

Opioid Response Region 4 Council Agenda

August 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Attendance

On August 3, 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, Tim Malone – Morgan County, JD Ross – City of Sterling, Greg Tacha- Town of Limon

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: Allison Dodge – One Chance to Grow Up, Amber Quartier – CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Angela Shuff - Advocates for Recovery Colorado, Ashley Whited – Hope House, Candace Lozano – CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital, Daniel Schellenger – Clear Path Recovery, Darrin Tobin – Sedgwick County, Dayna DeHerrera-Smith – Porch Light Health, Don Stader – Colorado ROOTS, Erica Greenberg – Centennial Area Health Education Center, Ileana Rivera – The Naloxone Project, Jack Devie – Milestone Community Wellness, Jack Patterson – Colorado Attorney General's Office, Jeff Schiel – Clear Path Recovery, Jonathan Judge – Rise Above Colorado, Kristin Carpenter – Colorado Consortium, Leslie Waterhouse-Reavis – Antelope Recovery, Nicole Ivy-Knorr – Clear Path Recovery, Olivia Carrara – Colorado ROOTS, Rebecca Stieb – Milestone Community Wellness, Sarah Arntt – Arntt Synergy Consulting, Sean Gartrell – AFR Colorado, Shaun Richardson - Centennial Area Health Education Center, Lindsay Houston – Omni Institute, Ailala Kay – Omni Institute, Shon Reed – Omni Institute, Jason Wheeler – Omni Institute

Minutes

Scott Weaver moved to approve the July meeting minutes. Terry Hofmeister seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Financial Reports

Brandi Rictchey shared invoices that were received during the June timeframe via email:

- Invoice # MRG-181 – TurnKey, MAT in Jail (Morgan), regional: \$186.69
- Invoice # 8912 – Omni, regional: \$9,166.67
- Invoice # 1554 – ROOTS, regional: \$24,077.61
- Invoice # 1546 - ROOTS, infrastructure: \$8,656.67

- Invoice # 5 – Antelope Reovery, regional: \$2,633.35
- Invoice # WSH-182 – TurnKey, MAT in Jail (Logan), regional: \$107.89
- *Invoice # 71526 – Hope House, infrastructure: \$6,400
*Pending contract approval by the Board today

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve all invoices and the overall financials. JD Ross seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Hope House Infrastructure Contract Approval

Hope House received Infrastructure funding for recovery housing from the state in the amount of \$300,000. Region 4 is a pass-through entity for this funding, with Yuma County being the fiscal agent.

Terry Hofmeister moved to approve the contract between the Region 4 ROAC and Hope House. Mike Brownell seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Omni will be sending the contract to Hope House for signatures this week.

2026 RFP Discussion and Decisions

Voting members have been reviewing RFPs, and today decisions will be made on 11 Open grant applications (\$500,000 over 2 years), and 2 Mini grant applications (\$15,000). The voting was as follows:

Mini Grants:

- Break the Silence (BTS)
 - Motion to not fund: Stan Hitchcock
 - Second: Terry
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes

Omni: Those who are not funded are welcome to apply again in the future. Omni will send a letter of decision to all organizations.

Scott: Applicants are encouraged to come to voting members with questions.

Terry: It is important to remember these are “not funded as presented”. There could be a small part in the application that makes the difference between fund and not fund.

- Cooperating Ministries of Logan County (CMLC)
 - Motion to fund: JD Ross
 - Second: Greg Tacha
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes

Open RFPs:

