

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

October 19, 2021

1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On October 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm Commissioners from across the Eastern District attended a virtual meeting to establish the Opioid Response Region 4 Council. Present were:

Byron Pelton – Logan County, Robin Wiley – Yuma County, Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Terry Hoffmeister – Phillips County, Garold Roberts – Phillips County, Tom Timm – Phillips County, Mark Turner – Sedgwick County, Steve Burgess – Lincoln County, Mark Arndt – Morgan County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County.

Absent: Cheyenne County, Kit Carson County, Washington County

Also joining the meeting were special guests Yuma County Attorney Ken Fellman, Yuma County Administrator Andrea Calhoon, and Lincoln County Administrator Jacob Piper.

Election of Officers

A meeting leader was selected until such time as bylaws have been created to establish a full officer team. **Commissioner Burgess moved to nominate Commissioner Pelton to the role of President. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.**

Commissioner Hoffmeister moved to nominate Commissioner Weaver to the role of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burgess and it passed unanimously.

Andrea Calhoon was appointed to responsibility for keeping minutes.

Establishment of Fiscal Agent

Commissioner Hoffmeister moved and Commissioner Turner seconded the motion to appoint Yuma County as the Opioid Settlement Region 4 Council Fiscal Agent. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The group discussed the collection of a 1% Treasurers fee on funding. Calhoon reported that direct guidance on whether the Treasurer's fee would be required to be collected is pending. Calhoon will continue to research and will keep the Council notified.

The group accepted by consent utilizing the Yuma County Attorney Ken Fellman for advisement during this stage of organization.

Board Structure

The group discussed the various options and guidance available on how to structure the overall board including municipalities within the region, law enforcement, social services, mental/behavioral health practitioners, and local public health. Among topics discussed were the challenges of maintaining a manageable size of board while maintaining an appropriate distribution of representation across all sectors and sizes of participating entities. After discussion, the group proposed a board structure of 5 Commissioners, two each from the north and south halves of the region and one at-large member, 4 municipal representatives to be

selected by the applicable CML regions, and, 2 law enforcement representatives, to be selected by the regional Chiefs and Sheriffs group.

Six non-voting advisory roles were recommended as appropriate for social services, mental/behavioral health practitioners, and public health with a goal of two from opposing ends and/or opposing sizes of entities.

Financials

The group discussed municipal participation in the council with respect to completion of the foundational AG's office participation documents. Each county will contact their respective municipalities to encourage their completion of the documents by the end of next week. Calhoon will coordinate with CCI and CML to monitor and communicate on completion rates across the region. Calhoon will also connect with the AG's office to request a brief extension to the deadline for completion. Fellman advised on the impact of non-participation by local governments and the opportunities for pooling funds within the region.

Calhoon provided an update on the AG's Opioid Response Settlement Funds Planning Grant status and requested input on the RFP process. After discussion, Calhoon will work with other regional councils, the AG's office, and CCI to draft an RFP after the abatement plan requirements are released. After approval by the council, the RFP will be sent to all consultants on the list provided by the AG's office as well as any other consultants that are identified in the interim.

The group discussed other possible funding sources including ARPA funding and potential future grant programs. Fellman provided guidance on approved expenditures and the proposed State Infrastructure Fund as outlined in the AG's Office MOU. Commissioner Richardson requested additional information be gathered regarding how "infrastructure" is defined with respect to the proposed program. Also discussed were the allowances for and pros/cons of exploring a potential public/private partnership in addressing regional goals.

Pending Documents – Individual Counties

The group reviewed the status of the four required documents of each individual local government including the State of Colorado MOU, Johnson & Johnson Settlement Participation Agreement, Distributor Settlement Participation Agreement, and the Colorado Subdivision Escrow Agreement. Documents need to be complete by each unit of local government and submitted to CCI and CML respectively no later than November 5, 2021.

Council Documents

The group discussed the necessity of developing a regional council document and submit to the State for final submission to the federal level by January 2, 2022. A sample document is included as Appendix G of the State of Colorado MOU. Fellman recommended an IGA format as opposed to an MOU and will take today's feedback and future feedback to draft a Region 4 document for review and approval by the Council with a goal of submitting to the State in mid-to late-December 2021.

Commissioner Pelton initiated a conversation regarding potential non-exclusive MOUs with other regions for use of their established services. The group discussed the importance of

maintaining Region 4's independence from other regions in the agreement process. Fellman and Calhoon will work on developing a proposed set of bylaws for the Council.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for the first week of November and requested invitations extended to all municipalities in the region. Commissioner Richardson will arrange for a virtual Eastern District Meeting to elect the 5 Commissioner representatives to the Council. Calhoon will send a poll for scheduling of the next Council meeting the first week of November.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next meeting of the Council is to be determined the week of November 1.

Byron Pelton, Chairman