

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda
November 30, 2021
CCI Winter Conference Eastern District Meeting
Virtual Meeting Attendance

On November 30, 2021 at the CCI Winter Conference Eastern District Meeting Commissioners from across the Eastern District conducted a meeting of the Region 4 Opioid Council. Present were:

Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Grant Thayer – Elbert County, Rick Pettitt – Elbert County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Tom Timm – Phillips County, Ed Schiffers – Lincoln County, Steve Burgess – Lincoln County, Doug Stone – Lincoln County, Jon Becker – Morgan County, Mark Arndt – Morgan County, Byron Pelton – Logan County, Lea Ann Laybourn – Washington County, Tony Wells – Washington County, Kent Vance – Washington County, Don Schneider – Sedgwick County, Mark Turner – Sedgwick County, Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Trent Bushner – Yuma County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Dave Hornung – Kit Carson County.

Absent: Cheyenne County

Also joining the meeting were special guests Kit Carson County Administrator Lynsay Cormack, Lincoln County Administrator Jacob Piper, Washington County Administrator Misty Petterson, Phillips County Deputy Administrator Nici Akey, Elbert County Administrator Sam Albrecht, Yuma County Administrator Andrea Calhoon, Logan County Director of Human Services Dave Long, and CCI Staffer Gini Pingnot.

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 the status of municipal interest in participation as well as compared various approaches to encouraging participation. Calhoon provided updates on the status of the law enforcement representative selections which will be made by the regional Chiefs and Sheriffs group at an upcoming regional meeting.

The group broke the region into two groups representing the northern and southern halves of the district. The northern half to include Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Washington, Logan, and Morgan Counties and the southern half to include Cheyenne, Lincoln, Kit Carson, and Elbert Counties.

Commissioner Dave Hornung moved to nominate Commissioner Chris Richardson to serve as a board appointment representing the southern half of the council.

Commissioner Stan Hitchcock seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Steve Burgess moved to nominate Commissioner Stan Hitchcock to serve as a board appointment representing the southern half of the council. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Kent Vance moved to nominate Commissioner Byron Pelton to serve as a board appointment representing the northern half of the council. Commissioner Lea Ann Laybourn seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Trent Bushner moved to nominate Commissioner Scott Weaver to serve as a board appointment representing the northern half of the council. Commissioner Kent Vance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Byron Pelton moved to nominate Commissioner Terry Hofmeister to serve as the at-large County Commissioner board appointment to the council. Commissioner Dave Hornung seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Council Documents

The group requested the redistribution of the draft IGA and bylaws created by attorney Ken Fellman for review. The documents will be reviewed and feedback returned to Calhoon by December 17 at close of business.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting to be a virtual meeting following the receipt of comments on the pending organizational documents and subsequent redrafting by attorney Ken Fellman.

Byron Pelton, Chairman