

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

June 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On June 11, 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 Regional Opioid Abatement Council (ROAC).

Present were:

Board Members: Terry Hofmeister – Phillips County, Benjamin Ferree – Town of Limon

- With Designated Proxy: Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Mike Brownell – Logan County

Advisory Council Members: Dante Gonzales – Centennial Mental Health Center, MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Michelle Pemberton – Northeast Colorado Health Department, Trish McClain – Northeast Colorado Health Department

Other Attendees: Angela Shuff – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Ashley Whited – Hope House, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney General's Office, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Rhonda Graham – Sedgewick County, Sarah Arntt – New Vision Withdrawal Management, Ailala Kay – Omni Institute, Lindsay Houston – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Rhiannon Streight – Omni Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – Omni Institute, Thao Lam – Omni Institute

Minutes

The Council did not reach a quorum at this meeting. Approval of the minutes will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Financial Reports

Brandi Ritchey shared the current Region 4 financial update. The Council reviewed funding to date and current funding areas.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) Funding Decisions

The Council did not reach a quorum at this meeting. The Board will reconvene at the July Council meeting to complete voting and funding decisions for the RFPs.

Omni Evaluation Updates

Omni shared the Quarter 3 evaluation report on medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) services in Region 4 jails. Data was received from Logan and Washington County jails. The report discusses the number of individuals who received MOUD and demographic information.

Omni shared the Quarter 2 evaluation report on treatment and recovery services from Colorado Rural Opioid and Addiction Treatment System (Colorado ROOTS). The report discusses services received in care coordination, education and outreach, and technical assistance provided by Colorado ROOTS within the region.

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

Prioritization Survey

Omni shared results from the Expenditure Prioritization Survey, discussed at previous Council meetings. The survey was open to participation for all Region 4 residents, and all were encouraged to share the survey widely.

There were 48 total responses to the survey, with representation from all counties within Region 4. Additionally, 15% of survey respondents were individuals with lived experiences, including a combination of individuals with their own lived experiences as well as those who have cared for a person with opioid or substance use disorder.

The 43 responses that ranked funding prioritization yielded the top three (3) priorities: treatment, prevention and education, and harm reduction. Of the treatment strategies, treatment for specialized populations and efforts to retain providers were the highest ranked. Of the prevention and education strategies, Provider education on safe opioid prescribing, public education on prevention, and training programs to prevent overdose deaths were the highest ranked. Of the harm reduction strategies, infectious disease training and naloxone training were the highest ranked. These results will be used to understand the Region's needs and to inform the Council in the upcoming RFP review process.

Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities

Omni reshared the Colorado Community Initiated Solutions Grants (deadline this month) and the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) RFP to Enhance Community-Driven Responses to Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose Mortality opportunity (deadline in July). North Colorado Health Alliance (NCHA) mentioned interest in the FORE RFP application.

Grant opportunities are posted to the [Region 4 website](#).

Social Media Updates

Omni shared that a Facebook page for the ROAC was successfully created. Members are encouraged to follow the page, which can be accessed [via this link](#).

Unscheduled Business

- Jack Patterson from the Colorado Attorney General's (CO AG) Office announced that registration is open for the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) Conference, on October 27, 2025, in Loveland, CO. The registration form can be found [here](#). The CO AG's Office is seeking sponsorship from other regions this year. Region 4 provided sponsorship in 2024 for the Conference.
- MJ Jorgensen from NCHA discussed the Rethinking Addiction Conference with the CO AG's Office on October 28, 2025, in Loveland, CO. The registration form can be found [here](#).
- Jack Devie from Milestone Community Wellness shared that the NECO-S.T.I.R (Northeast Colorado – Socialize, Talk, Interact, Remember) meeting this past month was a very successful collaboration. Sarah Arntt from New Vision Withdrawal Management shared that the NECO-S.T.I.R. organizational network is setting a precedence for strong regional collaborations. The upcoming meeting next quarter will be set in Logan County.
- Mellie Ryan from Colorado ROOTS shared an upcoming educational series for nurses, with a speaker on addiction medicine topics.

Next Meeting

The July meeting is currently scheduled for July 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair