



COLORADO CONSORTIUM

for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

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Objectives

Morning:

- Briefly review stakeholder process
- Summarize key stakeholder findings on *Criminal Justice*

Afternoon:

- Summarize key stakeholder findings on *Harm Reduction*
- Share policy recommendations from the Consortium's perspective



Review of Stakeholder Process



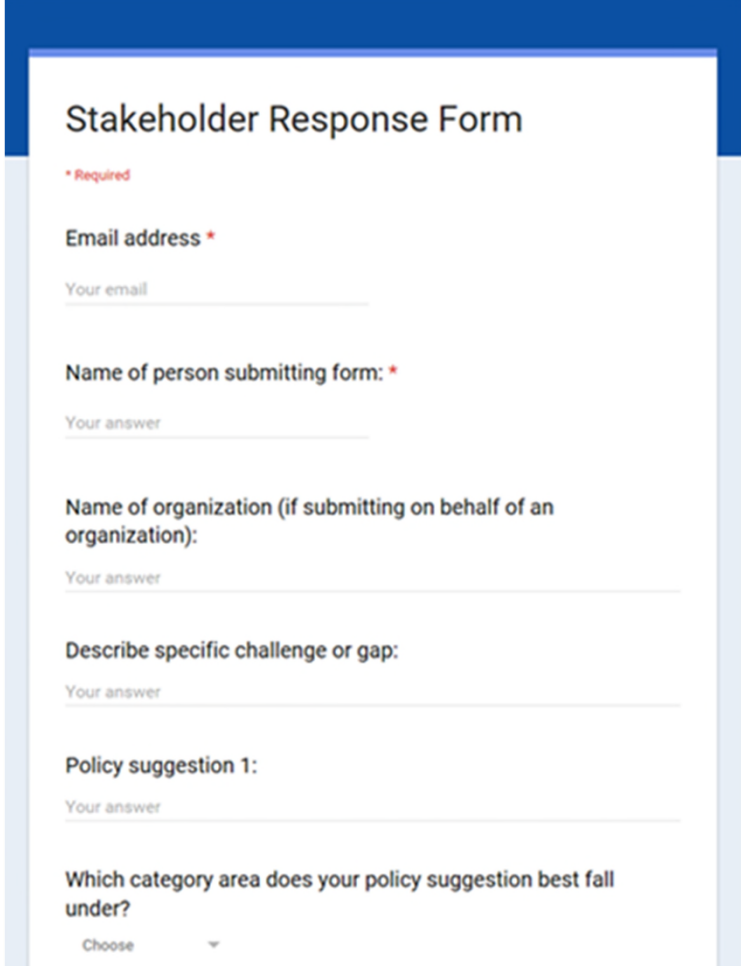
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Stakeholder Process

- Feedback received via paper and electronic forms
- Submissions from local govt, non-profits, private enterprise, professional associations, people directly affected and other private citizens
- Sent via Leg Council and various distribution lists

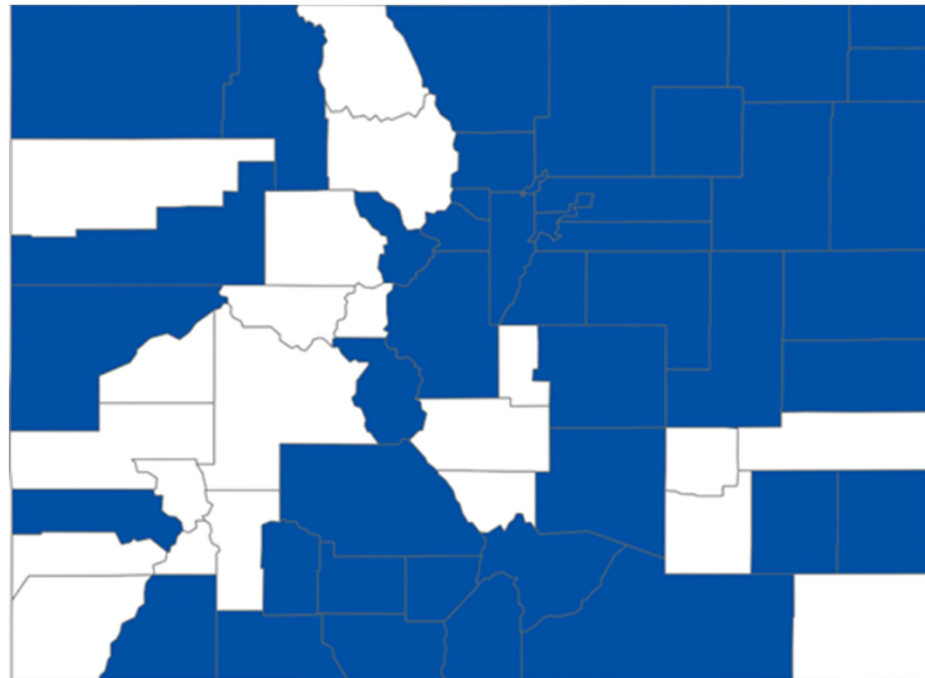


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More than 251 Submissions Received

- Representing **246** individuals or groups
- Submissions came from groups or individuals in **47** counties



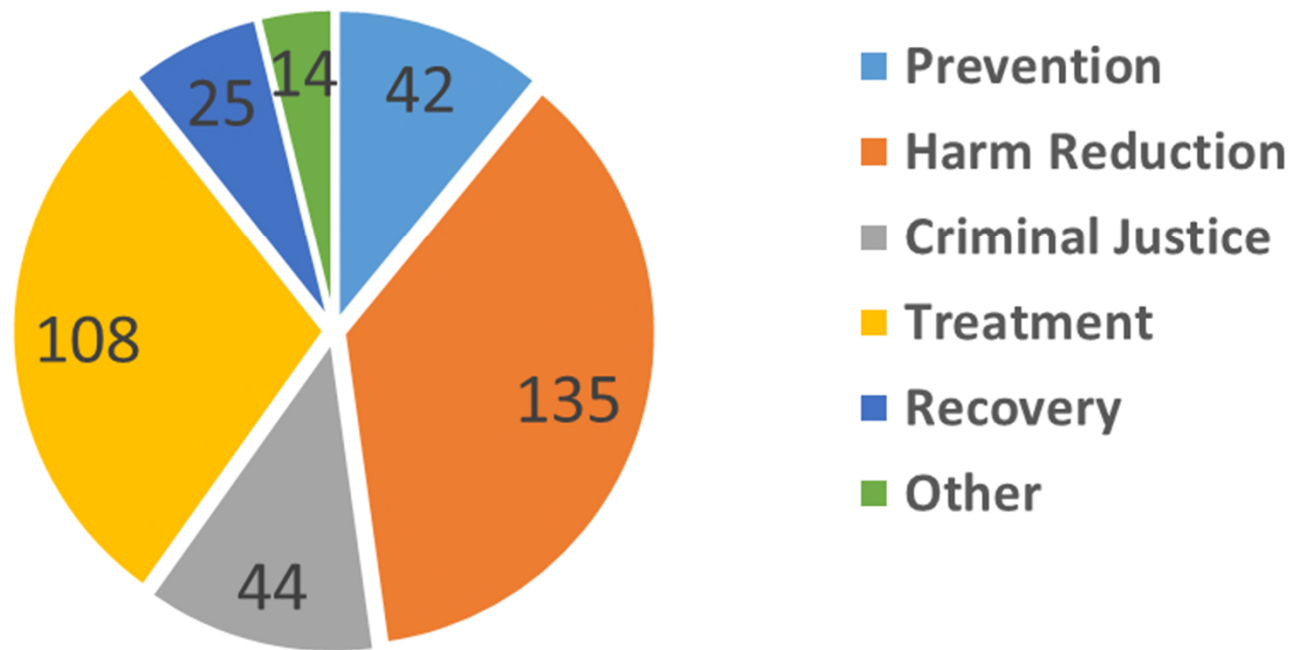
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Representation of Policy Suggestions

Policy Recommendations by Category
(n=369)



Criminal Justice Stakeholder Recommendations

*Please review Executive Summary
and binder provided of all
submissions*



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Common Criminal Justice Themes

- Jail-Based Treatment
- Judicial Programs and Education
- Diversion and Overdose Response Programs
- Sentencing Reform
- Housing



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Jail-Based Treatment

- Require provision of all FDA-approved medications for post-incarceration linkage to care and drug courts
- Revise SB19-008, Sect 7 to require jails to provide (or have a protocol on) all FDA-approved medications
- Reimburse counties to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) during work release programs
- Expand JBBS to include funding for pre-trial access
- Implement SUD assessments in jail closer upon entry



Judicial Programs and Education

- Require probation/parole officers to complete substance use education or training
- Require education for youth substance use offenders in the judicial system
- Develop and implement trauma-informed programs for offenders
- Provide additional support for criminal justice and child welfare systems



Diversion/Overdose Response

Create or expand following program models:

- **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD):** Continue pilot site funding to end 6/30/2020
- **Post-overdose programs:** Engage police, SAPs, EMS, or peers to conduct a follow-up visit with overdose victim or family after naloxone reversal
- **Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI):** Link individuals to treatment via local police
- **Safe Stations:** Link to treatment via local fire depts



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Sentencing Reform

- Allow parole violators returning to jail to count voluntary treatment towards good-time in sentencing
- Disallow incarceration for positive urine analysis during probation/parole unless some other violation
- Expunge or release all marijuana-related drug charges
- Review international approaches from countries that have decriminalized SUDs
- Decriminalize possession provided that amount does not exceed personal use (i.e. opioids or other drugs)



Housing

- Increase supportive housing, targeting chronically homeless individuals with mental health or substance use challenges
- Abolish local urban camping bans
- Address concerns around police interactions and response to calls for trespassing charges



Consortium Specific Policy Recommendations

- Require availability of all FDA-approved medications for post-incarceration linkage to care and drug courts
- Revise SB19-008, Sect 7 to require jails to provide (or have a protocol on) all FDA-approved medications
 - Alternative: provide at least one opioid agonist or partial agonist, and at least one antagonist



*Please Review
Stakeholder
Feedback
Summary and
Complete
Submissions*



**Stakeholder Policy Feedback
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