

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

January 3, 2023

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On January 3, 2023 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: Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County

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

Also present: Mike Leerar – Yuma County, Nathan Tyree – City of Brush, Tom Acre – Town of Wiggins,

Also joining the meeting were special guests: Andrea Calhoon – Yuma County Administrator, Jennifer Mackender – Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Darlene Carpio – Congressman Ken Buck’s Office, Ginger Williams – Colorado State University Office of Engagement and Extension, Ailala Kay – OMNI Institute, Wanda Lousberg – Recovery Representative

Agenda Amendment

Commissioner Weaver amended the agenda to include the election of a new chairperson following the resignation of Commissioner Byron Pelton following his election to Colorado State Senate as well as a review of a potential renewal contract with OMNI Institute.

Minutes

Commissioner Hitchcock moved to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

COAC Updates

Commissioner Weaver provided updates from the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council including upcoming meetings and available infrastructure funds.

Council Documents

Commissioner Hitchcock moved to nominate Commissioner Scott Weaver as Chairman of the Region 4 Opioid Council. Commissioner Terry Hofmeister seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hitchcock moved to nominate Commissioner Terry Hofmeister as Vice Chairman of the Region 4 Opioid Council. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

By recommendation of Sheriff Dave Martin, Andrea Calhoon was appointed to fulfill the roles of Region 4 Opioid Council Secretary/Treasurer.

2 Year Abatement Plan

Calhoon provided updates on the finalization and distribution of the transportation RFP and the group discussed the intention of reviewing proposals at the February meeting.

Ailala Kay at the OMNI Institute provided an update on the current status of the facilitation contract and inquired as to the Council's interest in a renewed contract for provision of additional services. The group discussed the facilitation needs. Commissioner Hitchcock inquired of Kay as to available grant/revenue identification and procurement on behalf of the Regional Council. Kay clarified the typical scope of work undertaken by OMNI and proposed various opportunities available through OMNI. The group requested Ailala put together a funding exploration proposal from OMNI to assist in the identification and procurement of additional funds for the region.

Unscheduled Business

Wanda Lousberg provided updates on regional programs she is aware of and programs she is currently working on. The Council encouraged her to watch for additional RFPs in the future that may additionally support programs she's aware of.

MJ Jorgensen requested clarification on the published RFP regarding multi-faceted proposals that would include recovery efforts beyond transportation only. The Council provided updates on the foundational goals of the developed RFP and the overall regional goals.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for Monday, February 6 at 10:00 am. The March meeting date was updated to March 7 at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Scott Weaver, Chairman