A. in political science from the University of California Berkeley and she received her J.D. from the University of California Los Angeles School of Law. Prior to joining the organization, she worked in private legal practice for nearly four years representing clients in employment law and commercial litigation matters. She left private practice to join the struggle to make drug laws and drug policies more just, more compassionate and more effective at reducing drug use and improving the health, safety and well-being of individuals, their families and communities.

Stefan Pepeckoff has been involved with prevention education for over 20 years on a regional, national, local and state level. Currently he is the Director of Prevention and Early Intervention Programs at the Office of Behavioral Health for the Colorado Department of Human Services. In this position he provides leadership for the federal and state funded substance use disorder prevention and early intervention programs including the SAMHSA SAPT Block Grant: The Partnership for Success federal grant and Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). He serves as the Colorado National Prevention Network Representative for the National Association of Counties, the Colorado Advisory Board for Intoxication and Intoxication Abuse Directors. He also serves on the governor appointed state Behavioral Health Transformation Council and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Council where he, to this position, he served as a senior consultant at the Colorado Department of Education.

Laura Pegram, MSW, MPH, is the policy associate for the Drug Policy Alliance in Colorado. Prior to this post, she served as the Harm Reduction Coordinator for Women with a Vision, Inc., a New Orleans-based social and reproductive justice nonprofit, since 2010. There she provided harm reduction services, legal and policy research, and community and legislative advocacy concerning Louisiana’s antiquated and discriminatory Crime Against Nature statute. Additionally, she has worked in HIV prevention and education services both domestically and globally since 2015. She holds a Masters of Social Work and a Masters of Public Health from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Lisa Raville, BA is the Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Action Center. Beginning her career in nursing home administration but soon moving into the world of non-profits, Lisa had the ability to participate as an AmeriCorps Volunteer at an HIV/AIDS agency in California at their syringe exchange. After 2010 syringe access legislation passed, HRAC worked for 21 months to finally become a certified County of Denver syringe access program. Passions include community advocacy, political organizing, reproductive rights, prisoner rights activism, social justice, syringe exchange, homeless and migrant, and voter registration coordination specifically targeting former felons and the homeless and communities.

Amanda Reiman, PhD, MSW, is the California policy manager for the Drug Policy Alliance. Based in San Francisco, Reiman leads DPAA’s marijuana reform work in California. She joined the Drug Policy Alliance in 2012 after working with the medical marijuana dispensary, Berkeley Patients Group, as director of research and patient services. She has conducted numerous studies on medical marijuana dispensaries, patients, and the use of marijuana as a treatment for addiction. Reiman regularly presents her research at the conferences of the American Public Health Association and the American Psychiatric Association, International Cannabinoid Research Society, and the Harm Reduction Coalition. Originally from Chicago, she earned her B.A. in biology from the University of Illinois-Chicago and her Masters Degree in Public Health from the Jane Addams College of Social Work. Ms. Reiman earned her PhD in Social Welfare in 2006 from the University of California-Berkeley.

Christian Robertson, BA is a founder of the Denver-based law firm Vicente Sederberg, LLC. After graduating from the University of Colorado School of Law in May 2005, Christian focused his practice on representing businesses in real estate, corporate, and employment law and commercial litigation. Since the inception of Colorado’s state-regulated medical marijuana program, Christian and his firm have provided a wide range of real estate, transactional and regulatory assistance to the marijuana community. Christian was also an integral part of Colorado’s Amendment 64 Campaign, acting as core volunteer for the Amendment 64 Campaign, representing the Campaign on Governor Hickenlooper’s Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force, and leading the Campaign’s legislative implementation team in the Colorado legislature.

Hong Tran, Esq., is a staff attorney at the Racial Disparity Project. Hong brings 20 years of legal experience in both criminal defense and civil legal aid to her work at the RDP. Prior to joining the RDP, Hong served as a staff attorney at The Defender Association for four years, a staff attorney and volunteer coordinator at The Unemployment Law Project between 2004-2010, and FBI. Hong received a law degree from the University of Denver and her J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law in 1994.

Art Way, JD, is the Colorado senior drug policy manager for the Drug Policy Alliance based in Denver. He is a graduate of Florida Coastal School of Law, where he was appointed at the gap between our theoretical constitutional liberties and what we witnessed growing up during the escalation of the drug war in the 1980s. Prior to joining DPA, Way directed the Racial Justice Program at the Colorado Progressive Coalition, where he worked to halt the overrepresentation of people of color in the state’s criminal justice system. He successfully spearheaded a legislative campaign amending state law regarding police duties during searches. As a result, Colorado has the only consent-to-search legislation in the nation that staff attorney and chair of the Campaign’s legislative implementation team in the Colorado legislature. Way currently serves on both the Denver Mayor’s African American Commission and on the Racial and Gender Disparity Committee of the Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission.

Barry Zevin, MD, has 22 years of experience as a Healthcare For The Homeless physician in San Francisco. He is board certified in internal medicine. He has the HIV Specialist Certificate from the American Academy of HIV Medicine, and is board certified in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Addiction Medicine. His special interests include Healthcare For The Homeless, comprehensive healthcare for people who use substances, transgender health, and on the Racial and Gender Disparity Committee of the Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission.

Jane Addams College of Social Work. Originally from Chicago, she earned her B.A. in psychology from the University of Illinois-Chicago and her M.S.W. from the Jane Addams College of Social Work. Ms. Pegram earned her PhD in Social Welfare in 2006 from the University of California-Berkeley.

Chris E. Urbina, MD, MPH, is the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He is an associate professor of the Colorado School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Urbina also is responsible for the supervision of numerous health-related divisions, including the Disease Control and Environmental Division, the Prevention Services Division, the Office of the Director and Division of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division. He received his medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, his bachelors in biology from Stanford University and his masters degree in public health from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.
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