

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

July 1, 2024

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On July 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. In the absence of Council Chair Scott Weaver, Terry Hofmeister led the meeting.

Present were:

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

Advisory Council Members: MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Jennifer Mackender – Colorado Consortium, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Dante Gonzales – Centennial Mental Health Center, Valerie Boyd – Kit Carson County Public Health

Also present: Mindy Baumgardner – Office of the Attorney General, Erika Greenburg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Shaun Wilson – Hope House Sterling, Jonathan Judge – Rise Above Colorado, Carly Lane – KCCDHS, Lindsey Simbey – Velocity BioGroup, Shauna Richardson – KCCDHS, Stacey McClellan – OMNI Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – OMNI Institute, Shon Reed – OMNI Institute

Minutes

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

COAC Updates

There were no updates from the COAC.

Financial Reports

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

Mike Brownell moved to approve the July financial report. Gordon Westhoff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Infrastructure Grant Planning

An in-person grant planning opportunity was discussed. The full-day event will be held in Yuma on August 7, 2024 with a morning learning session and an afternoon planning session.

[Link to register.](#)

OMNI Evaluation Updates

OMNI reported on Quarter 2 data from the Transportation RFP recipients. Both CMHC and NCHA showed increases in the number of people transported and the number of rides provided since the previous quarter.

OMNI is building evaluation plans for Colorado ROOTS' — the awardee for the Region's recent Treatment and Recovery RFP— as well as the local jails receiving funding for MOUD services.

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.

Region 4 Website

OMNI presented the redesigned Region 4 website. Visit the website: <https://yumacounty.net/commissioners/regional-opioid-council/>

Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund

Lindsey Simbeye of Velocity BioGroup spoke about the changes to the Colorado Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund. Region councils are able to use abatement funding to purchase naloxone in bulk.

Community organizations are asked to work together for purchasing and distributing Naloxone in their areas. Representatives from North Colorado Health Alliance, Advocates for Recovery Colorado and Centennial Mental Health Center do not expect the changes to impact them.

[CDPHE Naloxone Bulk Purchase Fund Opportunities](#)
[CDPHE Virtual Naloxone Training](#)

Unscheduled Business

Mindy Bumgardner reminded participants of the Opioid Abatement Conference happening in Loveland on September 30, 2024. [Register Here](#).

MJ Jorgensen shared a link to register for the Rethinking Addiction and Recovery Conference happening the day after the Opioid Abatement Conference on October 1, 2024. [Register Here](#).

Jim Kuemmerle is planning an event in Sterling with the Department of Agriculture about mental health challenges in the agriculture worker community.

Tonya Wheeler noted that September is Recovery Month. Advocates for Recovery Colorado will have a rally in Denver on September 21 and in Sterling on September 28, 2024.

Next Meeting

The August meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56.

Terry Hofmeister, Board Member