

# **Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda**

**June 12, 2023**

**10:00 am**

## **Virtual Meeting Attendance**

On June 12, 2023 at 10:00 am Commissioners from across the Eastern District attended a virtual meeting to continue the work of the Opioid Response Region 4 Council. Present were:

Board Members: Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Gordon Westhoff – Morgan County,

Advisory Council Members: Valerie Boyd – Kit Carson County Public Health, Spencer Green – Centennial Mental Health

Also present: Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Jennifer Mackender - Colorado Consortium, Angela Govea – Milestone Community Wellness, Wanda Lousberg -- Red Sea Crossing Colorado, Darlene Carpio -- Director for Rep. Ken Buck, Erika Greenberg-- Regional Health Connector, Centennial Area Health Education Center (CAHEC). Ginger Williams – Northeast Colorado Rural Health Specialist, CSU Extension, Heidi Williams, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney General's Office, Kent Vance, Rebecca Stieb – Director, Milestone Community Wellness (Public)

### **Minutes**

The May meeting minutes were approved without edits. Stan Hitchcock moved to approve, and Terry Hofmeister seconded.

### **COAC Updates**

COAC had met the week before where they discussed changes to their 10-year plan and budget. The Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference will take place August 16-18 in Montrose. Registration is now open. Representatives of OMNI will attend.

### **Financial Reports**

There have been no financial changes to report since last meeting. As money is given to RFP recipients, there will be updates given to the Council.

### **Organizational Updates**

There are still two municipality board member seats vacant on the Council. Scott Weaver asked members to reach out to municipality representatives to join future meetings to potentially join the board later.

### **Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities**

Ailala went through upcoming grant opportunities, gauging interest from Council members, and discussing possible community partners that could write the grant applications. The majority of time was spent on the upcoming Colorado Opioid Abatement Infrastructure

Funding application the Council was working on submitting. The Council's plan was for \$376,878 including money to fund OMNI Institute's continued consulting work and funding for the transportation RFPs awarded to Centennial Mental Health and Northeast Health Alliance. There was a motion to approve OMNI to continue writing and submitting the grant by Dave Martin, seconded by Terry Hofmeister.

Additional grants included: Opioid Abatement Innovation Challenge, Building Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Rural and Frontier Colorado, Supporting Coloradans in Recovery Through Non-Clinical Programs, Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Program. Grant opportunities will be posted to the Council website moving forward.

### **Abatement Plan Review and Transportation RFP Grantee Awardees Summaries**

Ailala presented an overview of the abatement plan, how the funding is broken out, and next steps on the plan.

### **Transportation RFPs**

Ailala shared a summary document of the awarded grants. The summary will be added to the Council website.

It was determined that the Council will draw up an official contract with Centennial Mental Health Center and the Northeast Health Alliance to transfer awarded funds. Following this, parties can begin awarded projects.

### **Unscheduled Business**

It was decided the July 3 meeting would be rescheduled to July 10 to accommodate schedules around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Jack Patterson of the Colorado AG's office provided an update that they are finalizing the amount of abatement money the Council will receive in the fall and that it has the potential to be double the amount of money originally awarded.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting is planned for Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58.

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Scott Weaver, Chairman