

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

October 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On October 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. MT, 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, JD Ross – Sterling County, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County

Advisory Council Members: Dante Gonzales – Centennial Mental Health Center, MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Michelle Pemberton – Northeast Colorado Health Department, Valerie Boyd – Kit Carson County Public Health, Trish McClain – Northeast Colorado Health Department

Other Attendees: Ashley Weycer – Centennial Mental Health Center, Anessa Minner-Lee – Antelope Recovery, Brandy Ritchey – Yuma County, Candance Lozano – Common Spirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Don Stader – Colorado ROOTS, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, John Swanhorst – CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Sarah Arntt – New Vision Withdrawal Management, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Twilla Greenslade – Centennial Mental Health Center, Ailala Kay – Omni Institute, Lindsay Houston – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – Omni Institute, Thao Lam – Omni Institute

Minutes

Mike Brownell moved to approve the meeting minutes from the last time the Council convened in August. Terry Hofmeister seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Financial Reports

Brandi Ritchey shared the current Region 4 financial update. The Council reviewed the below invoice numbers and dollar amounts for both local, regional, and Infrastructure work.

- Invoice #1346 – Epifluence, Infrastructure funding: \$14,490
- Invoice #0916A – Hope House, regional mini-grant: \$706.66
- Invoice #LOG-208 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Logan), regional: \$55.20
- Invoice #8480 – Omni Institute, regional: \$8,333.32
- Invoice #1174 – Epifluence, regional: \$48,271.06
- Invoice #WSH-149 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Washington), regional: \$180.18

Dave Martin moved to approve the October finances and all invoices. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Omni Evaluation Updates

Omni shared the Quarter 3 evaluation report on treatment and recovery services from Colorado ROOTS. The report discusses services received in care coordination, education and outreach, and technical assistance provided by Colorado ROOTS within the region.

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

Purdue and Generic Opioid Manufacturer Settlement Participation Discussion

Settlement Forms were sent to local governments in July for the Purdue and Generic Opioid Manufacturer Settlement. Local governments, not the region, are encouraged to respond to participate and sign on to receive settlement funds.

Purdue forms are due to the settlement administrator, Rubris, by the end of this month. Secondary manufacturer forms were due October 8, 2025.

Mike Brownell and JD Ross will reach out to support with this effort for local governments. For related questions, members are encouraged to reach out to opioidparticipation@rubris.com or Opioids@coag.gov.

Grants Updates

- Omni shared that the fourth round of Infrastructure funding has increased, from \$5 million total in the previous funding cycle, to \$10 million total. Infrastructure funding is intended to promote capital improvements and provide operational assistance for developing and improving infrastructure necessary to abate Colorado's opioid crisis, especially to meet the needs of rural and underserved populations.
 - The funding opportunity will likely open in mid-October. As Region 4 has received multiple rounds of funding through this opportunity in the past, if the region decides to apply, a strong application is highly encouraged. Milestone Wellness, Clear Path Recovery, Hope House, and Colorado ROOTS expressed interest in applying for this funding.
- 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. Colorado ROOTS received funding for a program. Jeff Schiel from Clear Path Recovery shared that, while the organization was unable to move forward with that funding, they are currently working to gain Medicaid accreditation.
- Omni shared the Elevating Prevention in Colorado (EPIC) Grant Funding. This five-year funding cycle opportunity provides funding for communities addressing substance use primary prevention using a shared risk and protective factor approach. Applications are due November 3, 2025.

Unscheduled Business

- Omni shared the [registration](#) and [agenda](#) for the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) Conference, on October 27, 2025, in Loveland, CO. During the conference, there is also an evening Community in Action Leadership Awards event, which requires a [different registration](#). This year, the conference holds spaces for those who are not as familiar with opioid and addiction spaces. There will be several representatives from Region 4, including NCHA and Omni. If Board members are interested in attending but need funding support, the region may be able to assist.
- MJ Jorgensen from NCHA shared that the registration for the ninth Rethinking Addiction Conference with the Colorado Attorney General's Office on October 28, 2025, in Loveland, CO, has reached capacity. For any interest in being to a waitlist, email mjorgensen.alliance@nocoha.org and lweyand.alliance@nocoha.org. Terry Hofmeister shared a positive experience at this conference.
- Scott Weaver shared that, at the December commissioners' meeting, Region 4 will present on a program supporting emergency medical services (EMS) staff through trauma and behavioral health services. The State is considering funding this program.
- Due to the county commissioners' meeting, the Board rescheduled the monthly December meeting to December 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

The November meeting will be held on November 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. MT via Zoom.

The October meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. MT.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair