

# Informed Consent Form

**Date:**

**Valid for Use Through:**

**Needs assessment Title: Opioid Use in Denver Needs Assessment**

**Organizing Agency: Community Health, DEH, City and County of Denver**

**Principal Staff: Marion Rorke, Resource Coordinator (DEH) & Steve Koester, Anthropologist (UC Denver)**

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You are being asked to be in a needs assessment. This form provides you with information about the needs assessment. Marion Rorke or Steve Koester will describe this needs assessment to you and answer all of your questions. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything you don't understand before deciding whether or not to take part.

## **Why is this needs assessment being done?**

This needs assessment plans to learn more about availability of and access to treatment and other support services, as well as experiences surrounding overdose. We are particularly interested in issues of greatest concern, and how you would like to see the information collected from this assessment presented. We will ask you about your own experience as well as the experiences of people you know.

You are being asked to be in this assessment because of your experience with opioid use.

The purpose of this interview is to gain information from community members on how the City and County of Denver can best address issues surrounding opioid use and overdose.

Approximately 30 people will be asked to participate in individual interviews.

## **What happens if I join this needs assessment?**

If you join the needs assessment, you will be asked to discuss your experience using opioids, accessing treatment and support services, the health issues you are concerned about, and how outside factors like homelessness, drug treatment, syringe exchange and law enforcement influence your drug use and health.

Interviews will last approximately one hour.

If you agree to an interview, it may be audio-recorded. Is this acceptable: Yes No

## **What are the possible discomforts or risks?**

Discomforts you may experience while in this needs assessment include feelings of emotional pain when discussing health concerns and other experiences in your life.

## **What are the possible benefits of the needs assessment?**

This needs assessment is designed for DEH to learn more about the experiences of people who use opioids as it related to accessing treatment and other services, and to inform policies to remove barriers to accessing services.

There are no direct benefits to needs assessment participants.

**Who is paying for this needs assessment?**

This assessment is being paid for by the City and County of Denver, Department of Environmental Health (DEH).

**Will I be paid for being in the needs assessment? Will I have to pay for anything?**

You will be given a \$20 in King Soopers gift cards as compensation for your time spent discussing these issues.

You will not have to pay anything to be in the needs assessment.

**Is my participation voluntary?**

Taking part in this needs assessment is voluntary. You have the right to choose not to take part in this needs assessment. If you choose to take part, you have the right to stop at any time. You may choose not to answer certain questions. If you refuse or decide to withdraw later, you will not lose any benefits or rights to which you are entitled.

**Who do I call if I have questions?**

The agency carrying out this needs assessment is the Community Health Division of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH), City and County of Denver. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may call Marion Rorke at 720-865-5453.

**Who will see my information?**

Your name will not be attached to any documents and we will not ask for any other personally identifying information. We will do everything we can to keep your records a secret.

We are not asking you to provide anything other than a first name for this needs assessment. Having a first name will facilitate our discussion but will not be sufficient to identify you personally with any information provided. If you are not comfortable giving us your name you do not need to. We are not asking you to sign any document. The information you provide will not be linked to you personally. The information you provide will be seen by the researchers doing the needs assessment. All of the needs assessment data will be retained by Marion Rorke and Steve Koester.

The results from the research may be shared at a meeting. The results from the research may be in published articles.

**Verbal Consent**

I have read about the needs assessment or it was read to me. I understand the possible risks and benefits of this needs assessment. I know that being in this needs assessment is voluntary. I will get a copy of this consent form.