

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

April 4, 2022

11:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On April 4, 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: Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Dave Martin – Morgan County Sheriff

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

Also present: Gordon Westhoff – Morgan County, Tony Wells – Washington County

Also joining the meeting were special guests: Ken Fellman – Attorney, Andrea Calhoon – Yuma County Administrator, Katie Gelman, Ailala Kay, & Stacey McClellan – OMNI Institute

Work Session

In the absence of a board quorum, an informational work session was held to receive updates from attorney Ken Fellman and the OMNI Institute.

Fellman provided thoughts on the waiver of an advisory council and suggested, given the Board's prior discussion on the delays in establishing an advisory council, that either the bylaws be updated to list the advisory council as a "may" exist instead of a "shall" exist or to leave the advisory council in existence with vacancies filled as needed in the future. Fellman also revisited the prior Board guidance that advisory council members must be representative of organizations that were not eligible to receive funding from the same sources as the Council. The Board discussed the importance of receiving advice and input from as many relevant sources as possible and considering any financial implications separately in considering the advice.

The group also discussed the status of the IGA signatures and the necessity of imposing a deadline for original members of the IGA to opt in and an avenue for future members to join as necessary so that the bylaws may also be adopted at the next meeting. Fellman inquired as to the bylaw meeting requirements for regular and annual meetings and recommended an annual meeting in March or April to allow closure of the prior fiscal year for the fiscal agent and preparation for the closure of the State fiscal year. A proposal will be added to the draft bylaws to be discussed and considered at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Weaver provided an update from the Opioid Abatement Council regarding an opt-in/opt-out functionality on the State's Opioid website for municipalities. Instruction will be sent to the municipalities that they must opt in or out on a deadline. Municipalities that opt in will have their funds directed to the regional fiscal agent and reporting responsibilities will fall to the fiscal agent. Municipalities that opt out will receive their funds directly and will be independently responsible for the reporting requirements.

Ailala Kay of OMNI Institute deferred to the present Board members for decision on whether presentation of data should be made or rescheduled for when a quorum of Board members can be in attendance. Calhoon will send a poll to establish a special meeting later in the month for the presentation of initial data and the receipt of additional direction from the Board. The OMNI team requested guidance on the estimate of funds available during the initial 2-year period. Commissioner Weaver provided input on information received regarding funding from the Opioid Abatement Council.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for the first Monday in May, May 2 at 10:00 am with a special meeting later in April for the presentation of initial data by the OMNI team.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Byron Pelton, Chairman