



**Region 9 Opioid Settlement Governance Committee**

September 11, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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

Quorum (6)? **Yes**

Participants

1. Kendra Davis, Arapahoe County
2. Brianna Robles, Steadman Group
3. Courtney Lange, Steadman Group
4. Ayla Frachetti, Hazelbrook Care Manager and Housing Supervisor
5. Montelle Tamez, Otowi Group
6. Sara Miller, Otowi Group
7. Allison Dodge, One Chance to Grow Up
8. Calli Tucker, Crisis Intervention Programs Administrator, City of Aurora

9. Daniel Singer, Tribe Recovery Homes
10. Elicia Chacon, ACPH
11. Jess Shvedov, Director Hazelbrook Community Center
12. Shannon Miller, Accountant Hazelbrook
13. Josh Beaston, Development Director-Hornbuckle Foundation
14. Matthew Melsen, Hornbuckle Foundation Director of Outreach
15. Sarah Hornbuckle, Director of Hornbuckle Foundation
16. Theodora Barychewsky, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
17. Tristan Maddox Derington, Grant and Program Director - Hazelbrook
18. Doug Robinson, Cherry Hills Village City Council
19. Jack Thompson
20. Dannyelle, Accountant Hornbuckle

## **Proceedings**

1. 1:00pm: Welcome (*10 minutes*)
  - a. Brianna Robles welcomed the Region 9 Opioid Abatement Council and provided an overview of the agenda.
  - b. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was later established.
2. 1:10pm: Governance (*5 minutes*)
  - a. [August Meeting Minutes](#) Approval

## **Motion to Approve August Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: Sheriff Tyler Brown

Second: Commissioner Summey

**No objections: motion approved**

- b. Region 9 ROAC Facilitation: Kendra Davis announces changes to facilitation of the Region 9 Opioid Settlement Council
        - i. Following the previously released Facilitation RFQ, the Otowi Group will now serve as facilitators and will work with TSG to transition by October's Council Meeting
        - ii. Sara Miller, Montelle Tamez, and Sydney Vaughn with Otowi group are introduced
3. 1:15pm: Strategic Planning & Workgroups (*45 minutes*)
  - a. Quick update on where we have been, where we are going, and what to expect over the next month of continued funding and immediate strategic planning activities
    - i. Four continued funding proposals to be reviewed in September's meeting and the remaining four will be reviewed in October
  - b. Discussion on Continuation of Current Programs
    - i. ACPH

1. \$502,620.11: **harm reduction**; harm reduction related to drug use, STI testing, professional development, transportation, supplies, salaries, indirect costs
  2. Questions:
    - a. What is the care coordinator position and why is it needed?  
What is the position budgeted for?  
ACPH saw a gap in connecting individuals to services because of the limited capacity of other roles. This position is entirely funded by OS Region 9 funds. ACPH has already hired this position during the last round of funding so the continued funding will sustain the position. The salary is ~\$71,000 plus fringe benefits to equal ~\$92,300.
  3. Concerns:
    - a. the budget has nearly quadrupled from ~\$480,000/2 years and now current request is \$502,620.11/year
    - b. It is unknown what funding sources will be cut from the state and/or federal level and Council does not feel comfortable allocating funds with this unknown
  4. Next Steps: Council would like to see more data on why the budget was built the way it was, potentially different funding lengths/options to consider the state and federal landscape, how much outreach is happening vs. how many repeat clients. ACPH will complete a Revise and Resubmit with questions answered, data reported, and trimmings to the budget.
- ii. Hornbuckle
1. \$545,000: **recovery**; an increase in request by \$223,000 from \$322,000 to support staff, outreach, transportation, operating, and indirect costs
  2. Concerns:
    - a. Is office space within the budget absolutely imperative?  
Sarah Hornbuckle reports programming could still function without costs allocated to office space.
  3. Next Steps: Hornbuckle to complete a Revise and Resubmit to include a budget decrease
- iii. Hazelbrook/ParadigmOne
1. \$203,663: **recovery**; (same request as previous cycle) to support housing, staff, transportation, and indirect costs
  2. Concerns: none

**Motion to approve Hazelbrook's request for continued funding:**

Motion: Board Chair Francois Bergan

Second: Mayor Stephanie Piko

**No objections: motion approved**

- iv. Tribe

1. \$330,000: funding for six full time Behavioral Health Technicians (compared to three full time Behavioral Health Technicians in the prior cycle)
2. Council would like more information from Tribe for budget details, to see more of a justification on an increase in positions, and more information on where their data within the proposal came from.
3. Next Steps:
  - a. Tribe to complete a Revise and Resubmit to include a budget decrease and more information on data points
- v. Council has requested TSG to provide a summary of what other Colorado regions are spending settlement funds on (funding priorities + amounts)
- c. Funding New Strategies
  - i. Review final draft scopes of work for Co-Response and Family Services and Youth Recovery
  - ii. Workgroup Report Outs
    1. Co-response
      - a. Feedback: ensure co-responders themselves are captured in the scope and not just individuals served by co-response, make sure RFQ does not disclose dollar amount so budget can be flexible

**Motion to approve drafted Co-Response RFP:**

Motion: Sheriff Tyler Brown

Second: Board Chair Francois Bergan

**No objections: motion approved**

2. Youth / Family Services
  - a. Feedback: MAT services removed but otherwise ready to move forward and again make sure RFQ does not disclose dollar amount so budget can be flexible

**Motion to approve drafted Youth and Family Services RFP:**

Motion: Board Chair Francois Bergan

Second: Jennifer Ludwig

**No objections: motion approved**

4. 2:40pm: Updates (*10 minutes*)
  - a. ACPH was able to provide some numbers reporting referrals made following outreach contact and/or harm reduction provided services
    - i. It was unclear how many of the referrals are repeat clients or unique referrals and again, Council would like more information on the distinction
5. 2:50pm: Closing (*10 minutes*)

- a. Thanks and goodbyes were given to TSG as this is the final meeting facilitated by TSG
- b. Next meeting: October 9th, 2025 facilitated by the Otowi Group