

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda February 14, 2022

11:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On February 14, 2022 at 11:00 am Commissioners from across the Eastern District attended a virtual meeting to establish the Opioid Response Region 4 Council. Present were:

Board Members: Byron Pelton – Logan County, Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Ben Ferree – Town of Limon

Also present: Kent Vance – Washington County, Garold Roberts – Phillips County, Scott James – Weld County, Erik Aakko – Weld County Public Health, Jennifer Wallace – Weld County Public Health, Kimberly Collins – Northrange Behavioral Health, Gordon Westhoff – Morgan County

Also joining the meeting were special guests Tom Acre – Town of Wiggins, Mondy Torres – City of Fort Morgan, Andrea Calhoun – Yuma County, Ken Fellman – Yuma County Attorney, Jacob Piper – Lincoln County Administrator

Minutes

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the January 24, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Board Structure

New municipal representative Ben Ferree from the Town of Limon was introduced.

Also reviewed was the status of IGA signatures currently being routed for approval and signature with a primary deadline of February 28. The group also heard report on the status of the aggregation of participants for the non-voting advisory council including social services, public health, and mental/behavioral health. The group heard a suggestion from a consultant to include representation of individuals in opioid recovery. The group voiced support for a member of the advisory council in recovery as well as potentially a member with Celebrate Recovery who is actively managing a recovery program.

Council Documents

Wiggins Town Manager Tom Acre provided updates on potential municipal participation from Morgan County either from the Town of Wiggins or the City of Fort Morgan. Commissioner Kent Vance will inquire with the Town of Akron as to potential participation. The Commissioners will continue to work with their municipalities to encourage IGA participation. Bylaws will be reviewed and considered following finalization of the IGA.

RFP Selection

The group reviewed the received RFPs for conduction of the 2-year abatement plan. Comparison was discussed between the proposals sent. Ken Fellman requested clarification on the expected process for establishing a contractual agreement with the selected contractor, once determined. **Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the bid from OMNI Institute**

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Weld County Treatment Facilities

Members of the Weld County team including Commissioner Scott James, Erik Aakko of Weld County Public Health, and Kimberly Collins and Jennifer Wallace from Northrange Behavioral Health held a discussion with the group regarding the relationship between Northrange and Weld County, lessons learned in the establishment and operations of a regional treatment facility, and items of note for the Council to be aware of as the assessment process moves forward. The group also discussed methods for how the current relationship between Northrange and the Eastern District can be built upon to improve availability of services with in the current structure. Sheriff Martin will connect with Northrange staff to discuss and will report back to the group at a future meeting.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for the second week in March, time TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Byron Pelton, Chairman