

## **Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda**

**May 5, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Virtual Meeting Attendance**

On May 5, 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, Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Benjamin Ferree – Town of Limon, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Tim Malone – Morgan County

Advisory Council Members: MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, 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, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Don Stader – Colorado ROOTS, Elly Bailey – CMHC, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – CO Attorney General's Office, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Kristin Carpenter – CO Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Olivia Carrara, Sarah Arntt – New Vision Withdrawal Management, Ailala Kay – Omni Institute, Lindsay Houston – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Rhianon Streight – Omni Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – Omni Institute, Thao Lam – Omni Institute

#### **Minutes**

Mike Brownell moved to approve the April meeting minutes, and Tim Malone 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.

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the May financial report. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

#### **Request for Proposal (RFP) Updates**

Omni shared the Council received five applications from four different applicants for the mini-grant RFP. The applications addressed areas such as recovery services, case management, referrals to care, community partnerships, telehealth expansion, and detox treatment infrastructure development.

The Council received five applications for the open RFP, addressing areas such as treatment expansion, naloxone distribution, and recovery programming such as care coordination and recovery events and services.

The Board will review RFPs in detail during the closed Executive Session following today's Council meeting. Formal voting for RFP selection will occur at the next Council meeting in June.

### **Omni Evaluation Updates**

Omni shared that data is available for the Transportation RFP Grant Report and the Treatment and Recovery Services RFP Grant Report. Data has been received from Centennial Mental Health Center (CMHC) and North Colorado Health Alliance (NCHA), and the Transportation Report will be shared at the next Council meeting.

### **Prioritization Survey**

Omni shared that the Expenditure Prioritization Survey, discussed at the previous Council meeting, received 42 responses at the time of this meeting. The survey is set to close May 7, 2025, after which the results will be used to understand the Region's needs and to inform the Council in their upcoming RFP review process. The survey is open to participation for all Region 4 residents, and all are encouraged to share the survey widely. Final results from the survey will be shared at the June Council meeting.

### **Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities**

Omni shared the upcoming Colorado Community Initiated Solutions Grants, the Northwest Colorado Opioid Response Council (NWCOR, Region 1) Funding Request, and the MAT Funding for Jails in Colorado. Grants are posted to the Region 4 [website](#).

### **Social Media Updates**

Omni shared that attempts to create a Facebook page and group for Region 4 were unsuccessful due to Facebook removing the accounts seemingly due to the link to opioids. A Zoom poll was launched to understand which platform members of the Council utilized most.

Colorado ROOTS shared that many providers utilize Facebook, and shared their Facebook page which has been running.

### **Resource Scan and Region 4 Dashboard**

Omni re-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. New, existing, or updated resources can be submitted via [this form](#).

### **Unscheduled Business**

- Scott Weaver from Yuma County and Jack Patterson from the CO Attorney General's (AG) Office discussed the current infrastructure funding round for the COAC.

- Sarah Arntt from New Vision Withdrawal Management lifted that Jack Devie from Milestone Community Wellness was featured in the [Lift the Label article](#).
- Dave Martin from Morgan County lifted Sarah Arntt's presentation to sheriffs at a local conference, which was very well-received.
- MJ Jorgensen from NCHA shared that they will be hosting the Rethinking Addiction Conference with the AG Office on October 28, 2025, in Loveland, CO. The registration form can be found [here](#).
- Sarah Arntt shared that New Vision Withdrawal Management and Milestone Community Wellness are hosting the next NECO-S.T.I.R (Northeast Colorado – Socialize, Talk, Interact, Remember) meeting on June 10, 2025, in Julesburg, CO.
- Jack Devie, Sarah Arntt, Jack Patterson, and the Board discussed funding opportunities at the county and region level for the NECO-S.T.I.R meeting. Board members offered to follow up on the Region's behalf with Sedgwick County commissioners.
- Kristin Carpenter from the CO Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention shared that virtual peer sessions go live this afternoon, with almost all presenters being peers with experience working in rural communities.

### **Next Meeting**

The June meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m., before transitioning to the Executive Session.

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Scott Weaver, Board Chair