



Region 12 Opioid Council July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Introductions and Attendance

| Voting Members | Present (Y/N)? |
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| Commissioner Abe Laydon: Douglas County | Y |
| Councilman Roger Hudson: Castle Pines City Council | Y |
| Jason Kennedy: Douglas County Sheriff's Office | Y |
| Mike Hill: Douglas County Health Department | Y |
| Ruby Richards: Douglas County Human Services | Y |
| Chief Jim Tsurapas: Parker Police Department (<i>Joe Degenhart for Chief Tsurapas</i>) | Y |
| Lori Griffith: 23 rd Judicial District Probation (<i>Mario Mendoza for Lori</i>) | Y |
| Chief Kirk Wilson: Lone Tree Police Department | Y |
| Commander Tim Gorman: Castle Rock Police Department | Y |
| Ruben Medina: Aurora City Council | Y |
| Tarissa Vincent: South Metro Fire and Rescue | Y |
| Darcy Kofol: 23 rd Judicial District Attorney's Office (<i>via phone</i>) | Y |

Quorum met (12 members)

| County Staff Support |
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| Carolyn Riggs: Douglas County Procurement |
| Jill Janz: Douglas County Finance |
| Shelby Quezada: Douglas County Finance |
| Advisory Members / General Public |
| Anne Holstrom: Valley Hope |
| Anne Markley: TESSA |
| Arielle Denis: Douglas County Attorney's Office |
| Becky Bressan: Valley Hope |
| Calli Tucker: City of Aurora Crisis Intervention Team |
| Kelli Smith: Douglas County School District |
| Jack Patterson: Colorado Attorney General's Office |
| Jennifer Eby: Douglas County |
| Jerry Van Leuven: The Aspen Effect |

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| Kalena Rodriguez: Built to Recover |
| Kevin Duffy: Citizen Representative |
| Kirsten Swanson: Douglas County Community Foundation |
| Laura Ciancone: Douglas County |
| Lisa Battan: City of Aurora |
| Marsha Alston: Douglas County Youth Initiative |
| Mary Friedman: South Metro Fire and Rescue |
| Nicole Martin: Community Member |
| Sarah Packard: Douglas County |
| Savannah Putnam: HardBeauty |
| Shannon Beemer: The Recovery Village |
| Terri Wiebold: The Castle Pines Connection |
| Omni Institute Members |
| Rhiannon Streight |
| Lindsay Houston |
| Shon Reed |
| Lauren Rosenbaum |
| Thao Lam |

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Meeting Minutes Approval

June 2025

- **Motion:** Roger Hudson
- **Second:** Jason Kennedy
- **Discussion/Opposition:** None
- **Motion passed**

Facilitation Feedback

Omni shared feedback from Councilmembers about successes and takeaways from previous facilitations. Suggestions included a more streamlined process to deliver funding to the community, and upholding accountability in decision-making, action items, and follow-ups with Council leadership.

Councilmember Norms & Expectations Review

Members of the Council are one of the following:



- **Councilmembers** are often elected officials and government employees as outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Since Councilmembers hold voting responsibilities, attendance is tracked to ensure Councilmembers can take action and guide direction of the Region 12 Council.
 - **Council Leadership** includes the Chair, Co-Chair, and County staff support. Leadership approve and set monthly agendas, attend regular leadership meetings, and are the first reviewers of external requests.
- **Advisory members** often include community members, citizens, and people with lived experience. While advisory members do not hold voting responsibilities and may not participate in official Council business outside of regular Council meetings, they provide valuable subject matter and lived experience expertise for the Region 12 Council.
- Discussion – Kevin Duffy brought forth that advisory members can participate in workgroups, though any decisions, deliverables, etc. must be brought back to Councilmembers and for voting for the Council’s work. Tarissa Vincent clarified that in the event of a vote, an alternative may be designated to vote on a Councilmember’s behalf.

Finance Updates

- Shelby Quezada from Douglas County Finance shares financial status update
 - Total Anticipated Funds Available-to-Date: \$5,974,158.19
 - Funds Requested-to-Date: \$2,390,095.66
 - Total Expenditure Amount Available to Date: \$622,280.66
 - Estimated Anticipated Total Funding (2022-2038): \$19,777,932.59
- Round 1 Request for Quote (RFQ) funded programs with contracts ending this year include Valley Hope, All Health Network, HardBeauty, Douglas County School District, Skyride CO, CRT, and SE2. Additional funded programs for 2024-2025 include Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) Designated Emergency Fund, CRT Deputy, HardBeauty Gap Funding, HardBeauty COAC Match, and Valley Hope Patient Essential Funds.
 - Discussion – More money has been delivered to the community in the past 6 to 9 months than in the first RFQ process. Omni will update the HardBeauty Gap Funding and COAC Match numbers. Kevin Duffy clarified whether DCCF’s contract is still in progress. DCCF and Douglas County will be working to present to team in upcoming Council meeting.
- Region 12 Standard Payment Schedule - Proposes the first 50% of funding to be disbursed in the beginning, and the last 50% after contract completion.
 - This is to allow flexibility in contract execution while ensuring accountability. The County is also flexible with the schedule, and Omni can assist in tracking evaluation data, up through the final payment.

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- Discussion – Councilmembers clarified contract final payment and language. Advisory members shared nonprofit perspectives in which challenges lie in the funding and data collection and accuracy processes before final payment. County staff support suggested alternatives, such as changing the payment timeline, or giving 100% funding upfront and implementing contract monitoring. Kristen Swanson from DCCF suggested another alternative for DCCF to support contract monitoring and approval processes.
- Action items
 - Council Leadership will discuss at the next leadership meeting to reformat the payment schedule for the Council's review next meeting.
 - DCCF will contact the Council about the proposed grant management support.

Evaluation Updates

- Omni is currently gathering Quarter 2 data from funded partners and further data information from The Steadman Group (TSG).
- Omni shared evaluation updates of Quarter 1 data for Valley Hope, DCSD, Skyride CO, HardBeauty, All Health Network, and SE2. Data included numbers of people served and referred, staff trained, strategies implemented, etc.; demographics of service recipients; and quarterly highlights from funded organizations.
- Omni is continuing to assess TSG's data and data collection processes, and will connect with funded organizations to establish evaluation processes. Omni is also working to streamline the data collection process with an updated survey.

Discussions and Decisions

- **External request for The Aspen Effect:** The external request was not discussed at this meeting.
- **Designated Fund Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** There will be a review of the MOU prior to the August Council meeting, to allow for voting at the August meeting. Omni will be in touch regarding a kickoff call for the Designated Fund Review Committee for a review of timeline and responsibility.
- **Detox/Withdrawal management efforts:** As there is currently no dedicated detox facility in Douglas County and hospital emergency departments are at capacity, Abe Laydon discussed the goal of a co-located facility at/near a hospital. Conversations have occurred with Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, Common Spirit Hospital, and SkyRidge Hospital, and about licensure and permitting areas. Since the detox fund has been spent in Region 12, the region will need to make another request to the COAC, with a goal to receive matching funds from the hospitals. The spenddown request for September will be reviewed, to allow for voting at the September meeting.

Closing



- Agenda items for the next few meetings relating to funding requests and Round 1 RFQs were discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm MT
- **Next meeting:** August 7, 2025, at 9am MT