



**Region 9 Opioid Settlement Governance Committee**

September 12th, 2024

Meeting Virtual via Zoom

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1:00-3:00pm

9/12/2024 Presentation

Representation	Name	Present (Y/N)	Delegate present? (Y/N)
Appointed by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners	Bill Holen	Y	
Appointed by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners	Leslie Summey	N	
Public Health Director of the Arapahoe County Public Health Department	Jennifer Ludwig	Y	
Director of the Arapahoe County Human Services Department	Cheryl Ternes	Y	
The Arapahoe County Sheriff	Tyler Brown	N	
Representative appointed from a municipal law enforcement agency within the AC Region	Police Chief Dustin Varney	N	
Representative appointed from the County Court system or District Attorney's Office or their designee by the BOCC.	John Kellner	Y	
Rep appointed by the City of Aurora	Francoise Bergan (Aurora)	Y	
Rep appointed by the City of Centennial	Mayor Stephanie Piko	Y	
Rep to represent the west side of the County, appointed by majority vote of the Cities of Englewood, Sheridan and Littleton	Steven Ward (Englewood)	Y	
Rep to represent the east side/smaller communities of the County, appointed by majority vote of the remainder of the municipalities	Trish Stiles (Bennett)	N	

**Quorum met? Yes.**

Agenda

1. Welcome (15 mins)
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Roll Call and intros
    - i. Nicky Kulish
    - ii. JK
    - iii. Brianna
    - iv. Nat

- v. John Jackson
- vi. Omar Montgomery
- vii. Ron Carl
- viii. Kendra Davis

**c. Where we've been: Where we're headed**

- i. Where we've been - what we are currently funding
  - 1. Arapahoe County Sheriff's office
  - 2. Hazelbrook
  - 3. Hornbuckle
  - 4. Aurora Research Institute
  - 5. Arapahoe Harm Reduction
  - 6. TSG Facilitation
  - 7. Prevention Education
  - 8. Workforce Development
- ii. Where we are headed
  - 1. Oct
    - a. Program Spotlight
    - b. Long term Goal Planning
    - c. Finalize additional funding requests
  - 2. Nov
    - a. COAC funding request deadline
    - b. Program data update
  - 3. Dec
    - a. Evaluation Presentation

2. Governance (5 mins)

**a. Approval of 8/8 minutes**

- i. **Motion: Francoise Bergen**  
**Second: Jennifer Ludwig**  
**Opposition: none**  
**Decision: PASS**

b. [Recovery Story sign up](#)

3. Strategic Planning (90 mins)

**a. Workgroups**

- i. *Nat explained that we will be breaking out into workgroups to discuss proposed next steps for council and any remaining needs to assess. Council members have about 20 minutes to meet in workgroups and then will come back to the full group for a larger discussion.*
- ii. Workgroup share out and Council discussion on next steps (30)
  - 1. Workforce Development
    - a. Sarah Prager reported out on workforce development
    - b. Give money to Signal to continue individual reimbursement of CASS classes
    - c. Have not yet talked to Signal, Sarah P to reach out

**2. Sarah making motion to approve fund of \$100,000 in Workforce Dev to be contracted to Signal to be dispersed to credentialing classes**

- a. Motion: Sarah Prager
- b. Second: Dustin Varney
- c. Motion: PASS, unanimously

3. Prevention Awareness Campaign

a. *Jennifer Ludwig reported out on the prevention awareness campaigns and asked council for approval on the following amounts / organizations to fund:*

b. Rise Above Colorado

- i. Connect Effect Campaign - \$50,000
- ii. Won't start marketing campaigns to adults until after the election - don't want competing advertisements. But can start youth earlier.

c. Amelie Company

- i. Keep the Party Safe: \$50,000
- ii. Target audience: 18-44yo.
- iii. Non-judgemental, 'hip'
- iv. Would run counter to the state campaign, so there is no dual advertising / overlap

d. Both campaigns are targeted specifically towards Arapahoe County.

e. Include QR code on posters - where should the QR code link to? Direct to websites?

- i. For Connect Effect, this makes the most sense
- ii. Keep the Party Safe site is not as user friendly

f. Another question - branding?

- i. Council-wide logo
  - 1. TSG to touch base with Kendra about this

**g. Motion to approve Rise Above CO & Amelie Company for the two campaigns for \$100,000**

- i. Motion: Jennifer Ludwig
- ii. Second: Francoise Bergen
- iii. Opposition: none, full consensus 'yes' from voting members
- iv. Decision: PASS unanimously

4. Ridgeview Campus & Walk-in center

a. Ridgeview

- i. No action recently— might be spring.

b. Walk-in/detox

- i. Mayor Piko having lunch with Centennial Hospital CEO
- ii. Work with detox near Belleview and Monaco did not come to fruition.



- b. Launch media campaigns to increase community knowledge
      - c. Increase access to funding
    - 7. High cost recommendations
      - a. Stabilize and expand staff
      - b. Implement a case management system
  - ii. Next steps / Discussion
    - 1. Note from Sarah P: Cannot add co-responders since they don't generate revenue. But CAN increase collaboration and communication. Would have to have funding from somewhere to increase co-response
    - 2. COSHE - social services referral network in the works
      - a. Direct communication is being addressed through this. Timeline is soon. Recommend not spending on communication at this point.
    - 3. Possibly develop workgroup around co-responders
      - a. Include people from all 3 co-responder programs, UC Health providers & ambulatory services.
      - b. To Do: JK, Nat & Rhiannon to connect the workgroup & contact key individuals**
    - 4. Note from Steve Ward: Not every co-responder call is related to opioids, though it is a good portion. This should be sufficient to justify funding.
    - 5. No current funding request
- 4. Closing (10 mins)
  - a. Updates
    - i. [Region 9 External Request Form](#)
    - ii. 2024 COAC [Conference](#) on 9/30 in Loveland
    - iii. [COAC Recommendations & Principles](#) for OS fund use
    - iv. Opioid Response [Newsletter](#)
  - b. Next meeting: 10/10, virtual
    - i. Calendar quarterly in persons.
  - c. Questions, comments, feedback?