

Minutes – JANUARY 9, 2023
SOUTHWEST COLORADO OPIOID REGIONAL COUNCIL
ZOOM (VIRTUAL) 10:00AM

A. Meeting began at 10:00am.

B. Roll Call:

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	

C. 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, Eric Barker, Kyle (applicant)

D. Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by

E. Approval of [December 1, 2022 minutes](#)

- Doug Hanshaw mentioned he had attended the previous meeting.
- Hilary moved to approve the minutes with the change in attendance. Carol Friedrich seconded. Motion passed.

F. Coordinator Hiring Update

- Lead Coordinator (Kari)
 - i. Kari Commerford spoke to the candidate pool for the lead coordinator. Conversation regarding going back to the original proposal and using 20 hours of Kyle's time for the duties. Similar to the Tobacco program (FTE throughout counties). Gunnison can offer 20 hours but not the full time position.
 - ii. Liz Smith suggested empowering the hiring committee to pursue options. Liz spoke for Sue that Montrose County would not have the hours in a current FTE.
 - iii. Liz Smith clarified that Gunnison can lead with 20 hours if each community had a touch point.
 - iv. John Baier spoke to the advantage of Gunnison County taking the lead from their previous experience and questioned if we are doing an RFP for services or for a person.
 - v. John Tarr spoke to his preference of having a regional coordinator and supplemented by local contacts.
 - vi. Hilary Cooper spoke to outsourcing the duties.
 - vii. Jennifer Sherwood spoke to outsourcing and finding an agency that can support everyone versus trying to find someone to fill five to ten hours a week.
 - viii. Liz Smith asked that the group empower the hiring committee to meet and has this out.
 - ix. John Baier spoke to assuring that the Council not make promises to any organizations and that an RFP process be followed.
 - x. Liz Smith will email out the list of the hiring committee. Tentatively it is made up of:
 1. Carol Friedrich
 2. Kari Commerford
 3. Sue Hansen
 4. Liz Smith
 5. Greg Levine
 6. Hilary Cooper
 - xi. Hilary Cooper moved to direct the hiring committee to reach out to the two organizations (Tri County Health and River Valley) and have an informal discussion and report back to the group. Seconded by Greg Levine. Motion passed.
- [Assistant Coordinator RFP](#)
 - i. No discussion.

G. AG's Office - Infrastructure Grant updates

- Pre-Trial Services
 - i. Kari Commerford updated the pre-trial services grant, little interest beyond Montrose and she was unable to meet the grant deadline.

- ii. Hilary Cooper commented that there is discussion on regional pre-trial services without coordination from SWCORC.
 - Data
 - i. Liz Smith spoke to the AG's office regarding the importance of funding to get a better state wide picture. Ongoing discussion.
- H. SWCORC Organization – oversight, implementation, hiring
 - Motion and decision may be requested
 - i. No motion or decision made.
 - Liz Smith asked for a quick conversation regarding the future of the group. Potentially need an implementation committee and the work of the SWCORC council be more oversight.
 - Discussion had regarding the future of the SWCORC Council.
- I. Public Comment
 - No public comment.
- J. Next Meeting
 - Next meeting will be Monday, February 13 at 10:00am.
 - Greg Levine asked questions regarding who is on the hiring committee and who will be organizing and status of Kyle.
 - Liz Smith spoke to moving forward with Kyle and asked for a volunteer to chair the committee.
 - Hilary volunteered to coordinate with Sue to talk to Tri County and River Valley.
 - Liz will email Hilary the full hiring committee for coordination.
- K. Adjourn
 - Adjourned at 11:15am.