

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

March 3, 2025

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On March 3, 2025, 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: Adam Gates – Yuma County, Benjamin Ferree – Town of Limon, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Tim Malone – Morgan County

Advisory Council Members: Dante Gonzales – CMHC, Michelle Pemberton – Northeast Colorado Health Department, MJ Jorgensen – NCHA, Trish McClain – Northeast Colorado Health Department, Valerie Boyd – Kit Carson County Health Department

Also present: Adam Gates – Yuma County, Amber Delay O'Connor – Porch Light Health, Anessa Minner-Lee – Antelope Recovery, Angela Shuff – AFRC, Ashley Weycer – CMHC, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Don Stader – CO ROOTS, Elly Bailey – CMHC, Erika Greenberg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jeff Schiel, Kelvin Berhardt – Morgan County, Mellie Ryan – CO ROOTS, Sara McIntosh – Elbert County, Sarah Arntt – New Vision Withdrawal Management, Sean Gartrell – AFR Colorado, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Shauna Richardson – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Ailala Kay – OMNI Institute, Lindsay Houston – OMNI Institute, Shon Reed – OMNI Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – OMNI Institute, Thao Lam – OMNI Institute

Minutes

Dave Martin moved to approve the March meeting minutes, and Terry Hofmeister seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Financial Reports

Brandi Ritchey shared the current Region 4 financial update.

The Council reviewed funding to date and current funding areas.

Dave Martin moved to approve the March financial report. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities

OMNI shared the upcoming the RCORP – Pathways Grant and the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, Substance Use, Site-Based Program. OMNI also re-shared the RCORP Grant, Infrastructure Grant, Rural Health Care Program – Healthcare Connect Fund, and the Colorado Community Initiated Solutions Grants. Grants are posted to the Region 4 [website](#).

Social Media Updates

OMNI has been posting on the Region 4 Facebook and LinkedIn accounts promoting the March council meeting and a published report.

The Region 4 [website](#) is also updated with a “Connect with Region 4” section, a place for community members to submit community events that can be promoted on Region 4’s social media platforms.

OMNI Evaluation Updates

OMNI has received data from Region 4 jails, which will be shared at the next meeting.

OMNI shared that the evaluation report detailing the first quarter of data from CMHC and NCHA has been completed. Supported by Region 4’s transportation funding, CMHC transported 173 people in 8 counties with 1,217 total rides, totaling 748 services; NCHA transported 47 people in 3 counties with 270 total rides, totaling 1,084 services.

OMNI also shared that the evaluation report detailing the first quarter of data from CO ROOTS has been completed. Supported by Region 4’s treatment and recovery funding, CO ROOTS served 8 counties with 29 incoming referrals, 13 outgoing referrals, and connected 90 providers.

Both reports are posted on the Region 4 [website](#).

Next Round of Region 4 RFP Planning

The Council reviewed two RFPs revised by OMNI from last month’s RFP process discussion. The first RFP is an open RFP to fund two-year project(s), each with a maximum budget of \$500,000. The second RFP is a mini-grant RFP to fund one-year project(s) that are community-based, scalable, and sustainable. Proposals are due April 15, 2025, with funding projected to begin June 2025.

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the open RFP. Benjamin Ferree seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the mini-grant RFP. Benjamin Ferree seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Both RFPs will be open to receive proposals.

March Funding Request

The Council reviewed the timeline to request Region 4 funding. The Council decided not to make a request to draw down more funds for March and will likely make a request to draw down funding at the next deadline, which is September 15, 2025.

Unscheduled Business

- Scott Weaver shared opportunities with EMS Path to explore substance use prevention on the side of emergency care.
- MJ Jorgensen shared a statewide networking event, the Attorney General’s Opioid Abatement Conference, on October 27-28, 2025, in Loveland, CO. All regions are invited to join.
- Jeff Schiel shared that a nonprofit is in the beginning development stage. The nonprofit supports in-patient resources related to Region 4’s work.

Next Meeting

The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair