

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

April 1, 2024

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On April 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Board members, Advisory Council members, vested partners, community members from across the Eastern District, and staff from the Colorado Attorney General Opioid Response Unit attended a virtual meeting to continue the work of the Opioid Response Region 4 Council.

Present were:

Board Members: Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Kevin Blankenship – City of Sterling, Adam Gates – Yuma County, Mike Leerar – Yuma County

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

Also present: Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Darlene Carpio – CD-4 Congressional Office, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Office of Engagement and Extension, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Front Range Clinic, Lori Lundgren – Phillips County Department of Human Services, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Shaun Wilson – Sterling, Kara Hoover – Yuma County

Minutes

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the March meeting minutes, and Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COAC Updates

The Board approved Region 4 and six other regions for funding.

Sheriff Martin brought up concerns around statewide MAT funding cuts for jails and has asked the Board to consider covering these funds through the opioid abatement settlement in the future. It was noted how beneficial these services have been to the community and the need to sustain them to prevent harm. The Board requested that the sheriffs across counties identify how much money is needed to make a proposal for funding.

North Colorado Health Alliance is working on additional funding to help with jail re-entries and will bring it to the Board once everything is finalized.

Financial Reports

Yuma County went over the financial report and gave updates on funding allocations to OMNI and the RFP grantees.

OMNI Evaluation Updates

OMNI is completing the Quarter 1 evaluation report and will keep the Board up-to-date once the report is finalized.

Next Prevention Workgroup

The next prevention workgroup meeting is on April 15, 2024, and will cover current prevention efforts and recommendations for the Board. Council members are encouraged to share the Zoom link with those who want to attend.

Next Region 4 RFP Format Decisions/Board Vote

The RFP was sent out last week, and the due date for all RFP submissions is on April 29, 2024, at 5 pm MT.

The Council is hoping to build a subcommittee to support the review of the RFP applications and send recommendations to the Board. This subcommittee will consist of subject matter experts from treatment and recovery-related fields. Subcommittee members cannot submit proposals on this RFP.

Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities

There are no new grant opportunities for this month. However, there are closing deadlines for April that the Board was advised to have on their radar.

Moving forward, the Board is encouraged to send grant opportunities they came across on their end to OMNI.

Unscheduled Business

The COAC Summit conference will be held on September 30, 2024. The North Colorado Health Alliance is partnering with COAC to organize the Rethinking Addiction and Recovery event, which the Council is encouraged to attend.

Region 4 will be highlighted at the COAC conference in September. The Board is accepting suggestions from Region 4 council members on accomplishments to be highlighted at the conference.

The Front Range Clinic is looking for a new home in Fort Morgan where patients can meet with their providers and have access to restrooms and Wi-Fi. They are accepting suggestions from council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Next Meeting

The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Scott Weaver, Chairman