

Douglas County Opioid Council

October 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Introductions and Attendance

Voting Members	Present? (Y/N)
Commissioner Abe Laydon: Douglas County	Y
Councilman Roger Hudson: Castle Pines City Council	Y
Jason Kennedy: Douglas County Sheriff's Office (<i>Ron Hanavan for Jason Kennedy</i>)	Y
Mike Hill: Douglas County Health Department	Y
Ruby Richards: Douglas County Human Services	Y
Chief Jim Tsurapas: Parker Police Department	N
Lori Griffith: 23 rd Judicial District Probation	Y
Chief Kirk Wilson: Lone Tree Police Department (<i>Tim Beals for Kirk Wilson</i>)	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>Emily Cordes for Darcy Kofol</i>)	Y

Quorum met (11 members)

Advisory Members / General Public and County Staff Support
Anne Markley: TESSA
Arielle Denis: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Becky Bressan: Valley Hope
Caitlyn Dorsey: HardBeauty
Caroline Frizell: Douglas County Communications
Carolyn Riggs: Douglas County Procurement
Christie Guthrie: Douglas County Finance
Hope Ebel: Douglas County School District
Jack Patterson: Colorado Attorney General's Office
Jeff Garcia: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Jennifer Eby: Douglas County
Jennifer Yates: One Chance to Grow Up
Josefina Milliner: CASA

Katie Craft: AllHealth Network
Kevin Duffy: Juvenile Assessment Center
Kristin Carpenter: Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
Laura Ciancone: Douglas County
Marissa Bovee: TESSA
Maureen Waller: Douglas County
Meli Reumann: AllHealth Network
Melissa Everts: 23 rd Judicial District Recovery Court
Mikhail Talley: SE2
Morgan Gandara-Behr: City of Aurora
Raquel Garcia: HardBeauty
Ruben Medina: City of Aurora
Sarah Davenport: CASA
Savannah Putnam: HardBeauty
Sharon Griffin: Running Creek Counseling
Susan Searle: TESSA
Omni Institute Members
Rhiannon Streight
Lindsay Houston
Shon Reed
Lauren Rosenbaum
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Meeting Minutes Approval

September 2025

- **Motion:** Roger Hudson
- **Second:** Mike Hill
- **Discussion/Opposition:** None
- **Motion passed**

Discussions and Decisions

- **External Requests:** The external funding request process was established to ensure community needs reach the Council more quickly and efficiently. Recently, the Council received three similar requests related to youth prevention. In response, the Council heard from The Aspen Effect in August, TESSA in September, and is hearing from Advocates for Children CASA in October, to allow the Council to make well-informed funding decisions.

- **Funding Request by Advocates for Children CASA:** Josefina Milliner and Sarah Davenport from Advocates for Children CASA (CASA) presented the program's objectives and impact to improve the substance use crisis for children, focused on early intervention, stability, advocacy. See [slide deck](#) for specifics. CASA is requesting \$30,000 to help support programming and funding. The Council discussed further specific programs under the request, and also shared perspectives and testimonies of CASA's work.
- **Summary of Requests:** Omni summarized the three external requests from The Aspen Effect, TESSA, and CASA, respectively presented at the August, September, and October's Council meetings.
- **Next Steps:** The Council discussed next steps for external funding requests. Options included moving requesting organizations to a Request for Proposal (RFP) process or through a Region 12 Grant process. The Council discussed these options, advantages and considerations, and potential funding limits for certain processes.
 - A motion was made that Region 12 will move an applicant through the Grant Process if the funding request is \$100,000 or less. Applicants will move through an RFP process with requests over \$100,000.
 - **Motion:** Roger Hudson
 - **Second:** Ron Hanavan
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**
 - The Council then discussed moving the three current requesting organizations (The Aspen Effect, TESSA, and CASA) to the Region 12 Grant Process.
 - A motion was made to move all the current funding requests from The Aspen Effect, TESSA, and CASA to the Region 12 Grant application process.
 - **Motion:** Abe Laydon
 - **Second:** Roger Hudson
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**
 - Omni Institute will be in touch with each of the three organizations to move them through the Grant application process for Council review.
- **Detox/Crisis Stabilization Presentation**
 - Laura Ciancone from Douglas County presented on the Detox/Crisis Stabilization update. Due to emergency departments in Douglas County being the major entry point for mental and behavioral health crises, there is a need for alternative care settings to triage crises, such as a one-stop shop for crisis stabilization facility with withdrawal management capability. The search has reviewed 17 potential sites to date and will narrow to 1-2 sites by mid-October. The Council will receive updates on the search in the November meeting. The ask for the Council is for support and approval to move forward with site identification and negotiation, and to reconvene the Detox Workgroup. The Council also discussed the request to draw down dollars to act when a facility is identified and approved.
- **November Funding Request**

The Council discussed making a funding request for the November 2025 request.

- Dollars to support YR1 funded programs Council wants to continue beyond 2025 (does not include 1-offs like CRT assessment, SE2 Campaigns): **~\$562,000**
- Dollars to support facilitation/evaluation (detox bucket has supported this since 2024): **~\$100,000**
- Dollars to support new youth prevention requests, should Council choose to fund any of them: ~\$320,000
- Dollars to support Crisis Stabilization project up front match: **~\$3,400,000**
- Total to draw down request for November funding request (estimate): **\$4,482,000**
- A motion was made to approve the above dollar amounts for a November funding request.
 - **Motion:** Ron Hanavan
 - **Second:** Roger Hudson
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**

Closing

- **Next Meeting:** November 6, 2025, at 9am MT, virtual