

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda
December 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting Attendance

On December 9, 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, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County

- With Designated Proxy: Mike Brownell – Logan County (Proxy: Terry Hofmeister)

**The Council met the quorum of five Board members after the meeting commenced. The Council then reviewed and voted on items that required quorum.*

Advisory Council Members: MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance, Trish McClain – Northeast Colorado Health Department, Valerie Boyd – Kit Carson County

Other Attendees: Amber Delay O'Connor – Porch Light Health, Anessa Minner-Lee – Antelope Recovery, Candace Lozano – CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney's General Office, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, 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. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Financial Reports

Omni shared the invoices for this month's financial updates. The Council reviewed the below invoice numbers and dollar amounts for both local, regional, and Infrastructure work.

- Invoice #1368 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, Infrastructure: \$14,490
- Invoice #1380 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, regional: \$16,543.83
- Invoice #8628 – Omni Institute, regional: \$9,166.67
- Invoice #1 – Antelope Recovery, regional: \$2,943.42
- Invoice #2 – Antelope Recovery, regional: \$1,809.24

- Invoice #LOG 287 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Logan), regional: \$137.09
- Invoice #MORG 157 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Morgan), regional: \$191.21
- Invoice #Wash 155 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Washington), regional: \$144.79

Benjamin Ferree moved to pay all the invoices. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Scott Weaver shared the current Region 4 financial update. Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the updated finances. Benjamin Ferree seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Omni Evaluation Updates

Omni shared that all Quarter 4 data for transportation and Colorado ROOTS have been collected. Omni will be reaching out to newly funded organizations regarding evaluation efforts, the updates for which will be provided in February 2026. Annual reporting will also wrap up in February.

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

Prioritization Survey Results Review

In May 2025, the prioritization survey was launched to gather feedback from residents in Region 4. In June 2025, Omni shared the results to support the Council in evaluating the Region’s needs and to inform upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) review process.

Omni reshared the results of the prioritization survey to help inform the upcoming round of RFP in early 2026. The responses ranked funding prioritization, yielding the top three (3) priorities: treatment, prevention and education, and harm reduction. Within each of the five total priorities, the following strategies were highest ranked:

- Of the **treatment** strategies, treatment for specialized populations and efforts to retain providers;
- Of the **prevention and education** strategies, provider education on safe opioid prescribing, public education on prevention, and training programs to prevent overdose deaths;
- Of the **harm reduction** strategies, infectious disease training and naloxone training;
- Of the **recovery** strategies, recovery programs and peer support services; *and*
- Of the **criminal justice** strategies, re-entry services and recovery courts.

The full prioritization survey results were posted on the [Region 4 website](#).

The Council discussed whether the rankings support their observations and experiences, top 1-2 priorities to fund with the biggest impact, and weak points or bottlenecks within the system even when services exist. Some shared perspectives included:

- There have been reductions in funding availability across the board in Colorado with recent budget cuts. These have been especially detrimental for recovery and peer support funding. The Council could consider specific funds for recovery funding to help supplement some of this funding loss.

- The Council would like Sedgwick County to opt into designating their local government / municipality funding to the regional share. Scott and Terry will work on meeting with Sedgwick leadership to discuss this.
- Challenges include:
 - How can families of individuals with SUDs also be supported, not only the individuals themselves?
 - Each community has different needs and capacities. How prepared would these communities be to receive an influx of funds?
- In 2019, the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) published a [Colorado Opioid Crisis Response Blueprint](#) as a guide for opioid settlement investments.

Current and Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Omni reshared the two current large 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.
 - Region 4 would need to be the fiscal agent. As of the December 9th meeting, the Region has not received any requests for fiscal agent.
 - The Council will retain the same application process from last year, with interested applicants sending a request to the Council with an outline of their proposal to seek approval to apply.
- 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.

Terry Hofmeister shared updates from the COAC that there will be three (3) distributions throughout the year, and funding will be slightly increased for 2026; November 2026 will see a new regional share. Infrastructure will still be shared in lump sum to a fiscal agent.

A table of [December 2025 funding opportunities](#), compiled and shared by Kristin Carpenter from Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, was also shared with the Council.

Unscheduled Business

- The session recordings from the COAC Conference is [available to view](#).
- Scott Weaver shared plans to approach the COAC for a statewide request including all regions in a funding opportunity for Path4EMS.
- The Council confirmed the date for the next ROAC meeting, January 5, 2026. Omni reminded the Council that Omni's office will be closed for the winter closure December 24, 2025 – January 1, 2026.

- Due to meeting conflicts, the current ROAC meeting dates in April, June, and September 2026 will need to be rescheduled.

Next Meeting

The January meeting will be held on January 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. MT.

The December meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. MT.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair