

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

May 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On May 4, 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, Dave Martin – Morgan County, Greg Tacha – Town of Limon, Mike Brownell – Logan County, Stan Hitchcock – Kit Carson County, Tim Malone – Morgan County

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

Other Attendees: Brandi Ritchey – Yuma County, Darrin Tobin – Sedgwick County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Don Stader – Colorado ROOTS, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney General’s Office, Jory Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Jim Kuemmerle – Colorado State University, Jonathan Judge – Rise Above Colorado, Kristen Heller – Centennial Mental Health Center, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Mellie Ryan – Colorado ROOTS, Mindy Baumgardner – Colorado Attorney General’s Office, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Sarah Arntt – Arntt Synergy Consulting, Shaun Wilson – Hope House, Tonya Wheeler – Advocates for Recovery Colorado (AFRC), 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 April meeting minutes. Greg Tacha 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 #1464 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, Infrastructure: \$8,656.67
- Invoice #1466 – Epifluence/Colorado ROOTS, regional: \$24,984.12
- Invoice #8804 – Omni Institute, regional: \$9,166.67
- Invoice #0324M – Hope House, regional, \$2,469.99

- Invoice #LOG 305 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Logan), regional: \$79.24
- Invoice #MGN 172 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Morgan), regional: \$30.08
- Invoice #WSH 174 – TurnKey MOUD in Jail (Washington), regional: \$119.21

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve all invoices and the overall financials. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Infrastructure Award Update

Omni shared the exciting update that both Hope House and Omni each received \$300,000 in this the fourth round of Infrastructure Funding.

Mike Brownell moved to approve both awards for the Board Chair’s signature. Tim Malone seconded. The motion passed without objection. Scott Weaver will email the State to accept the awards.

Omni Evaluation Updates

Omni shared quarterly evaluation updates from funded organizations, including NCHA, AFRC, Porch Light Health, Colorado ROOTS, Hope House, Antelope Recovery, and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in Jails. Data such as number of rides to services, incoming and outgoing referrals, withdrawal management program services, after-school program for substance misuse prevention activities and mentorship for youth, instances of MOUD in jails, and success stories were shared. See [slides](#) for specifics.

Request for Proposal Discussion

In the April Council meeting, Omni shared results from the 2026 Prioritization Survey and the top identified priorities for the region. Following the sharing of survey results, Omni developed a survey for feedback on the survey results, and reviewed feedback with the Council in this May meeting. Feedback included key considerations for applications for the Request for Proposals’ (RFP) applications that address priority populations outreach, non-billable services, and/or demonstrate braided funding strategies.

The Council discussed the following points:

- Use of survey results to inform prioritized subcategories to allot extra points to applicable proposals during the RFP scoring and evaluation process.
- Clarification that “non-MOUD treatment for substance use disorders” refers to all other services alongside MOUD treatment (counseling, intensive outpatient, etc.), as noted as in Exhibit E.
- Allotting extra points for proposals that address priority populations.
- The Council discusses the merits of sustainable programs, but also acknowledged the funding landscape is rapidly changing and uncertain in the behavioral health space.

For the Open RFP, the Council decided to remove 20 points for alignment with Exhibit E categories since this a prerequisite for application review. The Council reallocated those points

to increase community collaboration/impact and increase sustainability categories. The Board will conduct the evaluation of applications in an executive session before voting in a public Council meeting. The anticipated 2026 RFP timeline is as follows:

- May 15, 2026 – Posting of RFP, applications open
- May 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. MT – Deadline for submission of questions
- June 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. MT – Deadline for proposal submission
- July 7, 2026 – Anticipated date for final award selection(s)
- August 1, 2026 – Anticipated start date for awarded contracts

Unscheduled Business

- Mellie Ryan from Colorado ROOTS announced that Milestone Community Wellness recently received their loan and are under contract for a recovery house. Mellie and Jack Devie from Milestone Community Wellness commended Rebecca Stieb from Milestone Community Wellness for their efforts in this work.
- The Council discussed cancelling the June Council meeting due to the RFP process and expected attendance from Board members for the executive session. The June meeting will be cancelled and an executive session for Board members will be held in its place.

Next Meeting

The July meeting will be held on July 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. MT.

The May meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. MT.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair