

# **Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda**

**January 5, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

## **Virtual Meeting Attendance**

On January 5, 2026, 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, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Tim Malone – Morgan County

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

Other Attendees: Allison Dodge – One Chance to Grow Up, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Don Stader – Colorado ROOTS, Erika Greenberg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jacob Austin – Antelope Recovery, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Mindy Baumgardner – Colorado Attorney’s General Office, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Rhonda Graham – Sedgewick County, Sean Gartrell – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Shannon Jenkins – North Colorado Health Alliance, 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, Thao Lam – Omni

### **Minutes**

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Dave Martin seconded. The motion passed without objection.

### **Financial Reports**

Brandi Ritchey from Yuma County shared the invoices for this month’s financial updates. The Council reviewed the below invoice numbers and dollar amounts for both regional and Infrastructure work.

- Invoice #1397 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, Infrastructure: \$14,490
- Invoice #1398 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, regional: \$22,681.15
- Invoice #8660 – Omni Institute, regional: \$9,166.67
- Invoice #LOG 290 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Logan), regional: \$189.81
- Invoice #MORG 160 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Morgan), regional: \$111.48
- Invoice #Wash 159 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Washington), regional: \$33.51

Dave Martin moved to pay all the invoices. Terry Hofmeister seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the current Region 4 financial update. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

### **By-Law Update**

The Council discussed the following updated by-laws to include the following cause for the removal of Board members:

*Missing three (3) consecutive meetings without prior communication and the assignment of a proxy.*

The Council discussed the following:

- A “proxy” can be any other voting members who is a part of Region 4 Council. The process of proxy designation includes contacting the intended proxy and including Omni in written communications in order to track quorum and roll call.
- As of February 2026, Omni will start tracking attendance. Omni will notify the Board of any three consecutive absences, and the Chair will communicate decisions as needed.
  - As a courtesy, Omni will also contact individuals who have missed two (2) consecutive meetings to allow the opportunity for individual decisions regarding involvement.
- By-laws currently allow for at-large members, who must also be elected officials. Benjamin Ferree communicated that his term may end this April, and expressed desire to continue involvement on the Board.
- Review of positions for Chair and Co-chair is conducted on an annual basis in the spring.

Mike Brownell moved to approve the update to the by-laws. Terry Hofmeister seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Omni will finalize the by-laws update to send to the Board Chair, Scott Weaver, for signature.

### **Spotlight Presentation**

Shaun Wilson shared Hope House’s goals and progress under the current Infrastructure Funding. Hope House’s programs include supporting employment and life skills, youth empowerment, housing stability, and community partnerships with schools, courts, workforce centers, local nonprofits, and organizations such as Colorado Trust, North Colorado Health Alliance, and Omni Institute. Hope House’s impact includes serving 142 adult participants, 22 youths in the Youth Empowerment Program, housing 67 individuals and 23 families, and an overall 71.9% program success rate. Upcoming goals for Hope House include expanding youth programming, strengthening housing pathways, increasing employment partnerships, continuing data-driven evaluation, and growing community outreach and sustainability.

### **Omni Evaluation Updates**

Omni shared evaluation recaps for the funded transportation, treatment and recovery, and jail-based MOUD RFPs during the 2024–2025 fiscal year. Evaluation highlights included:

- individuals from 9 out of 10 counties received transportation services from North Colorado Health Alliance (NCHA) and Centennial Mental Health Center (CMHC),
- treatment and recovery services through Colorado ROOTS reached all Region 4 counties, and
- there were 142 instances of MOUD administration in the three Region 4 jails.

Omni has sent out request for data from the last quarter to all funded programs and will have an update on ongoing work within the coming meetings.

The shared evaluation recap of funded programs to date and more details will be available next month in the full annual report. Evaluation reports are posted to the [Region 4 website](#).

### **Unscheduled Business**

- Region 4 received requests to serve as fiscal agent for Round 4 of the [Infrastructure Funding Opportunity](#) from two applicants, Clear Path Recovery and Hope House. NCHA expressed intent to submit a request and application for a cross-county collaboration with Regions 2 and 3 to strengthen peer recovery workforces.
  - Dave Martin moved to have Region 4 serve as the fiscal agent for the two current applicants, Clear Path Recovery and Hope House. Benjamin Ferree seconded. The motion passed without objection. The Board clarified that, while the vote is for Region 4 to be the fiscal agent for applicants, the State remains the reviewer and decision-maker of applications.
- Mellie Ryan from Colorado ROOTS shared in the Zoom chat the [registration](#) for the 2026 ROOTS Symposium.

### **Next Meeting**

The February meeting will be held on February 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. MT.

The January meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. MT.

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Scott Weaver, Board Chair