



# ACTION COMMITMENTS & NEXT STEPS

## ADAMS COUNTY OPIOID REGIONAL COUNCIL

FRIDAY, August 12, 2022 | 12:00 - 4:00 pm

This packet contains a synthesis of the session and next steps for the Adams County Opioid Regional Council as determined at the August 12, 2022 meeting.

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## Deliverables Accomplished During the Session

- ☒ Gained a clearer understanding of the current state of the opioid crisis in Adams County
- ☒ Confirmed a Chair and Vice Chair for this group

## Regional Council Voting Members

- Council Member **Eric Garcia**, City of Thornton
- Adams County Commissioner **Eva Henry**
- **Levon Hupfer**, 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- **Chief James May**, City of Northglenn
- Adams County Commissioner **Steve O'Dorisio**
- Council Member **Peter Padilla**, City of Brighton
- **Glenn Robinson**, Adams County Human Services
- **Dr. Kelly Weidenbach**, Adams County Government

## Attendees

- **Lori Bailey**, Adams 12 Five Star Schools
- **Alex Castro Croy**, Life Recovery Centers
- **Chris Dow**, Creative Treatment Options
- **Nicole Festa**, H.E.A.R.T Counseling Center
- **Lisa Keenan**, UC Health
- **Jeremiah Lindemann**
- **Jennifer Mackender**, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
- **Deborah Meissner**, Creative Treatment Options
- **Shayna Micucci**, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse
- **Clare Murphy**, Mapleton Public Schools
- Mayor Pro Tem **Doris Peterson**, City of Federal Heights
- **Gabe Rodriguez**, Adams County Government
- **Jayne Schledewitz**, City of Northglenn
- **Lindsey Simbeye**, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
- **Dr. Joyce Smith**, Creative Treatment Options
- **Kelley Terrell**, Mile High Behavioral Healthcare
- **Clinton Whatley**, Tri-County Health Department
- **Monia Ycaza**, Mapleton Public Schools

## Colorado Open Meetings Law

Adams County Regional Opioid Council meetings follow the [Open Meeting Requirements of the Colorado Sunshine Law](#), which means they are open to the public. Meetings are noticed on the RMP website [HERE](#). You can review information about the August 12th meeting, including the recorded session, [HERE](#).



## Overview of the Regional Effort



### Discussion Recap:

- As [one of 19 regions](#) in Colorado receiving [opioid litigation settlement](#) funds, **Adams County is responsible for standing up a Regional Opioid Abatement Council responsible for setting up a Two Year Plan to administer regional funds.**
  - The effort for Region 8 (Adams County) is being led by a [Regional Opioid Council](#) supported by the [Rocky Mountain Partnership team](#) comprised of nine voting members and alternates, as well as an Advisory Committee comprised of content experts, including community members with lived experience. **Learn more [HERE](#).**
  - The [Two-Year Plan](#) is intended to outline how the region is prioritizing funding across [five priority areas](#) over the first two years. The Adams County Opioid Regional Council is required to submit the percentage of funds to be allocated across each of the five areas **by September 15. Learn more [HERE](#).**
- **In order to have the greatest impact, it's critical to understand the [larger ecosystem of opioid stakeholders](#) who have a major strategic plan and resources to address the opioid crisis, and understand how the Regional Council's plan could align with them.**
  - To this end, the RMP Team has mapped these initial stakeholders and their priorities. **View these in the interactive data dashboard [HERE](#).**
  - **Gaps in these priorities that the Regional Council wants to consider for their work include:**
    - Recovery community
    - Criminal justice
    - Protective factors



### Next Steps:

- The Regional Council will add in 'commitment to collaboration beyond own organizations and region' as a standing norm and value for engagement in this work.

## Overview of the Current State of the Opioid Crisis in Adams County



### Discussion Recap:

- Attendees explored current state data related to the opioid crisis through a data walk, including:
  - Opioid Overdose Deaths
  - Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits
  - Narcan / Naloxone Use in Emergency Departments
  - Impact on Individuals and Families
  - Impact on Workforce and Economy

You can see all of this data in the interactive data dashboard [HERE](#)

You can see a synthesis of key take aways and considerations lifted during the data walk [HERE](#)



### Next Steps:

- RMP Team will work directly with partners to further improve and enhance the dashboard, ensuring the needed data and information is available for ongoing decision making.

