

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

June 10, 2024

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On June 10, 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, Gordon Westhoff – Morgan County, Ben Ferree – Lincoln 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

Advisory Council Members: Trish McClain – Northeast Colorado Health Department, Michelle Pemberton – Northeast Colorado Health Department, MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University

Also present: Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Erika Greenburg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Opioid Response Unit, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Shaun Wilson – Hope House Sterling, Jonathan Judge – Rise Above Colorado, Ailala Kay – OMNI Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – OMNI Institute, Shon Reed – OMNI Institute

Minutes

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the May meeting minutes, and Kevin Blankenship seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COAC Updates

The COAC announced that there will be a second round of Infrastructure funding. The RFP will be released later in the year, likely in August or September.

Financial Reports

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

OMNI Evaluation Updates

OMNI noted that the evaluation report for Quarter 2 (January – March 2024) will be shared at the July meeting. The results show large improvements in outcomes from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2.

Jail-Based MOUD Service Funding

At the last meeting, the board approved funding for jail-based MOUD service in Region 4 jails. At this meeting, there was a discussion of the preferred way to draft contracts for each jail. Jails will provide invoices to the Council, and the Council will reimburse the jails for MOUD services. OMNI will work with providers to collect evaluation data for the funding.

Treatment and Recovery RFP Announcement

It was announced that the Colorado Roots proposal was selected to receive funding. Commissioner Weaver and the Board showed appreciation for all the submissions and the work everyone is doing in the region.

Opioid Conference

A discussion was held about the upcoming COAC conference, which will be held on September 30, 2024, in Loveland, Colorado. Region 4 will be spotlighted at the conference, and members of the Region 4 Board will participate in panel discussions.

COAC requested that Region 4 sponsor the event. Gordon Westhoff moved to sponsor the event at the \$7,000 level. Kevin Blankenship seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities

OMNI presented several new grant opportunities available. Grants are posted to the Region 4 [website](#).

The group discussed potential partnerships and organizations that can support grant writing in the Region.

Unscheduled Business

Sheriff Martin will host a theater showing of Steffan Tubb's documentary on the Fentanyl crisis in Colorado on June 29th at 11:00 a.m.

To build off of previous discussions on potential Prevention strategies, an example of successful school-based prevention work was given of CSU's Prevention and Social Emotional Learning Program funded by Region 2.

The September meeting will have to be rescheduled. OMNI will work with the Board to find a new date and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Next Meeting

The July meeting will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Scott Weaver, Chairman