

Minutes – APRIL 7, 2022
SOUTHWEST COLORADO OPIOID REGIONAL COUNCIL
ZOOM (VIRTUAL) 10:30AM

A. Meeting was called to order at 10:30am

Voting Members:

Name	Attending	Absent
Elizabeth Smith	X	
Kari Commerford	X	
Quinn Archibeque	X	
John Baier	X	
Greg Levine	X	
Sandy Hines		X
Sue Hansen	X	
Jennifer Sherwood	X	
Hilary Cooper		X
Bill Masters		X
Justin Perry	X	
Carol Friedrich	X	

Non-Voting Members

Name	Attending	Absent
Renee Joyce		X
Dr. Paul Hokemeyer		X
Dr. Bill Gattis		X
Dr. John Tarr	X	
Sarah Stangbye	X	
Jenny Birnie	X	
Adrienne Christie		X
Doug Hanshaw	X	
Judge Steve Patirck		X
John Pandolpho		X
Susan Lacy		X
Steve Otero	X	
Melissa Hall		X
Wendy Crank		X
Cory Jenkins	X	
Mary Beth Kelly	X	

Other Attendees – Paul Reich, Jessica Eaddy, Adrienne Gomez,

B. Approval of the Agenda

Request to amend the agenda and add the facilitation grant discussion. Greg Levine moved to approve the amended agenda and Quinn Archibeque seconded the motion.

C. Approval of February 3, 2022 minutes. Carol Friedrich moved to approve the minutes as presented and Greg Levine seconded the motion.

D. Post-retreat discussion with Trailhead Institute and Sarah Lampe

Municipality funding –Discussion regarding municipality funding and whether municipalities were still willing to pool funds to the region or if there were existing on-the-ground efforts that would keep the funding locally.

Attorney General (Heidi Williams) has requested that municipalities declare the use of the funds by June 15 through the COST System. Discussion regarding how each county is addressing the stakeholders within their area:

- Gunnison County, per Liz Smith, has asked different municipalities and is struggling as there isn't a plan, no clear idea of the entire funding amount or how much the initiatives will cost. Per Kari Commerford, Gunnison County started opioid response planning in 2019 and established a program. In 2021 they received additional funding to sustain efforts through 2025. They have a MOUs with 35 different entities. They have a three year strategic plan and are looking to leverage the funds locally. Suggested including the regional aspect as new grants are applied for.
- Ouray County, per Carol Friedrich, the County and municipalities attended meetings with AG (Heidi) early on. Because of no on-the-ground efforts, they would choose to allocate to the region.
- Hinsdale County, per Greg Levine, everything would go to the council/region.
- Montrose County, per Sue Hansen, early on they did want to pool the money. But as the plan develops the conversation needs to happen again to reconnect with the stakeholders.
- Sarah Lampe, based on interviews two parts of the region, Gunnison County and Montrose County have on-the-ground efforts. Additionally, San Miguel has a mill levy that is funding mental health work. Carol Friedrich responded that San Miguel is focusing on school, services for kids, professional development, and suicide prevention. Opioid treatment has not been addressed in a strategic plan. They are focusing the dollars on efforts to strength mental health but not opioid treatment.

Questions regarding declaration of funding:

- Quinn Archibeque asked if the conversation had happened with unincorporated towns. Liz Smith responded that all the small towns had signed onto the State's MOU.
- Sarah Lampe asked if the Council wanted to have the meetings with the municipalities to reconnect. Sue Hansen responded that once a draft plan was available she would like to circle back with the municipalities directly, versus a big group meeting.
- John Baier asked if there is a default, if a small municipalities do not respond. Sarah Lampe, responded that this has not been made clear, and this needs to be followed up with the AG.
- Doug Hanshaw stated that the Uncompahgre Recovery Connections (URC) submitted a grant in conjunction with Montrose Regional Hospital (MRH) that would strongly support what the UCR and Council are doing. Grant is for one million dollars over three years. Decision will be made in the summer.

Actions Items:

- Liz Smith will continue efforts to communicate with AG office regarding process.
- Sarah Lampe and Trailhead will seek out additional information during facilitator discussion.
- Sarah Lampe will diagram and see where there is overlap on what is happening in the region.
- Liz Smith asked everyone to do their own outreach to the municipalities to assure everyone is aware of the options and processes.
- Sue Hansen requested framework of what we are going to talk about, refine the plan, and give a picture of what the Council is focusing on.

Debrief In-Person Meeting

Sarah Lampe– Refer to document sent out on April 6, 2022:

Prevention

- Goal 1: Develop and implement primary prevention programs to prevent Opioid Use Disorder Discuss 2-year plan template

- Goal 2: Develop and implement a communications campaign to reduce the stigma of mental health and OUD
- Goal 3: Develop the infrastructure necessary to implement and analyze the effectiveness of prevention programs and strategies
- Goal 4: Implement projects and programs with criminal justice and law enforcement

Discussion:

- Mary Beth Kelly asked where the distribution of Narcan is being addressed. Sarah Lampe responded that the AG was asking for multiple levels -prevention, treatment, recovery, law enforcement, harm reduction- and potentially if fell in multiple levels. Doug Hanshaw indicated needs to be sprinkled to different categories
- Sue Hansen encouraged the Council to look at national initiatives and leverage other services to assure the Council is not duplicating efforts. Sarah Lampe indicated this could be a “guiding principle”

Treatment

- Goal 1: Expand and increase treatment options across the region
- Goal 2: Build an infrastructure to successfully implement treatment programs and strategies and analyze their effectiveness
- Goal 3: Build communication frameworks to ensure resources and materials are shared across the region (duplication)

Discussion:

- Sue Hansen asked if there is somewhere it addresses collaboration with nearby regions? Sarah Lampe indicated this was also a “guiding principle” as to how are we understanding what other regions are doing. Jessica Eaddy indicated the Four Corners Region is focused on in-patient feasibility

Recovery

- Goal 1: Expand recovery groups and community connection/options to community members in recovery and their families
- Goal 2: Improve the continuum of care from treatment to recovery in community
- Goal 3: Decrease stigma of people living with SUD/OUD

JAM Board Activity – See Attached

Two-Year Plan Template

Received the template for what the two year plan will look like. Sarah Lampe will update the allocation and the Council may need to consider the allocation as the buckets are slightly different from the original plan. In the template goals are now “activities.”

Discussion in regards to changing the plan based on actual costs and budgets. Jessica Eaddy feels like there will be an opportunity to amend the plan in the two-year time frame. Sarah will ask during the facilitator meeting with the AG.

Assign and discuss homework

Action Items:

- Homework – how would you like the work to play out? Sarah Lampe will send information regarding update service areas/goals and activities/what is the goals and processes on how we want to see this? (This was in the email forwarded from Heidi Williams by Sarah Lampe).
- The template will be filled out for the region. Homework should be filled out by County. Should be done by April 22. Sarah will send out follow information with firm deadline.
- Trailhead will be providing the Council a report to share with stakeholders that includes more than required by the AG.

E. Facilitation Grant Extension

The planning grant has been extended to June 30 and allocated an additional \$4K for the facilitator.

- Do we need additional facilitation beyond trailhead institute? Sarah's contract is up at the end of the month.
- Sue would like to see a concrete plan so that we are ready to go when funds are allocated. A working plan ready to go. Do we need to have a facilitator that could do a region wide discussion? Curious about what other regions are doing and establishing communication. Do we use the additional money with the regions for shared services?

Action Item:

- Jessica Eaddy will ask the AG during the facilitator meeting and potentially setup an impromptu meeting with Four Corners, Chafee, Archuleta, Mesa, and Montezuma.
- No action on grant. No one stated an objection for moving forward on additional dollars.

F. Citizen Comments - None

G. Next meeting - May 5 at 10:30am

H. Adjourn

Liz adjourned the meeting at 12:22pm