



Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC)

Administrative Committee

Meeting #24

August 7th, 2025
9:00am – 10:30am

Appointees: Aaron Miltenberger, Dave Frank, Nancy Rodgers, Lori Laske, Terrence Gordon, Terry Hofmeister, Dr. Brandi Freeman, Miles Lucero, Josh Blum

DOL Staff: Jamie Feld, Jack Patterson, Natalie Sandoval, Christian Dykson, Mindy Baumgardner

Guests: José Esquibel

Welcome and Introductions

AG Weiser welcomed members and acknowledged Council collaboration and the upcoming statewide conference, then yielded facilitation to ORU Staff.

As the first agenda time, the council was presented with meeting minutes from the June 2025 meeting for review and approval.

Lori Laske moved to approve the June 2025 minutes.

Dave Frank seconded.

Unanimously approved.

Infrastructure Share Funding Priorities

ORU Staff introduced proposed updates to the Infrastructure Share funding priorities. A new priority was added to better direct resources to applications serving rural, underserved, and disproportionately impacted regions or communities of Colorado. Members also discussed the related phrasing and supported using “additional consideration” rather than “higher priority” for such applications to avoid implying an absolute preference. Further, members affirmed that Infrastructure Share dollars are distinct from federal funds, and that the policy language should reflect that distinction.

ORU Staff outlined additional edits developed through committee review: striking the prior “previously funded entities” priority to avoid penalizing successful grantees; combining overlapping priorities to streamline the list; and aligning terminology with the MOU and current practice. These revisions aimed to “evergreen” the policy over the 18-year settlement period while preserving the Council’s intent.

Infrastructure Share Policy (Voting Item)

The Administrative Committee Chair, Nancy Rodgers, presented revisions to the Infrastructure Share Policy, noting that most edits were non-substantive clean-ups to align terminology with the MOU and current practice. She highlighted moving the policy’s purpose into the Executive Summary, adding a definition of eligible entities (participating local governments, local governments, and state agencies), and clarifying fund-flow realities (i.e., some payments were made to other administrators or directly to the Department of Law). She recommended adoption so the updated funding-priority language would be in place ahead of the Round 4 launch this fall.

Infrastructure Share Round 4

ORU Staff reported that all Round 3 awards had been accepted and funded, with first quarterly progress reports due this month. Staff sought approval to launch Round 4 in October 2025, with an application window of ~10 weeks. The Council discussed a potential larger funding amount (historically \$5M per round; up to ~\$10M may be proposed in October, subject to staffing capacity). To support a fair, high-quality review, ORU Staff shared a two-minute, non-binding evaluator interest form (link shared in chat) and noted plans for expanded office hours to assist first-time applicants. The Council voiced support for streamlining the process and ensuring technical assistance reaches entities in greatest need.

Region 3 Request

Staff summarized 2024 expenditure review outcomes: three entities—Region 3 (Weld County), Region 6 (Boulder County), and the Town of Windsor—reported expenditures outside Exhibit E (e.g., interdiction equipment and canine units). In early July 2025, communications went to all parties clarifying that law-enforcement interdiction expenses not listed in Exhibit E are not allowable; Region 3 then preemptively disclosed a previously executed 2025 canine contract. Council discussion weighed the 2024 Exhibit A→E transition timeline and July 2025 clarification against the need to uphold Exhibit E going forward. The Council approved a motion acknowledging Region 3’s preemptive disclosure and directing staff to: (1) inform Region 3 of the Council’s determination; (2) develop and return with draft communications to provide clear, statewide guidance (including a request for preemptive disclosures of any potential non-allowable spending); and (3) be explicit that interdiction-focused expenditures are not allowable going forward.

Nancy Rodgers moved to approve the Region 3 request.

Dave Frank seconded.

Unanimously approved.

2025 Conference

ORU Staff reported the COAC Conference is October 27, 2025, in Loveland; ~360 attendees were registered as of the meeting. Day two’s RARE convening (following the COAC conference day) was sold out, with additional slots to open as cancellations occur. Staff will return to committees with a draft agenda, including the timing for an on-site COAC meeting, and invited suggestions for session topics and grantee highlights.

Opioid Response Unit Updates

The Review Committee approved 5280 High School’s Round 3 amendment to reallocate capital funds to bus purchases; committee comments indicated no change to goals or outcomes and that the shift would improve access for students. ORU Staff also described guidance in development with the Administrative Committee on (a) administrative vs. indirect costs—given the MOU’s clarity on administrative costs and silence on indirects—and (b) capital assets guardrails and clarifications; the Administrative Committee held a robust discussion and expects to bring formal recommendations back to COAC.

ORU Staff reported the Purdue sign-on was active, with an estimated ~\$76M to Colorado; the deadline is September 30, 2025. A separate sign-on covering eight “secondary manufacturers” is estimated at ~\$12M, with a deadline of October 8, 2025.

Staff encouraged local governments to opt in and reach out to opioids@coag.gov with questions; a how-to guide had been prepared, and coordination with CCI and CML was underway. Staff also hoped to offer a single consolidated form for the eight secondary settlements

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Adjourn