- Culinary Hospital Outreach and Wellness (CHOW)
 - Motion to not fund: JD Ross
 - Second: Ben Ferree
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- Clear Path Recovery (CPR)
 - Motion to not fund: Stan Hitchcock
 - Second: Terry Hofmeister
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- Epifluence
 - Motion to fund: Terry Hofmeister
 - Second: Stan Hitchcock
 - Opposition: One (anonymous Board member)
 - Passed without opposition? Passed with one opposed
 - Ben Ferree abstained due to conflict of interest
- Never Lost
 - Motion to not fund: Stan Hitchcock
 - Second: Tim Malone
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
 - Sarah Arntt described the Never Lost organization
- One Chance to Grow Up (Colorado Nonprofit Development Center fiscal sponsor)
 - Motion to not fund: Ben Ferree
 - Second: Mike Brownell
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- Porch Light Health
 - Motion to not fund: Terry Hofmeister
 - Second: Stan Hitchcock
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- Rise Above (Colorado Meth Project Inc. fiscal sponsor)
 - Motion to not fund: Mike Brownell
 - Second: Ben Ferree
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- Sobriety House
 - Motion to not fund: Terry Hofmeister
 - Second: Ben Ferree
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- St. Elizabeth Hospital (Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado)
 - Motion to not fund: Mike Brownell
 - Second: Greg Tacha

- Opposition: None
- Passed without opposition? Yes
- Steadman Group
 - Motion to not fund: Stan Hitchcock
 - Second: Ben Ferree
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes
- The Naloxone Project
 - Motion to not fund: Terry Hofmeister
 - Second: Stan Hitchcock
 - Opposition: None
 - Passed without opposition? Yes

Unscheduled Business/Announcements

- **Antelope Recovery Letter of Support** A letter of support request was sent to Scott and Terry requesting for Antelope Recovery for a Rural Health Transformation Grant. The grant award they are seeking is \$750,000 to establish rural mental telehealth for youth who are at risk and/or justice-involved. This funding would not take anything away from Region 4, the funds are federal. Mike Brownell moved to write a letter of support for Antelope Recovery. Tim Malone seconded. The motion passed without objection. Terry Hofmeister will sign the letter of support and return it to Antelope Recovery.
- Scott Weaver shared appreciation for all of the applicants and some common themes in those who were not funded. He continued that the council needs to help educate more about what the board's goals are. The Board is reluctant to fund projects that require a great amount of infrastructure over multiple years, which the Region's limited amount of funds may not be able to support. He also shared the difficulty as a county commissioner to review RFPs. Scott recommended they allow more time for commissioners to spend time with proposals and learn about them or allow providers or those with lived experience to be on the board to help inform the work/decisions. He also requested consideration for extending monthly council meetings, or having lenience in what is discussed so that proceedings to not feel rushed.
 - JD Ross shared he deals with opioid work on a daily basis, but also has a limited understanding of the work and wants to contribute to the continuum of care in the region.
 - Jack Patterson shared information related to proceedings:
 - He shared official language about bylaws from Exhibit G of the MOU: Multi-County Regions 1. Voting Members (Recommended List: Participating Local Governments to Decide) • 1 representative appointed by each county (can be commissioners) • 1 representative appointed by a rotating city within each county (or other city agreed upon) (can be councilmembers and mayors) • 1 representative from each public health department within the region • 1 representative from a county human services department • At least 1 representative appointed from law enforcement within region (sheriff, police, local city or town district

attorney, etc.) • 1 representative from a municipal or county court system within region • Such other representatives as participating counties/cities agree on (not to include providers who may be recipients of funds)

- Jack Devie suggested talking to your CEOs at hospitals to see what they need.
- Mindy Baumgardner, CO AG's Office, shared that Registration for the 5th -2026 Opioid Abatement Conference is open. The conference will be September 30th in Copper Mountain <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-colorado-opioid-abatement-conference>
- Kristin Carpenter, CO Rx Consortium shared the Consortium's grant writing assistance program is available to communities again so if you're seeking funds and would benefit from a grant writer to support that process, please consider the free program: <https://corxconsortium.org/grant-assistance/>
- Jack Patterson, CO AG's Office shared the 5th annual Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference in Region 5 <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-colorado-opioid-abatement-conference>
 - There is no cost for registration, attendees are responsible for their own transportation
 - Recommend early registration as there is limited space

Next Meeting

The original scheduled next meeting date/time was on Labor day and needed to be rescheduled. The proposed new date/time is **September 15, 10am** was accepted.

The regular session August meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. MT.

Scott Weaver, Board Chair