

Final Meeting Summary
CO-SCOPE Community Advisory Panel
December 10, 2020

The first meeting of the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) of the Colorado Study on Community Outcomes from PFAS Exposure (Co-SCOPE) occurred via videoconference/teleconference on the eve of December 10, 2020.

The key topics covered during this meeting included:

- A brief overview of the PFAS Study;
- Introductions of the CAP and Technical Team;
- A review of the draft CAP Mission Statement and Ground Rules;
- Discussion of Study recruitment goals, including possible barriers and solutions; and
- Honorarium and CAP future meetings

Below please find a list of handouts from the meeting and the electronic links where the documents can be found on the CO-SCOPE website. This website is under development. Please contact Kristi Celico, the CAP facilitator, at kcelico@gmail.com if you need assistance.

[CO-SCOPE CAP Meeting Agenda for 12 10 20](#)

[Community Advisory Panel List as of 12 10 20](#)

[Summary Chart of 3 PFAS Studies in Fountain Valley Communities](#)

[Draft CAP Mission Statement and Ground Rules as of 12 10 20](#)

[PowerPoint Presentation for 12 10 20 CAP Meeting](#)

Appendix A of this document includes key contact information for the Study Team. Appendix B includes an attendance list for the meeting. The [Facilitators Tracking Sheet as of 1 15 21](#) summarizes key recommendations by the CAP and the Study Team responses.

CO-SCOPE Study

The Study co-leads, Dr. Anne Starling and Dr. John Adgate of Colorado School of Public Health, provided an overview of the CO-SCOPE program. This overview can be found on pages 6 to 19 of the PowerPoint presentation ([PowerPoint Presentation for 12 10 20 CAP Meeting](#)).

Key discussion following the presentation included:

- CAP members recommend using the name “Fountain Valley Communities” as a term to refer to Fountain, Wakefield, and Stratmoor Hills.
- Fifty percent of the group stated that they are pretty familiar or very familiar with PFAS issues and concerns.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT AND GROUND RULES

The facilitator, Kristi Parker Celico, drafted a mission statement and ground rules for the CAP to consider. This draft was based on input from the Study Team, Technical Team, and CAP Steering Committee. The full draft was sent to the CAP in advance of the meeting and can be found here: [Draft CAP Mission Statement and Ground Rules as of 12 10 20](#).

Kristi covered highlights during the meeting and welcomed input. She will modify the document to better clarify the different roles of the Study Team and Technical Team and send out a final copy for everyone to approve.

RECRUITMENT GOALS AND POTENTIAL BARRIERS

Mallory O'Brien of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Kelsey Barton, School of Public Health Project Manager for the Study, provided a brief overview of the goals for recruiting community members to participate in the Study. They discussed potential barriers to people agreeing to participate. For each barrier, they proposed a solution and solicited CAP input. The presentation regarding recruitment goals, barriers, and potential solutions can be found on slides 24-31 of the PowerPoint presentation ([PowerPoint Presentation for 12 10 20 CAP Meeting](#)).

CAP discussion following the presentation included the following suggestions:

- Provide testing times during the evening and weekends to ease scheduling challenges for working people.
- Consider offering COVID vaccines to those who want it as an incentive to participate in the Study.
- Consider the ideas of drive-through testing, mobile testing, and/or at-home visits.
- Put the Covid safety plan on the website and make it broadly available to the public.

The Study Team will look at all of these options and report back to the CAP.

The Study Team welcomed suggestions for a Study office location. The following ideas were proposed:

- Sarah will reach out to the owner of 320 South Santa Fe and report back to the Study Team.
- Look into the following potential locations: old Gold's Gym, old Ace Hardware, old Physical Therapist office, old Independent Records, and Widefield Square area.

The CAP confirmed that three different PFAS studies in the FVC area are likely to be somewhat confusing for the public. To address this concern, they recommended:

- Developing one website for all three PFAS studies so that the public has "one-stop shopping."
- Keeping the website simple. Consider using the PFASFV.com as a website name.

In addition to the above topics, CAP members raised other potential barriers and possible solutions:

- Community members might not participate in the Study because they think that the PFAS problem has been solved. Study literature needs to remind people that the health efforts of PFAS exposure can be long term and that PFAS is a persistent chemical.
- Community members might be worried that a PFAS test would make it more difficult to get or maintain health insurance. The Study Team noted that any individual test results would be private and only released to the individual.
- Some might be worried that if they take part in the Study that they will not be able to participate in a lawsuit. The Study Team noted that this Study is not affiliated with any lawsuits. Participating in the study should not impact a community member's ability to participate in a lawsuit.

Finally, the CAP talked about some local approaches for informing the public about the Study. Specific suggestions included:

- Use NextDoor. We might need to identify community members in the various neighborhoods to help post messages in each area.
- Use the social media app called Parler.
- Ninety-two percent of CAP members stated that they use Facebook, so it is likely to be an important option for informing others.
- Consider having the Wakefield High School students in the AP Environmental Studies class develop a TikTok video to help reach a younger demographic.
- Consider advertising on the following radio stations: KRDO, NPR/CPR, KRXP, and IHEARTRADIO.

- Security Water District could include information about the Study in their bills to community members and place the information on their website.
- Advertise in the Fountain Valley newspaper.

FUTURE CAP MEETINGS

The pace of the Study might be impacted by COVID. Once the schedule is more certain, the Facilitator will contact CAP members to schedule the next meeting.

CAP members will receive a \$100 per year gift card honorarium for participating in CAP meetings. The CAP identified the following four gift card options: All-Star Pizzeria, Amazon, King Soopers, and Walmart. Some CAP members may choose to decline an honorarium. Please inform Kelsey of your preference.

Because some community members would prefer to talk to a neighbor who serves on the CAP, the Study Team would like to list CAP member names, email, and phone numbers on the Study website. If you do not wish to have your information posted on the website, please contact Kelsey.

Appendix A
List of Key Staff Contacts

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Appendix B
Attendance at the 12 10 20 CAP Meeting

First Name	Last Name	10-Dec-20
Robin (and Kerry)	Bell	X
Suzanne	Carmody	X
Pat	Edelmann	X
Tamara	Estes	X
Rick	Giles	X
Roy	Heald	X
James	Maxon	
Molly (and Greg)	Miller	X
Kat	McGarvy	X
Sarah	McKinney	X
Kevin	Niles	X
Steve	Patterson	
Liz	Rosenbaum	X
Fran	Silva Blayney	X
Technical Advisors		
Bob	Benson	X
Rachel	Blomberg	
Kai	Elgethun	X
Chris	Poulet	X
Study Team		
John	Adgate	X
Kelsey	Barton	X
Kristi	Celico	X
Mallory	O'Brien	X
Kristy	Richardson	X
Anne	Starling	X
Lauren	Zell-Baran	X