

SOUTHWEST COLORADO OPIOID REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

DECEMBER 2, 2021

ZOOM (VIRTUAL) 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Minutes December 2, 2021

A. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved

Make a note about Microsoft office forms instead of google sheets, amend the minutes

B. Approval of the Minutes

With amendments about the google form motion by Commissioner Cooper and second by Commissioner Levine

C. Update on SWCORC Legal Representation

Liz spoke with Heidi and she thinks we can just post meeting announcements on a central website. Heidi will attend our next meeting to discuss legal representation. Maybe the attorney list serve is a good resource to determine the scope of legal representation. Eagle County may be a good resource. This will be a continued item on the agenda as we figure it up. John will reach out the Amy Maxwell, attorney San Miguel for further information.

D. Update from Sarah Lampe (Trailhead) Regarding Regional Programs –

(pending confirmation) Delivered an overview of the scope of work, will deliver a framework of 3 phases, maintain flexibility, inclusive of voting and nonvoting members and stake holders or community partners in a variety of settings, in person, hybrid etc. 1st phase completed in mid January 22, review all plans and place in a document, conduct interviews.

Action Item: Send strategic plans to Sarah.

Hilary suggested West Central Public Partnership strategic plan. All others are encouraged to send plans to Sarah for review and inclusion as this is the initial action in the Phase I part of the proposal. Carol Friedrich has already sent the strategic plan from the Collaborative from a few years ago which identifies gaps

and areas that need attention. Sarah will reach out to contact others to research the needs and gaps in the region. If you have suggestions of people for Sarah to interview email her directly.

Action Item: email contact information to Sarah Lampe for anyone you want to be interviewed.

Discussion around dates to schedule an in person meeting. Sarah will send a doodle poll, SWCORC membership requests one day not multiple days for. Meeting needs to accommodate a hybrid format to be inclusive. Updates and additional meetings should be during our regularly scheduled meeting dates; the first Thursday of each month. Location of the in-person meetings should be centrally located and the Chipeta Lodge in Ridgway was suggested, but the west side of Highway 50 should be considered.

Last stage of the proposal is the actual building of the strategic plan. Time will be allotted to discuss draft plan and make any changes necessary. Updates on the Strategic Plan will be scheduled on the regularly scheduled meetings as noted above.

E. SWCORC Non-Voting Members

Nominations concerning non-voting members was presented by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Cooper indicated she had been contacted by the Center for Mental Health and they felt strongly that they should be included as a voting member. Commissioner Cooper explained that the choice of voting members was in the bylaws and did not include providers that could receive funding. SWCORC wants to be inclusive of anyone who wishes to be involved, and we want the voice of the Center for Mental Health. We need to encourage them to continue to be involved and have the input for the decisions, but not as a non-voting member but perhaps as an involved community partnership. Sheriff Masters brought up the point that his office may be applying for funding and if so, he would have to recuse himself as a voting member when a vote is called. Undersheriff Archibeque weighed in that he could be in the same position. Commissioner Cooper added that we still have a separate county fund that can be utilized outside the SWCORC.

The council went through the list of nominations and the following individuals were voted in as non-voting members. John Baier noted that the bylaws indicate we can have more members in each category, for now we will vote on 2 each by a motion from Commissioner Cooper and a second by Carol Friedrich. But noted that too large a group could be ineffective. Commissioner Cooper noted the importance of having the experts to be involved so we have access to the best information in order to make decisions.

Sheriff Perry, suggested Wendy Crane.

It was noted by Commissioner Cooper and Kari Commerford that there will always be a potential for a conflict of interest since we're rural and difficult to find members who don't have a conflict, which will be challenging. The following were nominated and voted in as non-voting members of SWCORC.

Behavioral Health Providers

- Renee Joyce, Delta County
- Dr. Paul Hokemeyer, San Miguel County

Health Care Providers

- Dr. Bill Gattis, Hinsdale County
- Dr. John Tarr, Gunnison County

Recovery/Treatment Experts

- Sarah Stangbye, Montrose County
- Jenny Birnie, Gunnison County

Municipal Representatives

- Adrienne Christie, Town of Telluride councilperson, San Miguel County

Judges or Staff from the Judicial Branch

- Doug Hanshaw, Montrose County
- Judge Steve Patrick, Gunnison County

Public Schools

- John Pandolpho, Superintendent Telluride Public Schools, Montrose County
- Susan Lacy, Superintendent Ridgway School, Ouray County

Veterans

- Steve Otero, Gunnison County

Juvenile Services

- Melissa Hall, Montrose County
- Wendy Crank, San Miguel & Ouray Counties

Community Representatives/lived experienced

- Cory Jenkins, Montrose County
- Mary Beth Kelly, Gunnison County

Tie breaker non-voting member was discussed and noted to make sure they didn't have a conflict, so anyone nominated would not have a conflict. We agreed to send a narrative on each member to Commissioner Smith.

Action item: send narrative on each of your nominees for nonvoting tiebreaker to Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Hansen updated on the development of an independent website. Currently the notices will be posted on Montrose County website until the SWCORC website is completed, then we can post by-laws, minutes and recordings on the new website. John suggested that this would be our official posting location for the SWCORC.

John Baier made a motion that Montrose County be reimbursed for the establishment and maintenance of the official website and that the SWCORC site would be the official location for the meeting notices. Motion Passed

F. Bylaws change - language on officer elections

There was a motion to amend the by-laws so the annual meeting and elections of the officers be moved to January as opposed to November. Motion by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cooper requested a letter be sent to interested partners to explain the reasoning behind the selection of the voting and non-voting members and invite them to attend meetings, share ideas and be involved despite the voting, nonvoting status.

Action item: Commissioner Cooper will draft a letter to be sent.

Inviting the public and interested partners to our next meeting was discussed.

Action item: All members of the council should send people with contact information so Commissioner Hansen and Susan Byrne can send meeting invites specifically to those folks.

Action item: Commissioner Smith will reach out the Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response, AG's office to attend January meeting.

G. Public Comment-no public comment

H. Adjournment of Regular Meeting 1:45 pm