

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

November 3, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On November 3, 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, Benjamin Ferree – Town of Limon, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County

Advisory Council Members: Dante Gonzales – Centennial Mental Health Center, Trish McClain – Northeast Colorado Health Department

Other Attendees: Amber Delay O'Connor – Porch Light Health, Anessa Minner-Lee – Antelope Recovery, Ashley Weycer – Centennial Mental Health Center, Brandy Ritchey – Yuma County, Candace Lozano – CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Don Stader – Colorado ROOTS, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney's General Office, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Jonathan Judge, Kristen Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Rhonda Graham – Sedgewick County, Sarah Arntt – New Vision Withdrawal Management, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Twilla Greenslade – Centennial Mental Health Center, Ailala Kay – Omni Institute, Lindsay Houston – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – Omni Institute

Minutes

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Financial Reports

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

Benjamin Ferree moved to pay all the invoices and approve financials as a whole. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Omni Evaluation Updates

Omni shared that all new funded Request for Proposals (RFP) organizations have met with Omni on plans for evaluation. Data collection will commence in the new year. Evaluation reporting for newly funded organizations will also take form as one larger quarterly report.

Omni is also working with CMHC, NHCA, and Colorado ROOTS to prepare year-end reports. Previous reports have been posted to the [Region 4 website](#).

Current and Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Omni shared two new grants: Round 4 of Infrastructure Funding Opportunity and the Resilient Colorado Grant.

- The [Infrastructure Funding Opportunity](#) focuses on capital or operational investments, with a focus on rural areas. Up to \$11 million is available in total funding. Joint proposals are encouraged; nonprofits and NGOs must apply as sub-awardees.
 - A letter of acknowledgement from the ROAC is required to apply, for which the Region 4 Board requires at least two-weeks' notice to provide.
 - Jack Patterson noted that for this round of funding, a maximum of \$750,000 is allowable per request. Applications that intend to request more than \$750,000 must provide notice to the COAC at least five business days prior to the application deadline.
- The [Resilient Colorado Grant](#) focuses on six funding priority areas, including youth wellbeing and prevention, behavioral health workforce, recovery and re-entry for justice-involved people, and other areas. Up to \$12 million is available in funding. Funds are distributed via a traditional grant reimbursement model, and cannot be used to purchase or renovate capital assets.

The Council discussed reaching out to other regional organizations for potential partnerships.

Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference – Takeaways and Lessons Learned

Attendees shared their experiences at the conference, held on October 27, 2025. Participants reflected positively on the convening of different regions; sharing of different first-person narratives, especially from those with lived experiences; and participant collaborations. A takeaway was the importance of peer support in behavioral health initiatives and prevention.

Unscheduled Business

- Kristen Carpenter from Colorado Consortium shared the Consortium's [2025 Annual Meeting](#), happening on November 5, 2025, at the Anschutz Campus.
- Trish McClain from the Northeast Colorado Health Department shared that the State Health Department is planning a way to complete an overdose fatality review, similar to a youth fatality review that is used to understand gaps in prevention.

Next Meeting

The December meeting will be held on December 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. MT.

The November meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. MT.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair