

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

April 3, 2023

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On April 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, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Commander JD Ross – Sterling PD, Kevin Blankenship, City of Sterling, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County

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

Also present: Adam Gates – Yuma County, Mike Brownell -Logan County, Gordon Westoff – Morgan 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, Kristin Carpenter, CO Consortium, Tom Acre, Tonya Wheeler Advocates for Recovery, Jack Patterson – Opioid Response Unit and Dwayne Smith.

Minutes

Commissioner Westoff moved to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023 minutes.

Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

COAC Updates

Commissioner Weaver reported no substantive updates from the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council. Colorado Opioid and abatement conference in Montrose. Aug 16th – 18th. The group discussed what would happen to the funds if other regions didn't sign on. The second round of applications is tentatively due the 2nd week of May.

Financial Reports

Brandi Ritchey reviewed financial reports to date and discussed the upcoming expected revenue and incoming expenses following the award of funding through the recent proposal process. The group discussed using infrastructure money for applicable costs in approved grant proposals.

Organizational Updates

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve Gordan Westoff and Mike Brownell to serve as Region 4 Opioid Council Board members. Terry Hofmeister seconded the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

2 Year Abatement Plan

Ailala Kay at the OMNI Institute discussed the contract for facilitation support, grant review, backbone support and evaluation support for up to six months. The board will take additional grant-writing proposals under advisement as opportunities become available.

Transportation RFPs

The Board discussed the recommendations for the 5 RFPs submitted. City of Sterling board member Blankenship moved to approve Northern Colorado Health Alliance's RFP Application, Phillips County Commissioner Terry Hofmeister seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

City of Sterling board member Blankenship moved to approve Centennial Mental Health's RFP Application, Phillips County Commissioner Terry Hofmeister seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Weaver will work with Ailala Kay, from OMNI to coordinate an in-person meeting to discuss reporting and communication to discuss moving forward with future discussions of the Opioid Council.

Unscheduled Business

No unscheduled business was presented.

Next Meeting

The group planned the next Council meeting for Monday, May 1st at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Scott Weaver, Chairman