Summarized Meeting Minutes | August 8, 2024 HB 21-1317 Eighteenth Meeting of the Scientific Review Council (SRC)

Attendees:

Cannabis Research & Policy Project (CRPP): Jon Samet, Greg Tung, Annie Collier, Tianjing Li, Jean-Pierre Oberste, Daphna Rubin, Valerie Yim, Louis Leslie, Meghan Buran, Neeloo Soleimanpour

SRC: Chris Urbina, Greg Kinney, Kennon Heard, Kelly Knupp, Susan Calcaterra

Summary of 2023-2024 Accomplishments from the CRPP:

- The CRPP is organized into the administration core, the research core, and the education core.
- The CRPP administration core continues to produce a monthly team newsletter and project timeline that is available on the project <u>website</u> to provide the public with updates on the project's progress.
- This past year, the administration core hosted a CME event with Children's Hospital of Colorado, a virtual open session for the public, and six SRC meetings.
- The research core has updated the scoping review, and 100 new studies will be added to the
 Tableau Dashboard. Systematic review on mental health outcomes is coming to completion. A
 manuscript of the findings is under development, and we hope to submit it to a clinical journal
 for wider dissemination. We see this mental health review to be a resource to be used with our
 collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado.
- The CRPP also hosted a Research Methods Workshop for two days in June 2024. National experts participated in the workshop which focused on epidemiological research, clinical research, policy, and surveillance recommendations. The invitees appreciated the need to advance research methodology. The proceedings of the workshop are complete and under review by the participants. We plan to disseminate workshop products through multiple channels including the CRPP website and a peer-reviewed journal.
- In addition, the CRPP has two reports on the methodological challenges submitted to peer-reviewed journals. One is currently under review and the other was accepted by the *American Journal of Public Health*. It will be posted to the team website when publicly available.
- See the meeting recording for full details discussed in this portion of the meeting.

Educational Campaign Update:

- The educational campaign provided an update on our partnerships, efforts to engage with the community, program evaluation, partnerships, and administrative updates.
- The educational campaign team provided an overview describing how the team disseminated the campaign to the Colorado public using community feedback from advisory groups located in the Denver metro area, San Luis Valley, and Pueblo, the SRC, and the CRPP members.
- The education campaign provided a summary of the evaluation surveys. The surveys are curated to each activity and preliminary results are currently being analyzed.
- The educational campaign team discussed the material developed by Initium Health including the website, podcast, video trainings, illustrative characters to explain complex information, photoshoots using community members, a social media campaign, and a web-based curriculum.

The webpage housing the educational campaign is live and can be accessed at https://teaonthc.org/.

Plans and Resources for 2024-2025:

- For the fiscal year 2024-2025, the CRPP was appropriated \$2 million to support the year's activities.
- Below are activities each core of the project plans to carry out in this new fiscal year:
 - Administration Core:
 - Hold additional continuing medical education events
 - Develop additional policy recommendations
 - Research Core:
 - Adjust the scoping review update to follow the fiscal year cycle
 - Complete the mental health systematic review and publish the manuscript.
 - Conduct one further systematic review, focus TBD.
 - Educational Campaign Core:
 - Finalize the media firm contract, currently we are awaiting bids under an RFP process, and a decision will be made in the coming weeks.
 - Determine which partnership projects we will continue to invest in after reviewing their end of year reports.
 - Summarize the project evaluation findings.

For more information, please review the meeting recording.