



Region 9 Opioid Settlement Governance Committee

November 13, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Roll Call of Voting Members

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

Quorum (6) **Yes**

Additional Participants

The following individuals participated in or observed the November 13, 2025 Region 9 Opioid Abatement Council meeting via Zoom. This list includes non-voting attendees who were not

included in the official roll call. These are individuals who indicated their presence in the chat. Some may be missing, if joined late, etc.

Name	Organization / Affiliation
Sara Miller	Otowi Group
Montelle Tamez	Otowi Group
Kaylee Rivera-Gordon	Otowi Group
Kendra Davis	Arapahoe County
Omar Montgomery	Cherry Creek School District; NAACP
Brianna (Bri) Robles	The Steadman Group
Tristan Derington	Hazelbrook Community Organization
Sarah Prager	AllHealth Network (Clinical VP)
Nicky Kulish	AllHealth Network, RN
Theodora Barychewsky	Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Allison Dodge	One Chance to Grow Up
Amy Tharp	Centennial City Council Member, District 1
Elizabeth ter Harr	CU Anschutz
Hollie Lanning	Tribe Recovery Homes
Mercedes Delaney	Full Circle Program
Ben Stincer	Full Circle Program
Josh Beaston	Hornbuckle Foundation
Jasper Armstrong	Cherry Creek School District
Jack Patterson	COAG
Bridget (last name not listed)	
BOCC 19 (username)	

Proceedings

1. 1:00pm: Welcome (5 minutes)

- a. Sara Miller, Otowi Group, welcomed the Region 9 Opioid Abatement Council and provided an overview of the agenda.

b. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

2. 1:05pm: Governance (5 minutes)

a. Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Francoise Bergan moved to approve the October minutes.

Second: Mayor Stephanie Piko.

Vote: No opposition; motion passed.

3. 1:10pm: Strategic Planning & Funding Decisions (85 minutes)

a. Continuation of current programs

a. Discussion of revised proposals

Organization / Program	Amount	Funding Focus	Motion / Outcome
<u>Tribe Recovery Homes</u>	\$220,000	Recovery	<p>Motion to approve current level of funding at \$99,968 and revisit the request for increased funding at the next meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Councilwoman Bergen</p> <p>Second: Commissioner Fields</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously approved Will review the additional funding request in December</p>
<p>Discussion: Tribe Recovery Homes - The Council revisited this proposal due to concerns that arose in the October meeting where they discussed the need for a complete budget and clarification regarding staffing, licensing, and alignment with previously funded peer support activities. The council discussed funding for Tribe Recovery Homes, currently requesting \$220,000 but approved only \$99,968 for the current year citing the need for additional information. The council expressed concerns about the applicant's documentation and outcomes reporting, requesting more specific local outcomes data. The Council expressed frustration that the applicant was unprepared at the previous meeting and key leadership was absent during the funding request for a significant increase. The Council emphasized that applicants seeking funding should be adequately prepared, able to answer questions, and present at meetings. The Council requested improved proposal preparation and presentation from this and all future grant applicants. The council decided to fund Tribe at the current level while deferring the additional funding request for further review, with plans to discuss the increase at a future meeting.</p>			

b. Discussion of continuation proposals

Organization / Program	Amount	Funding Focus	Motion / Outcome
<u>Cherry Creek School District – Leadership Academy</u>	\$	Prevention	<p>Motion to continue the discussion and clarify funding amount and duration details at the December meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Commissioner Fields</p> <p>Second: Commissioner Summey</p> <p>Decision: Defer vote until December when the council has clarification on the amount requested and timeline</p>
<p>Discussion: Cherry Creek School District: Cherry Creek School District is seeking a 20% increase of \$195,000 for the second year to continue and expand their work, totaling \$1.2 million over two years. Questions were raised about the program's staffing and budget allocation, particularly regarding FTEs and the breakdown of salary costs, while also inquiring about the number of students participating in field trips and stipends. The discussion highlighted the need for more precise metrics and details on how funds are being utilized to impact students across the district. The council emphasized the importance of program expansion to other school districts. Dr. Armstrong explained that they are taking a measured approach to expansion, prioritizing a refined process before wider implementation. After concerns were raised about the timing and clarity of the funding request, the Council voted to continue the discussion until their next meeting to get more information and confirm the exact numbers.</p>			

b. Funding for new strategies

a. Update on Withdrawal Services RFQs

- i. RFQ posted on BidNet for Withdrawal Services, open until January 9, 2026. Council encouraged to share and assist with outreach.
 - a) A reminder that vendors interested in the county's withdrawal RFQ should not contact council members but should instead direct their questions to Kendra David or the purchasing department.

- ii. Otowi Group and Kendra Davis to coordinate Workgroup Report Outs.

4. 2:35pm: Evaluation (Steadman, 10 minutes)

- a. Presented data on programs including Mile High Treatment and Recovery, Hornbuckle Recovery Services, Cherry Creek School District, Tribe Recovery Homes, and Signal. The dashboard, created by Stedman, was introduced as a public-facing tool that will display high-level information on people served, dollars spent, and organization locations.

5. 2:45pm: Updates (10 minutes)

- a. Otowi Group is in the process of conducting one-on-one interviews with Council members to identify long-term priorities.
- b. This will be followed by a broader stakeholder survey.
- c. Strategic planning retreat anticipated in early 2026
- d. COAG Conference – went well and Region 9 was praised throughout the conference for their work
- e. New State Share Funding Opportunities
 - i. Denver Area [ROAC Coordination for Infrastructure Partnership](#)
 - a) The group explored a new state infrastructure funding opportunity worth \$11 million. Region 9 could apply independently or coordinate with partners. The conversation ended with the need for additional discussion at the December meeting.
 - b) Kendra Davis noted the need to clarify investment requirements and administrative details before submitting any coordinated applications
- f. Next Council Meeting: December 11, 2025 (In-Person, location TBD)
- g. Tribe Recovery Homes and Cherry Creek School District proposals to be reviewed during the December 2025 meeting.
- h. End-of-year celebration and acknowledgement of Mayor Piko's last meeting.

6. 2:55pm: Meeting Adjourned

7. Action Items

Task	Responsible Party	Due Date
Update funding tracker with all approved proposals	Otowi Group	Before next meeting
Follow up with Tribe Recovery Homes for program outcomes	Otowi Group	Prior to Dec 11 meeting
Follow up with Cherry Creek School District to clarify funding numbers and contract timelines	Otowi Group	Prior to Dec 11 meeting
Coordinate outreach for infrastructure partnership funding application and gather information on investment requirements	Otowi Group	Prior to Dec 11 meeting
Follow up on inviting Behavioral Health Administration speaker for December meeting	Otowi Group	Prior to Dec 11 meeting

Share Region 9 opioid program public dashboard link upon publishing	Steadman (Bri Robles)	Dec 2025
Continues one-on-one strategic planning interviews	Otowi Group	Dec 2025

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