

AGENDA – AUGUST 4, 2022
SOUTHWEST COLORADO OPIOID REGIONAL COUNCIL
ZOOM (VIRTUAL) 10:30AM

A. Meeting was called to order at 10:31am

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: Jessica Eaddy

- B. Approval of the agenda
- Motion made by Justin Perry to accept the agenda seconded by Sue Hansen.
- C. Approval of [July 7, 2022 minutes](#)

- Motion made by Sue Hansen to approve the minutes and seconded by John Baier.
- D. State Opioid Abatement Conference: August 15-16
 - [Registration](#): In-person (waitlist) and virtual options.
 - Liz Smith is attending in person and Justin Perry and Kari Commerford attending virtual
 - Liz recommends attending through the virtual option. If you are registered they will record it and send it out after the event.
- E. 2-Year Plan Refinement – Kari Commerford- Refer to draft plan
 - **Action Item: Kari requested feedback prior to making a decision and allow the plan to be refined.**
 - Percentages were not considered. Kari used her experience to fill in the funding pieces.
 - Estimated \$525K for the first year additional \$153 that can be allocated.
 - Excluded Gunnison County from the funding pieces, as Gunnison is keeping the allocated funds. For things that they have the financial ability to do or already doing.
 - Questions to consider
 - Should more funds go to staff time? Is \$35 per hour enough to cover administrative costs?
 - Greg confirmed that Gunnison and Hinsdale should be combined.
 - Should more funds go to help training costs.
 - Should more funds go to treatment telehealth.
 - Any other costs?
 - Add pre-trial services?
 - Should there be housing stipends/support for people transition out of jail or treatment.
 - Guidance on local flexibility.
 - Kari reviewed the proposed plan sent out on July 28
 - Plan Discussion beyond that listed in the plan:
 - Coordinators
 - Is there an opportunity to combine the coordinators for close counties? For example like Gunnison and Hinsdale. Do we already have staff that are already on board that could handle the extra hours?
 - As the fiscal agent we will be adding payroll. Can we find people to do the work and cover a contract?
 - For San Miguel, require a single 10 hour position versus an extra 10 hours for Telluride.
 - Make sure there is representation across counties and is adequate to move the work forward.
 - \$18,200 can be reallocated.
 - Funding distribution should be October/November.
 - Post in October and hire in November.
 - Lead Coordinator
 - Who is the lead coordinator? Would Tri County Health Network be an option? Another option might be a current employee from Gunnison County as recommended by Kari Commerford.

- Consider upping the lead coordinator to 40 hours per week.
- Communications Plan
 - Pull it out as a separate strategy.
 - How do we get it out to the public?
 - Communication plans are created by each coordinator that are county specific and submitted to Lead Coordinator.
 - Suggestion for a regional plan. Might require media consultant and budget line item.
 - San Miguel is working on a communications plan that could be potentially shared. Kari is following up to explore this partnership and how the platform could be used regionally and in conjunction with the regional communications plan.
- Centralized database
 - Asked to capture and share data that it is meaningful to the rural areas. Push the state for meaningful data.
 - Make a list of the data that we need and plan how to track it.
- Have providers give presentations to confirm who does what best and leverage that information.
- Consider scholarships with leftover budget funds for housing, treatment, transitional housing.
- Need to dig deeper into the budget conversation long-term to sustain the efforts happening now.
- Action Item Kari will send out the revised plan by August 22, Montrose County will include in calendar invite and post on website

F. Citizen Comments - none

G. Next meeting - September 1st

H. Adjourn 12:47pm