



Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC)

Meeting #1 Minutes (Draft, Pending Approval)

March 31st, 2022, 10:00am-12:00pm

Members Present: Phil Weiser, Heather Ihrig, Andy Kerr, David Frank, Lori Laske, KC Hume, Nancy Rodgers, Janet Rowland, Aaron Miltenberger, Christian Champagne, Scott Weaver,

DOL Staff: Matt Baca, John Feeny-Coyle Amy Berkowitz-Caplan, Heidi Williams, David Baumgarten, Jamie Feld, Gina Cannan, Victoria Nava-Watson, Monte Dube

Guests: Lisandra Gonzales, Jody Nowicki, Jessica Eaddy, Jamie Feld, Ben Nash, Lindsey Simbeye, Rich Bottner, Sara Stevens, Seth Klamann, Rose Pugliese, Kevin Bommer, Chris Long, Rose Pugliese, Christine Zeitvogel, Mary Gasperlin, Bryan Schmidt, John Curalli

Welcome and Introduction

AG Weiser provided a welcome to the COAC, and introduced the DOL Opioid Response team and COAC appointees

Administrative Support for COAC Responsibilities

Presented by John Feeny-Coyle, Senior Assistant AG in Opioid Response Unit

John Feeny-Coyle led discussion regarding the necessary administrative responsibilities to support COAC activities. Responsibilities include the collection of 2-year plans, reporting distribution data, collecting expenditure data, and general administrative support.

*Motion to have the Department of Law manage the administrative responsibilities for the COAC.
Moved: 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne. Second: Mayor Pro Tem. David Frank (City of Montrose).
Unanimously approved.*

Memorandum of Understanding

Presented by John Feeny-Coyle, Senior Assistant AG in Opioid Response Unit

John Feeny-Coyle provided high level insights into the points of the MoU as it relates to COAC to inform committee members as to their roles. Council role is to provide oversight of the regional funds, and to facilitate collaboration across the state.

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Opioid Settlements Funds and Overview of DOL

Presented by John Feeny-Coyle, Senior Assistant AG in Opioid Response Unit

John Feeny-Coyle discussion regarding designation of a point of contact with the national administrator that is responsible for communicating with national administrator.

Mayor Pro Tem. of Montrose Dave Frank recommended appointment of Attorney General Phil Weiser as point of contact due to the Department of Law also taking on the administrative responsibilities

Motion to appoint Attorney General Phil Weiser as point of contact with the national administrator.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Frank. Second: Commissioner Scott Weaver (Yuma County). Unanimously approved.

Fund Distribution Overview and Processes

Presented by John Feeny-Coyle, Senior Assistant AG in Opioid Response Unit and Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response

John Feeny-Coyle provided an overview of the distribution of funds and led discussion regarding process by which local governments can opt out of receiving direct allocations, due to the potential burden of reporting outweighing the benefit of direct allocations to smaller local governments

Motion to approve process by which local governments can opt out of receiving settlement funds and redirect them to regions, with modification to include reporting requirements.

Moved: Commissioner Lori Laske (Alamosa County). Second: Aaron Miltenberger. Unanimously approved.

John and Heidi Williams discussed the purpose of the 2-year plan and provided an overview of the template for the 2-year plan.

Motion to approve the 2 Year Plan template.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Frank. Second: Commissioner Weaver. Unanimously approved

State Conference

Presented by Attorney General Weiser

AG Weiser discussed the COAC formally co-sponsoring state conference with the Department of Law to generate ideas, share successes, and identify best practices to support regions across the state.

Motion to approve formal co-sponsorship with the Department of Law for the state conference.

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*Moved: Moffat County Sheriff KC Hume. Second: Commissioner Weaver.
Unanimously approved*



COAC By-Laws

Presented by Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response

Heidi Williams led a discussion regarding need to establish COAC bylaws to form a sub-committee to establish and review bylaws. Heidi asked for COAC volunteers to support Executives in Residence David Baumgarten and Monte Dube.

City & County of Broomfield Attorney Nancy Rodgers, Mayor Pro Tem. of Montrose Dave Frank, and Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske volunteered.

Local Government Regions Toolkit

Heidi discussed the DOL developed toolkit to supporting regions in developing their region council and asked for approval of the by the COAC.

*Motion to approve Local Government Regions Toolkit.
Moved: Commissioner Weaver. Second: Sheriff Hume.
Unanimously approved.*

State Orientation

Presented by Gina Cannan, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Gina Cannan provided compliance trainings with an overview of Open Meetings Law, CORA, and ADA.

Closing Comments and Adjournment

Heidi Williams provided an overview of next steps and upcoming meetings, including the annual conference on August 15th and 16th in Denver and the next meeting in COAC meeting in May.

Heidi thanked everyone and called for any questions before concluding the meeting