



ACTION COMMITMENTS & NEXT STEPS

ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL OPIOID COUNCIL

MONDAY, November 14, 2022 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

This packet contains a synthesis of the session and next steps for the Adams County Regional Opioid Council as determined at the November 14, 2022 meeting.

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Deliverables Accomplished During the Session

- ☒ Confirm the application, review, and distribution of funds process and timeline for 2023
- ☒ Confirm the elements to be included in the application and scoring matrix
- ☒ Confirm which sub-committees are needed in 2023 and voting member representation
- ☒ Schedule December meeting to finalize application and scoring rubric
- ☐ Set meetings for 2023 in alignment with timeline (*will finalize in December meeting*)


Voting Members in Attendance

- **Council Member Eric Garcia**, City of Thornton (*Virtual*)
- **Levon Hupfer**, 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office
- **Chief Jim May**, Northglenn Police Department
- **Commissioner Steve O'Dorisio**, Adams County
- **Council Member Peter Padilla**, City of Brighton **Chair**
- **Chief Judge Don Quick**, 17th Judicial District
- **Glenn Robinson**, Human Services, Adams County Government

Stakeholders in Attendance

- **Doris Peterson**, Mayor Pro Tem Federal Heights
- **Tracey Ritter**, Advocates for Recovery
- **Gabriel Rodriguez**, Adams County Government
- **Karen Schweih**, 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (*Virtual*)
- **Hannah Vannini**, Klare Recovery

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](#).** 

Updates



Discussion Recap:

- **Region 8 Allocations Have Been Approved by Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC)**
 - Funds will be distributed by the national administrator, BrownGreer, to the region's designated fiscal agent (Adams County Government)
- **Awareness Campaign through Attorney General's Office**
 - Attorney General's office is currently in the RFP review process, anticipates contract finalized in January 2023.
 - Once that happens they would be happy to work Region 8 and others to inform the Awareness Campaign!
- **CVS Health agrees to settle opioid lawsuits for \$5 billion over 10 years**
 - Would be the first major pharmacy chain to reach a nationwide settlement
 - When/if those settlements are finalized they will be part of the Colorado Opioid MOU. Any opioid settlement funds will follow the same process.
 - More details to come if/when they settle!
 - Learn more [HERE](#)
- **Infrastructure Fund Open with AG's Office**
 - 10% of all funds are allocated for the "Infrastructure Share"
 - *Anticipated* \$52 million over 18 years
 - Purpose: To promote capital improvements and provide operational assistance for developing or improving the infrastructure necessary to abate the opioid crisis within the state of Colorado.
 - Intended to supplement Opioid Settlement Funds requested by any party or Region.
 - Intended to encourage cross-regional collaboration between the 19 Regional Opioid Abatement Councils.
 - Learn more [HERE](#)

Application, Review, and Distribution of Funds Process and Timeline for 2023



Discussion Recap:

- Regional Council members reviewed the draft process for timeline for the application, review, distribution of funds, and reporting process in 2023 and 2023. The draft timelines were updated based on the following input from the council:
 - Build in a proactive approach to understand what gaps in services exist so that the council have be proactive instead of fully reactive to what is not applied for but is needed in the region
 - Call out when council will determine if additional funding cycle is needed in 2023
 - Confirm in process that RMP Team will do preliminary scoring on objective measures to bring to Regional Council
- View the updated process and timeline for 2023 [HERE](#)
- View the updated process and timeline for 2024 [HERE](#)



Action Taken:

- Regional Council members endorsed the updated version of the timeline and process for 2023 and 2024



Next Steps:

- The RMP Team will develop a draft meeting schedule for 2023 based on the updated timeline and bring to Council to confirm in the December 12th meeting

Application and Scoring Matrix Elements



Discussion Recap:

- Regional Council members reviewed the draft elements of the application and scoring matrix for the first round of funding. The application and scoring matrix will be updated by the RMP Team based on the input from the council.
 - View the updated application elements [HERE](#)
 - View the updated scoring matrix elements [HERE](#)
- The council also discussed the following opportunities:
 - Allocate funding (from other category) to support entities to measure progress and hold accountability to impact
 - County wide case management approach, funding could potentially come from across all categories for this



Action Taken:

Regional Council members endorsed the elements for the application and scoring matrix to be updated by the RMP Team



Next Steps:

- The RMP Team will ask the Attorney General's office how they recommend handling "evidenced-based" vs. "nationally recognized outcomes" vs. "research informed"
- The RMP Team will develop the application (including a cover letter from the Regional Council) and the scoring matrix based on the input from today's session and share out with the Council on November 21 to review
- The Regional Council will provide feedback and input to the RMP Team between November 21 and December 2 to update as needed
- The Regional Council will endorse the finalized application and scoring matrix in the December 12th meeting

Sub-Committees for 2023



Discussion Recap:

- Council members participated in an Innovation Lab around the opportunity for a capital project to address the lack of inpatient treatment beds in the region, presented by Levon Hupfer from the District Attorney's Office.
- **An Innovation Lab is a space for innovation, creativity and taking risks** that council members or other stakeholders might not be able to take individually or within their own organizations alone and an opportunity to lift innovative ideas to see if there is interest in digging into it further.
- Opportunities lifted during the Innovation Lab include:
 - Could apply for state infrastructure fund
 - Need to scope additional funding sources in addition to infrastructure fund
 - Potential to partner with other regions
 - Need to consider staffing as challenge, not just a brick and mortar
 - Some of the regional share could be reserved to support with funding for staffing
 - This helps with the continuum of care
- View slides from the presentation [HERE](#)



Action Taken:

- The Regional Council formed a Capital Subcommittee to further explore opportunity for a youth residential treatment center with the following representation:
 - Levon Hupfer
 - Commissioner O'Dorisio
 - Chief May
 - Chief Quick



Next Steps:

- The RMP Team will work with subcommittee members to action plan outreach to other stakeholders that should be invited to participate, including:
 - Community Reach Center
 - Broomfield Regional Council
 - G-ROC (Jefferson, Gilpin, Clear Creek Regional Council)
 - Arapahoe County Regional Council
 - Weld County Regional Council
- The RMP Team will work with the Target Setting Subcommittee (Kelly Weidenbach, Peter Padilla, Glenn Robinson) to action plan their work going into 2023.

Public Comment



Discussion Recap:

- Opportunities and insights that were shared during public comment include:
 - It is important to consider family supports to stop generational cycles of substance abuse
 - There exists an opportunity to combat the stigma associated with
 - It is important to address co-occurring mental health struggles, as often times substance use is how individuals are coping with untreated or unmanaged mental health challenges
 - Fentanyl is the biggest challenge that many affected friends and family members are experiencing and reporting
 - There continues to be a significant gap in knowledge or understanding of fentanyl, not only with community but also with service providers, educators, the court system, etc.



Action Taken:

- The Council agreed that distributing a fact sheet on Fentanyl in the community as soon as possible is a priority, and if one exists already they do not need to recreate the wheel



Next Steps:

- Levon and Chief May will share their organizations' existing fentanyl fact sheets/presentations with the RMP Team
- The RMP Team will do some research to see what other fact sheets exist
- The RMP Team will share with the Regional Council what fentanyl fact sheets exist in order to confirm if any changes/additions are needed before they are widely shared out in the region

Looking Ahead - Upcoming Sessions



November 30, 2022: State of the Rocky Mountain Partnership Event

- **Time:**
 - 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Check In
 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Program and Panel
 - 3:00 PM Happy Hour
- **Location:** Parson's Theatre, 1 E Mem Pkwy Northglenn, CO 80233
- *If you haven't already, please RSVP [HERE!](#)*

December 12, 2022: Adams County Opioid Regional Council Meeting

- **Time:** 3:00-4:00 PM
- **Location:** Zoom
- **RSVP** [HERE](#)