## Results Statement for Regional Council



### Discussion Recap:

- One milestone for the Regional Council is to gain consensus on the ultimate difference they hope to make, which includes both a results statement and an initial measurable target for the next two years that calls out specific populations impacted by the opioid crisis. **Learn more** [HERE](#).
- Attendees were presented with recommendations on two year targets to decrease overdose deaths in the region and lifted modifications. You can view those [HERE](#).



### Next Steps:

- Based on opportunities and recommendations lifted by attendees, RMP team will work with partners to further refine and bring back an updated draft results statement to Regional Council at the next meeting.
- RMP Team will work with Regional Council Members to calendar a meeting in early-mid September



## Two Year Plan Development



### Discussion Recap:

- One milestone for the Regional Council related to developing its Two Year Plan is to identify the percent of funds to be allocated across each of the five priority area. **Learn more** [HERE](#).
- In order to ensure these allocations of funds have the greatest impact, it's critical to understand [where dollars are currently going](#) towards addressing the opioid crisis in this region, and [what programs, services, and efforts already exist](#).
  - To this end, the RMP Team has mapped these initial dollars, programs and services. **View these in the interactive data dashboard** [HERE](#).
  - Attendees identified gaps in programs and services which you can view [HERE](#)



### Next Steps:

- On behalf of the Regional Council, RMP Team will send out survey to stakeholders in each priority area and larger community to:
  - Better understand what they are doing to address the opioid crisis
  - What they would be able to do with additional funds
  - Where gaps exist
- As part of survey development, RMP Team will:
  - Share draft of survey with Regional Council members to confirm the information being asked is useful for understanding current needs and gaps.
  - Share spreadsheet with attendees where they can populate stakeholders they believe should be receiving the survey.
- Findings from this survey will be compiled into a report that will be used by the Regional Council to inform decisions about funding allocations and the Two Year Plan.

## Confirm Chair and Vice Chair



### Discussion Recap:

- One nomination was received for each of the two leadership positions available for Regional Council voting members:
  - Chair: **Peter Padilla**, Council Member, City of Brighton
  - Vice Chair: **Kelly Weidenbach**, DrPH, MPH, Director of Public Health Transition, Adams County Government



### Action Taken:

- Regional Council voting members unanimously confirmed Council Member Padilla as the Chair, and Dr. Weidenbach as the Vice Chair of the Regional Council.

## Looking Ahead - Timeline for This Effort



### August-September 2022

- Content experts, providers, and other stakeholders in the region provide input on what they are doing to address the opioid crisis, what they would be able to do with additional funds, and where they see gaps exist

### September 2022:

- IGA sent to municipalities (*September 2nd*)
- Gather input from service providers and community members with lived experience (*August 26 - September 9*)
  - What they are doing currently
  - What they would be able to do with additional funding
  - What gaps do they see
  - How would they prioritize funds
- Sub-committee works with RMP Team to:
  - Draft a logic model that calls out the result statement and where the whole spectrum of evidence-based strategies are aligned
  - Develop draft allocations based on asset inventories and survey responses
- **Adams County Regional Council Meeting** (*September 14th*)
  - Review Logic Model
  - Confirm Result Statement
  - Determine funding allocation for Two Year Plan, informed by findings from stakeholder survey
- Two Year Plan submitted to AG's Office (*September 15th*)
- Municipalities sign IGA (*September 30th*)
- **Projected:** [COAC](#) reviews Two Year Plans and provides additional information for Regional Council to consider if applicable (*September 29th*)

### October 2022:

- **Projected:** First Year allocations sent to fiscal agent (Adams County Government)
- Regional Council accepts LOIs for first round of funding
- RMP Team works with entities who have submitted LOIs to scope and highlight opportunities for collaboration and to strategize joint applications (*in order to avoid siloed work*)

### November/December 2022:

- Regional Council accepts proposals for first round of funding
- **Adams County Regional Council Meeting**
  - Evaluate proposals and determine first round of awards to entities who will engage in work that will most impact the opioid crisis

### December 2022/January 2023:

- Adams County Board of County Commissioners confirms Regional Council awardees
- Adams County Government distributes funds to awardees