

**Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda**  
**February 2, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting Attendance**

On February 2, 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, Sheriff Dave Martin – Morgan County, Greg Tacha – Town of Limon, JD Ross – Sterling Police Department, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Tim Malone – Morgan County

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

Advisory Council Members: MJ Jorgensen – North Colorado Health Alliance (NCHA)

Other Attendees: Angela Shuff – Advocates for Recovery, Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Erika Greenberg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney General’s Office, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Rhonda Graham – Sedgwick County, Sara McIntosh – Elbert County, Sarah Arntt – Growing Your Mindset, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Shauna Richardson – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Lindsay Houston – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Lauren Rosenbaum – Omni Institute, Thao Lam – Omni

**Minutes**

Benjamin Ferree moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Stan Hitchcock 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 #1409 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, Infrastructure: \$14,490
- Invoice #1415 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, regional: \$13,197.78
- Invoice #8692 – Omni Institute, regional: \$9,166.67
- Invoice #3 – Antelope Recovery, regional: \$2,514.00
- Invoice #0130A – Hope House, regional, \$3,701.65

- Invoice #LOG 294 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Logan), regional: \$121.87
- Invoice #MGN 163 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Morgan), regional: \$329.84
- Invoice #WSH 163 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Washington), regional: \$126.29

Scott Weaver noted that MOUD invoices should be updated to remove personal identifiers for individuals receiving treatment. Omni will follow-up with TurnKey for the update.

Terry Hofmeister moved to pay all the invoices. Stan Hitchcock seconded. The motion passed without objection.

### **Omni Evaluation Updates**

Omni shared that the 2025 Annual Evaluation Report has been completed. Additionally, all quarterly data has been received from all funded organizations, for which Omni will provide updates at the next Council meeting. The [annual report](#) is posted to the Region 4 website.

### **Secondary Data Updates**

Omni presented statewide and regional data on opioid and substance use from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The [secondary data slides](#) are posted to the Region 4 website.

The Council discussed the possibility of the data communicating different measures (e.g., number of prescriptions vs. quantities of pills dispensed in each prescription). Regarding Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) data, Omni will reach out to NCHA for a contact.

### **Prioritization Survey**

Omni is launching the 2026 Opioid Abatement Prioritization Survey! Similar to the 2025 survey, this year's survey results will be used to understand the needs of the region and inform the Council in their upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) process. This year's survey is more streamlined and community oriented, slated to take 5-15 minutes, open to all Region 4 residents, and will close on March 2, 11:59pm MT.

Link to the survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBNL7L8](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBNL7L8).

### **Request for Proposals Timeline**

Omni reviewed the process for letters of support and fiscal sponsorship requests. All requests for letters of support and/or fiscal sponsorship for grants must be submitted one week in advance of a monthly Council meeting for the Council's discussion. Requests must also include a pre-written letter of support for the Board's signature, and be voted on during a monthly Council meeting in advance of application due date.

### **Funded Areas Overview**

The Council reviewed the currently funded programs and areas below to inform this year's RFP cycle. All programs are funded with regional dollars, unless otherwise specified.

- Antelope Recovery
  - Treatment and community partnerships building, telehealth expansion
  - Allocated: \$9,523.80 (1 year)
- Colorado ROOTS
  - Treatment and recovery, training and education, referral network building
  - Allocated: \$600,000 (2 years)
- Colorado ROOTS
  - Withdrawal management and recovery housing
  - Allocated: \$499,730 (2 years, Infrastructure funding)
- Hope House
  - Youth prevention
  - Allocated: \$15,000 (1 year)
- Jail-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
  - MOUD for the six jails in Region 4
  - Allocated: \$100,000 (1 year)
- Omni
  - Evaluation and facilitation
  - Allocated: \$110,000 (1 year)
- Naloxone Project
  - EMS Buprenorphine program
  - Allocated: \$3,700 (1 year, to begin September 2026)
- NCHA
  - Transportation and recovery
  - Allocated: \$500,000 (2 years)

### **Unscheduled Business**

- MJ Jorgensen from NCHA shared that the state is in annual budget processes and encouraged Councilmembers to keep an eye on relevant opportunities for the region.
- Mellie Ryan from Colorado ROOTS shared:
  - The region approved a funding reallocation for Colorado ROOTS to bring on Sarah Arntt to continue supporting NECO-S.T.I.R. events.
  - [Registration](#) for the 2026 ROOTS Symposium is open.

### **Next Meeting**

The Council proposed holding the March meeting in person, on March 2, 2026, 9:30-11:30 a.m. MT. Board members shared potential locations such as Fort Morgan and Sterling Counties. Omni will connect with the Board Chair and Co-chair on logistics.

The February meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. MT.

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Scott Weaver, Board Chair