



# CDU NEWSLETTER



A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Wyoming Department of Health,  
Communicable Disease Unit

Monthly Theme: Overdose Awareness and Harm Reduction

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## TOP NEWS



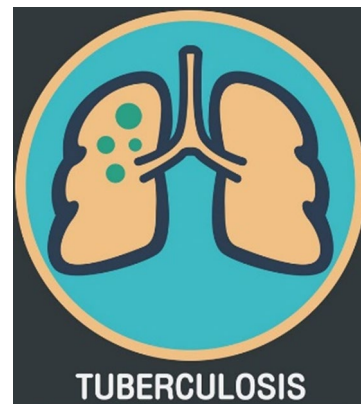
**Overdose Awareness Day**  
August 31st



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Collective



**New DIS**  
Cameron Ward



**New Quarterly TB Program**  
Update Meeting

**Quick Fact:** The US opioid epidemic resulted from fraudulent pharmaceutical claims and subsequent lack of understanding among health care providers. Since the use of opioid prescriptions became widespread in the mid-1990s, opioid-related deaths in the US have been increasingly substantially. To learn more visit these sites: [Opioid Crisis Roots](#), [Understanding the Epidemic](#), [Mitigating Opioids' Harm](#)



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New National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

You can still use 1-800-273-8255 and many others are available [here](#).

The CDU Monthly Webinar is held every **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 2-3 PM MT** via Zoom  
Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

## Overdose Awareness Day – August 31st

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August 31<sup>st</sup> marks Overdose Awareness Day every year. It's a day to remember and grieve those we've lost, and to strengthen resolve to end overdose injuries and deaths.

In 2020, over 93,000 people in the U.S. lost their lives to drug overdose. The fight against the drug overdose epidemic is continually evolving.

Naloxone is a lifesaving medicine that can reverse an overdose from opioids, even when benzodiazepines are also present. Often given as a nasal spray, naloxone is safe and easy to use—and is safe to administer when bystanders are uncertain if opioids are involved because adverse side effects are very rare.

Be sure to contact emergency services for overdoses involving both benzodiazepines and opioids, even after naloxone administration, because benzodiazepine overdose symptoms may need additional medical treatment.

For more information go to

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/featured-topics/ioad-benzo-overdose.html>

## Wyoming Harm Reduction Collective

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The Wyoming Harm Reduction Collective is the grassroots Wyoming organization of amazing people with lived experience and allies of PWUD. Their mission is to build healthier communities by creating a safe space to engage in evidence-based practices surrounding people who use drugs.

For more information on the Wyoming Harm Reduction go to

<https://www.facebook.com/WyoHarmReductionCollective> and  
<https://wyofile.com/as-fentanyl-hits-wyoming-policy-and-funding-stymie-solutions>.



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## 340B and Ryan White Site Visits

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CDU resumed 340B and Ryan White site visits for the first since the pandemic. It was great to meet with you to hear your successes and troubleshoot challenges.

We appreciate the work you are doing and your input helps use improve our programs.

Thank you!

## CDU Monthly Webinar: Kinks, Fetishes, and Prevention

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Bambi from John Hopkins Prevention Training Center (JHPTC) is joining us again for the August CDU Monthly Webinar: Kinks, Fetishes, and Prevention on August 16th from 2-4pm. This webinar will cover common kinks and fetishes, including those reported by clients in Wyoming, as well as prevention measures associated with kinks and fetishes.

Please complete this anonymous pre-survey as soon as possible to allow Bambi to better focus the webinar content.

Survey link:

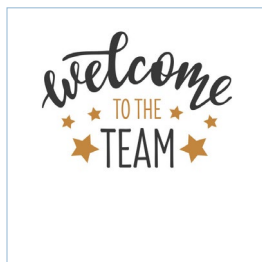
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Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqce6qqT0jHd2fP2GETCh7522b9ELqleLS>

## CDU Outreach Staff

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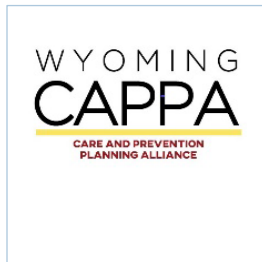
CDU would like to welcome two new locations to the Outreach Contract Staff team, Wyoming Equality and Northwest Healthcare. Both are currently hiring for their Outreach Coordinator positions.

Wyoming Equality and Northwest Healthcare join Carbon County Public Health, Teton County Health Department, and Natrona County Health Department in our CDU Outreach Staff team.



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## CAPPA



The Wyoming Comprehensive Care and Prevention Planning Alliance (CAPPA) is the statewide community planning group for HIV, AIDS, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STI) Wyoming.

2022 CAPPA Meeting Schedule

August 12-13, Gillette

October 21-22, Laramie

For the meeting agenda and more information go to the CDU CAPPA website at

<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/cappa/>

## Curry International Tuberculosis Center – Training Opportunities



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| 8/31-9/1 | Tuberculosis Contact Investigation                               |
| 9/27-30  | Tuberculosis Contact Investigation Interviewing Skills Intensive |
| 10/25    | Focus on LTBI  |
| 10/26-28 | Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive                                  |
| 11/7     | Advanced TB Topics: Next-Generation Diagnostics                  |
| TBD      | Promoting Continuity of Care after Federal Custody               |

<https://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/trainings>

## Job Board



Wyoming Equality CDU Outreach Coordinator

<https://www.wyomingequality.org/jobs>



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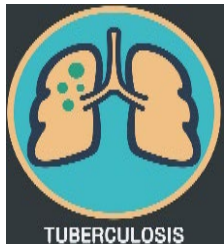
## New DIS



CDU would like to welcome our new Disease Intervention Specialist/Epidemiologist, Cameron Ward, who joined CDU on August 1st.

Cameron moved to the area from Salem, Oregon, where he worked for Marion County as an epidemiologist on their COVID-19 surge team, and has lived all over the country, mostly in Columbia, Missouri, and East Lansing, Michigan. He has been working at the Wyoming Public Health Lab as a Laboratory Scientist conducting COVID-19 testing and sequencing since January 2021. Cameron has a BS from Truman State in Kirksville, MO, majoring in Health Sciences, and a MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in Control of Infectious Diseases. Cameron lives in Fort Collins with his partner, Savannah, who he met while living at a wildlife center in rural Alaska. He is an avid skier, and enjoys rock climbing, live music, and trivia. He is excited to join the Communicable Disease Unit to serve the residents of Wyoming.

## Quarterly TB Update



The CDU TB Team will now be hosting a Quarterly TB Update for TB Case Managers and anyone else interested in TB updates and reminders, there will also be an opportunity to ask TB related questions.

Q2 TB Update

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm

Register in advance at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf--trz0oHdJ\\_jPmSA2TWKXB56s7mxtQF](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf--trz0oHdJ_jPmSA2TWKXB56s7mxtQF)

## Prevention Heroes



Shout out to Weston County Public Health for adding five new condom dispensers!

Darcey at Converse County Public Health, received a glowing review from the patient when Katelyn conducted her patient interview.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 National Health Center Week (7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> )	8	9	10	11	12 CAPP - Gillette	13 CAPP - Gillette
14	15	16 CDU Monthly Webinar 2-4 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	31 Overdose Awareness Day	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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