

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

August 4, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On August 4, 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: 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

Advisory Council Members: MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Michelle Pemberton – Northeast Colorado Health Department

Other Attendees: Brandy Ritchey – Yuma County, Candace Lozano – CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Erika Greenberg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Kristen Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Mindy Baumgardner – Colorado Attorney General’s Office, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Twilla Greenslade – Centennial Mental Health Center, Ailala Kay – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Rhiannon Streight – Omni Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – Omni Institute, Thao Lam – Omni Institute

Minutes

Mike Brownell moved to approve the July meeting minutes. 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 June financials. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Review of Funding Available and Committed for the Region

Omni shared the Region’s current funding, including dollars available in accounts, allocated to Region 4 available from the State, current unallocated dollars, and future years’ estimates.

Terry Hofmeister clarified that interest on these funding dollars goes back into abatement funding, not to any entity. The Council discussed potential gaps in services that funding can

assist with, such as residential/sober-living housing, inpatient services, and brick-and-mortar spaces, especially in rural areas. Melissa Memorial Hospital was highlighted as a partner in the Council's work and rural hospitals in general that may be concerned about funding in the future.

Omni Evaluation Updates

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

The report is posted to the [Region 4 website](#).

Funding Continuation for MOUD in Jails

Omni reviewed that \$100,000 was initially set aside for MOUD funding, with over \$5,000 spent. The Council discussed the impact of the fund from the Sheriff's Office and pharmaceutical perspective. Since there was no opposition, the Board decided to continue funding for MOUD in jails and evaluation supported by Omni.

Purdue and Generic Opioid Manufacturer Settlement Participation Discussion

Omni shared that emails were sent to local governments last month for the Purdue and Generic Opioid Manufacturer Settlement. Local governments are encouraged to respond to participate again.

Newly Funded Entities Overview

Omni shared information on newly funded organizations. Colorado ROOTS received Infrastructure Funding from the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC). With the new Region 4 funding round, grantees shared the proposed work from Antelope Recovery, The Naloxone Project's Buprenorphine Field Induction Program, North Colorado Health Alliance, and Hope House of Eastern Colorado.

Spotlight Presentation

MJ Jorgensen shared NCHA's goals and progress under the current Infrastructure Funding. In the past 1.5 years, NCHA has increased partnerships, outreach, and awareness, and shared the impact via social media platforms. NCHA has also utilized different methods to distribute 4,496 naloxone kits and 8,992 doses. NCHA will continue their work for the remaining funded period.

Member Norms and Expectations Review

Omni reviewed norms and expectations for Council Members and Advisory Members. Board members are encouraged to evaluate capacity for participation for later discussion.

Grants Updates

Omni shared that the Board provided letters of support for three (3) organizations – NCHA, Colorado ROOTS, and Clear Path Recovery – looking to apply for the Signal 1287 funding.

Unscheduled Business

- The Board discussed rescheduling the September monthly meeting to September 8, 2025, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Next Meeting

The September meeting will be held on September 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The August meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair