

**Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda**  
**March 7, 2023**  
**10:00 am**  
**Virtual Meeting Attendance**

On March 7, 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, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Commander JD Ross – Sterling PD, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Greg Tacha – Town of Limon

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

Also present: Mike Leerar – Yuma County, Adam Gates – Yuma County

Also joining the meeting were special guests: Andrea Calhoon – Yuma County Administrator, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County Compliance Clerk, Erika Greenburg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Jennifer Mackender – Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Ailala Kay – OMNI Institute, Wanda Lousberg – Recovery Representative

**Minutes**

Commissioner Hofmeister moved to approve the minutes from February 6, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Hitchcock seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

**COAC Updates**

Commissioner Weaver reported no substantive updates from the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council.

**Financial Reports**

Andrea Calhoon reviewed financial reports to date and discussed the upcoming expected revenue and incoming expenses following the award of funding through the recent proposal process.

**Organizational Updates**

The appointment for the County vacancy on the Regional Opioid Council was tabled to the April meeting due to the candidates for the seat not being present. Kevin Blankenship representing the City of Sterling presented his interest in filling a municipal vacancy. **Commissioner Hofmeister moved to appoint Kevin Blankenship to a municipal vacancy on the Region 4 Opioid Council Board. Limon Town Manager Greg Tacha seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **2 Year Abatement Plan**

Ailala Kay at the OMNI Institute reviewed the proposal recently submitted by OMNI for various support services and the different categories of services that have been proposed. The group inquired of various other services available and discussed potential additional services. The group discussed the importance of leveraging additional funding sources and weighed the importance of building a sustainable system of funding streams to ensure the long-term impact of work within the region. **Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the OMNI proposal and scope of work as presented. Sterling City Manager Kevin Blankenship seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** The board will take additional grant-writing proposals under advisement as opportunities become available. Calhoon and Kay will work before the next meeting to develop a proposal for OMNI to provide administrative services on an as-needed basis to support organizational transition within Yuma County.

## **Transportation RFPs**

The Board discussed the upcoming process for review and award of proposals received in the recent call. The board determined their preference to review proposals in person in a work session with the intention of formal approval at the April meeting. Calhoon/Kay will work on establishing a meeting date and location with the board before the next regular meeting.

## **Unscheduled Business**

No unscheduled business was presented.

## **Next Meeting**

The group planned the next Council meeting for Monday, April 3 at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Scott Weaver, Chairman