

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

November 4, 2021

10:30 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On November 4, 2021 at 10:30 am Commissioners from across the Eastern District attended a virtual meeting to establish the Opioid Response Region 4 Council. Present were:

Robin Wiley – Yuma County, Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Trent Bushner – Yuma County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Steve Burgess – Lincoln County, Kent Vance – Washington County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Mark Turner – Sedgwick County, Don Schneider – Sedgwick County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Joe McBride – Logan County, Jon Becker – Morgan County.

Absent: Cheyenne County

Also joining the meeting were special guests Eckley Mayor Jessie Vance, Kit Carson County Administrator Lynsay Cormack, Yuma County Attorney Ken Fellman, Yuma County Administrator Andrea Calhoon, and Lincoln County Administrator Jacob Piper.

Minutes

Commissioner Burgess moved to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes as presented. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Board Structure

The group discussed updates on municipal participation in the Regional Council including contacts made and confirmations of participation from municipalities. The group discussed coordinating municipal participation through the Attorney General's Office as opposed to Colorado Municipal League. Calhoon provided an update on law enforcement participation efforts and reported that election of representatives is expected to be made at a regional Chiefs and Sheriffs meeting in early December.

Council Documents

Ken Fellman provided updates on the status of council documents including the status of a draft IGA for participation of all counties and cities in the Region 4 Opioid Council and the subsequent development of bylaws to govern the Council. Fellman provided an anticipated path forward including a timeline for County feedback prior to the January 2, 2022 federal deadline. All parties expressed interest in having a draft as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for review and approval by Counties and Municipalities. Fellman reported a draft is expected before Thanksgiving.

Financials

Calhoon provided updates on various funding topics, specifically the status of the State of Colorado AG's Office Planning Grant. The grant has been finalized and RFPs will be sent. The State has not established criteria for what is to be included in studies, but one proposal has already been received from The Steadman Group and Calhoon will seek additional bids for presentation at a future meeting. As the State makes criteria available, Calhoon will review the requirements as compared to the RFP and bids.

Pending Documents – Individual Counties

Calhoon reported that, per CCI, all Region 4 participation MOUs were received and/or expected to be received by the end of the week.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting later in November following the availability of a draft IGA and bylaws. Commissioner Richardson will arrange for election of the Commissioner Representatives at the upcoming Eastern District Meeting. Calhoon will send a poll for scheduling of the next Council meeting later in November.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. The next meeting of the Council is to be determined the later in November.

Byron Pelton, Chairman