

Molly Siegel, Director of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Meets with CFCU Steering Committee

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Priorities

- Much of the work of OGVP is governed by statute <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb21-1299>
- She'd like to see *Let's Talk Guns, Colorado* more widely disseminated and asked CFCU members to help by sharing this communications campaign on their social media. Go to <https://letstalkgunscolorado.com/> to view some of the ads.
- She also wishes to make data on the dashboard more actionable for users

Updates

- The OGVP grants program allocated \$500,000 to a smaller number of projects around the state, focused on firearm suicide prevention and hospital and community-based violence intervention initiatives. Go to <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/office-of-gun-violence-prevention/grant-program> to see the six programs that were funded.
- OGVP Program funding looks stable—so far....She's worried about the status of public health in general given the current environment.
- The **Colorado Safe Future's Fund (CSFF)** <https://cosafefuturesfund.org/> is a collaborative of local funders and foundations that has raised \$1 million for GVP activities so far but is not making grants yet. CSFF will utilize a public health approach to provide communities with actionable data, resources and capacity to create meaningful change.

ERPO Public Education

- Further discussion is needed to identify how both OGVP and the Office of Suicide prevention can assist in the development of appropriate messaging about when Extreme Risk Protection Orders should be presented as a tool for preventing suicide.
- While CFCU is very supportive of efforts to provide ERPO training to educators and behavioral health professionals and actively participates on the AG's ERPO Training Task Force, we also requested that OGVP consider funding to provide personal assistance for family

members considering whether to file an ERPO. Law enforcement has been far more effective filing ERPO's, but there are families which remain uncomfortable working with police and need help with the ERPO filing process.

Next Steps

- Molly invited CFCU members to attend an April 23 presentation at the School of Public Health which OGVP is co-sponsoring: *Making the Invisible Visible: Communicating the Value of Public Health in a Changing Landscape*.
- CFCU will engage its members in helping to get out the word about *Let's talk Guns, Colorado*
- Molly is available to meet with CFCU members at a future meeting