

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda
May 2, 2022
10:00 am
Virtual Meeting Attendance

On May 2, 2022 at 10:00 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, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Commander John Ross – Sterling PD, Benjamin Ferree – Town of Limon, Chris Richardson – Elbert County

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

Also present: Gordon Westhoff – Morgan County, Mark Turner – Sedgwick County, Tom Acre – Town of Wiggins, Tony Wells – Washington County

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

Minutes

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes from the March 7 and April 4, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Hofmeister seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Advisory Council Members

The group discussed the addition of an additional person in the field of recovery in the region to the meeting notice and distribution group. No further updates were made.

IGA Adoption

Calhoon provided updates on the IGA adoption and reviewed the finalization of the IGA per the deadline of the end of April. A list of local governments for which opt-in signature pages have not been received was submitted to the group in preparation for the meeting and Calhoon provided clarification on the process for those wanting to opt-in following IGA finalization. Calhoon will coordinate with Fellman to finalize a fully executed version for distribution to the members and Fellman will file with the State of Colorado this week. Additional members may be added through an allowance in the bylaws.

Bylaws

The group reviewed and discussed the bylaws and remaining data points needed for finalization. The Yuma County Commissioners have been added as signature authority on behalf of the Regional Council in light of fiscal agency and the first Monday of each month was

established at the April meeting as the regular meeting time for the Council, with special meetings and work sessions called as needed.

Commissioner Weaver moved to establish the Region 4 Opioid Council annual meeting in April of each year. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Richardson moved to adopt the bylaws with the addition of the annual meeting in April. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2-Year Study

Ailala Kay of OMNI Institute provided additional clarification and updates on the status of data collection following the April 20 presentation of initial data. Kay also provided an update on strategy for the continuation of data collection and finalization of plan elements. The group provided input and issued questions on upcoming actions to be expected.

Commander Ross requested clarification on the data needed from local law enforcement to support study efficacy and shared his current work and efforts on treatment and mitigation efforts through law enforcement. Spencer Green shared updates on the work of Centennial Mental Health in the assessment of treatment and prevention resources and efforts in the region and initiated a conversation regarding the interplay between opiate-related arrests and disposition of cases. Ross will investigate the availability of information through regional jails.

Kay requested at the next meeting to discuss strategies for implementation that are reasonable and realistic for the region based on the data gathered.

Commissioner Richardson moved to ratify the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners' signature on the contract with OMNI Institute. Commissioner Hofmeister seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the contract amendment and additional funding request for OMNI Institute change of scope and to ratify the Yuma County Board of County Commissioners' signature on the same. Commissioner Hofmeister seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for the first Monday in June, June 6 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 10:35 am.

Byron Pelton, Chairman