

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

March 7, 2022

11:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On March 7, 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, John Ross – Sterling PD, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County

Advisory Council Members: Trish McClain & Michelle Pemberton – Northeast Colorado Health Department, Valerie Boyd – Kit Carson County Health Department

Also present: Mark Turner – Sedgwick County, Gordon Westhoff – Morgan County, Garold Roberts – Phillips County, Tony Wells – Washington County

Also joining the meeting were special guests: Darlene Carpio – Congressman Ken Buck’s Office, Andrea Calhoon – Yuma County Administrator, Katie Gelman, Ailala Kay, & Stacey McClellan – OMNI Institute

Minutes

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Board Structure

The group discussed the status of municipal members of the Regional Council.

The group discussed the establishment of the advisory council and introduced members Trish McClain & Michelle Pemberton from Northeast Colorado Health Department, Valerie Boyd from Kit Carson County Public Health Department, and Spencer Green from Centennial Mental Health. Requests are still out to the regional Directors of Human Services and work is ongoing to add a private mental/behavioral health practitioner as well as representation from the recovery sphere. Discussion was held as to whether a representative from the DA’s office was necessary and it was determined that the law enforcement representatives were adequately covering that sector.

The Council was notified of Commissioner Scott Weaver’s appointment to the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council.

Council Documents

Calhoon provided updates on the receipt of IGA signatures and will send a listing of those received to the group for follow-up. Calhoon also provided an update on the bylaws, which were minimally updated to include Yuma County’s financial administration and signature authority and will be formally adopted after IGA completion.

2 Year Study/OMNI Institute

Calhoon reported on the request for extension on the completion and final submission of the 2-year study to the Attorney General's Office. The study deadline is June 1, however the grant deadline is April 29. Calhoon has requested an extension to June 1 and will keep the Council updated on requirements associated with obtaining that extension. The extension is intended to allow the OMNI Institute ample time to create as usable and thorough a study as possible.

Introductions were completed with Katie Gelman, Ailala Kay, and Stacey McClellan of OMNI Institute. Kay provided updates on the process and plan for the completion and conduction of the 2-year study and made operational inquiries of the Council to adequately establish the study process. The group provided OMNI with information on their priorities and the challenges faced by the Northeast region.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for the first week in April, time TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Byron Pelton, Chairman