

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

August 5, 2024

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On August 5, 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: Chris Richardson – Elbert County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Kevin Blankenship – City of Sterling

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

Also present: Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Mindy Baumgardner – Office of the Attorney General, Erika Greenburg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Front Range Clinic, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Nathaniel Riggs – CSU Prevention Research Center, Sarah Arntt – New Vision, Ailala Kay – OMNI Institute, Stacey McClellan – OMNI Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – OMNI Institute, Shon Reed – OMNI Institute

Minutes

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the July meeting minutes, and Chris Richardson 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 and additional funds to expect next month.

Kevin Blankenship moved to approve the August financial report. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OMNI Evaluation Updates

OMNI shared that Quarter 3 data from the Transportation RFP recipients is being analyzed and the report will be ready for the September meeting.

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.

In-person Planning Meeting

OMNI opened the floor for a discussion of the Region 4 in-person planning meeting that will happen on 8/7 in the afternoon in Yuma County and will be hosted by NCHA. The agenda includes a morning learning session and an afternoon discussion including potential infrastructure grant collaboration.

Conference Discussion

- Time was saved for discussion of the upcoming [COAC conference](#) on September 30 and the [Rethinking Addiction & Recovery Conference](#) on October 1.
- Region 4 representatives will be giving presentations. There are more presentation spots available to those who are interested.
- The Colorado AG's office will let the Council know if there are funds available for lodging near the venue.

Prevention Presentation

Nathaniel Riggs, Executive Director of the CSU Prevention Research Center shared about SUD prevention work, what it is, why it's important, and how other regions are using opioid abatement funding for prevention work.

Unscheduled Business

- Jennifer Mackender shared a link to the [2023 Health Kids Colorado Survey results](#) and the youth-specific [Connect Effect campaign](#).
- Mindy Baumgardner shared that the new Kroger settlement is not yet included in the abatement funding pool. Mindy also informed local governments of the August 12 deadline to sign on to the letter that would allow Colorado to receive more opioid abatement funding.
- Erika Greenberg shared an [event hosted by CMHC in Burlington including free health screenings and activities](#).
- Rebecca Stieb shared an overdose awareness event is happening on 8/31 in Logan County.

Next Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 11:00 am. This date and time was confirmed outside of the meeting because the initial meeting date landed on Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58.

Terry Hofmeister, Board Member