

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

April 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On April 7, 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: Scott Weaver – Yuma County, Benjamin Ferree – Town of Limon, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County

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

Also present: Amber Delay O'Connor – Porch Light Health, Anessa Minner-Lee – Antelope Recovery, Angela Shuff – AFRC, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Elly Bailey – CMHC, Erika Greenberg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Kristin Carpenter – CO Consortium, Mellie Ryan – CO ROOTS, Sarah Arntt – New Vision Withdrawal Management, Sean Gartrell – AFRC, 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, Rhiannon Streight – OMNI Institute

Minutes

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the March meeting minutes, and Benjamin Ferree 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.

Mike Brownell moved to approve the April financial report. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities

OMNI shared the upcoming RCORP – Pathways Grant and the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and the Colorado Community Initiated Solutions Grants. Grants are posted to the Region 4 [website](#).

OMNI Evaluation Updates

OMNI shared the Q2 evaluation report on MOUD services in Region 4 jails. Data was received from Logan, Morgan, and Washington County jails. The report discusses the number of individuals who received MOUD and demographic information.

OMNI shared that they are currently collecting next quarter's data from CMHC and NCHA for the Transportation RFP Grant Report and Colorado ROOTS for the Treatment and Recovery Services RFP Grant Report.

Prioritization Survey

OMNI is launching an Expenditure Prioritization Survey. The results will be used to understand the needs of the Region and inform the Council in their upcoming RFP review process. The survey is open for all Region 4 to participate in.

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Region4OpioidNeeds>

Social Media Updates

OMNI shared information about the Region's social media presence on LinkedIn and Facebook. The Region 4 Facebook page was removed by Facebook seemingly due to its link to opioids, so OMNI will attempt to create a Facebook group instead to try to bypass the issue.

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.

Resource Scan and Region 4 Dashboard

OMNI shared the current resource dashboard on the Region 4 website. The goal is to update the resources to reflect the available services in the Region. [A form was shared](#) to submit new resources or updates to existing resources.

Unscheduled Business

- Scott Weaver shared that he will be stepping down from the COAC when his current term ends. Terry Hoffmeister will remain as a Region 4 representative on the COAC.
- MJ Jorgensen from NCHA shared that they will once again be hosting the Rethinking Addiction Conference with the AG's office this fall. The COAC conference will be held in Loveland on October 27, 2025, and the Rethinking Addiction Conference will be held on October 28, 2025.
- Jack Devie of Milestone Community Wellness shared that the Lift the Label Campaign came to shoot footage in Region 4 to increase representation of rural Colorado in their campaign work.
- Sarah Arnett of Milestone Community Wellness shared they are hosting their next meeting in Julesburg on June 10, 2025.
- The June ROAC meeting will need to be moved due to scheduling conflicts. OMNI will find a new date outside of the meeting.

Next Meeting

The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair