

Region 12 Opioid Council

June 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Introductions and Attendance

Voting Members	Present (Y/N)?
Commissioner Abe Laydon: Douglas County	N
Jason Kennedy: Douglas County Sheriff's Office Division Chief/Chief of Staff	Y
Mike Hill: Douglas County Health Department	Y
Ruby Richards: Douglas County Human Services	Y
Chief Jim Tsurapas: Parker Police Department	N
Lori Griffith: 23rd Judicial District Probation	Y
Councilman Roger Hudson: Castle Pines City Council	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 (Mary Friedman for Tarissa Vincent)	Y
Darcy Kofol: 23rd JD Attorney's Office	N
County Staff Support	
Maureen Waller: Douglas County	Y
Jill Janz: Douglas County Finance	Y
Carolyn Riggs: Douglas County Procurement	Y
Jeff Garcia: Douglas County Attorney	Y
Advisory Members/General Public	
Becky Bressan: Valley Hope	Y
Kortney Poire: Valley Hope	Y
Jon Siebert: Valley Hope	Y
Katie Kraft: AllHealth Network	Y
Meli Reumann: AllHealth Network	Y
Kevin Duffy, Citizen Representative	Y
Laura Ciancone: Douglas County	Y
Savannah Putnam: HardBeauty	Y
Terri Wiebold: Castle Pines CONNECTION newspaper	Y
Nicole Martin: Douglas County Resident	Y
Jerry Van Leuven: The Aspen Effect	Y
Jennifer Eby, Douglas County	Y
Anessa Minner-Lee	Y
Kirsten Swanson: Douglas County Community Foundation	Y

Quorum (7 members) met

Meeting Minutes Approval

- April 2025
 - **Motion: Mike Hill**
 - **Second: Roger Hudson**
 - **Discussion/Opposition: None**
 - **Motion passed**
- May 2025
 - **Motion: Ruby Richards**
 - **Second: Roger Hudson**
 - **Discussion/Opposition: None**
 - **Motion passed**

Finance Updates

- Council evaluation discussion, Jeff Garcia: Asks Council preferred approach to handling remaining evaluation contract with Steadman Group.
- Discussion: Council feels no reason to duplicate evaluation efforts. Jeff suggests a meeting with Omni and Steadman to facilitate the transition of data and process.
- Motion to give TSG 10 days notice to end evaluation contract and meet with Omni to discuss transition.
 - **Motion: Roger Hudson**
 - **Second: Kirk Wilson**
 - **Discussion/Opposition: None**
 - **Motion passes**
- DougCo Finance, Jill Janz 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
 - Est. Anticipated Total Funding (2022-2038): \$19,777,932.59

Evaluation Updates: Shon Reed

- Omni Shares general evaluation plan/approach.
- Will align work with Steadman evaluation approach and assess where things can be streamlined and simplified.
- Dedicated evaluation team ready to troubleshoot issues and address questions

Discussions and Decisions

- **SE2 Campaign Update: Rodger Hudson**
 - Roger Hudson voiced issues with the SE2 campaign as it currently stands. Hoping for a campaign that is less Denver-centric and more tailored to the County.

- County Communications dept and Council leadership are working on the campaign and managing the relationship with SE2.
- Final update coming from Caroline Frizzel County Communications director at the next meeting.
- **Hard Beauty Hospital/Jail In-Reach: Savannah Putnam**
 - Skyridge program moving forward well.
 - Some challenges emerging with scope of work and Douglas County Jail program.
 - Only Racquel has been cleared to enter the facility. DCJ has requested HardBeauty use tablets for peer outreach rather than allowing them in the jail. This does not align with the approved plan the Council funded or Hard Beauty's proven approach to recovery support services.
 - Retired Chief Kevin Duffy and Division Chief Jason Kennedy are meeting to advocate to address the issue directly with DCJ leadership and Chief Phil Domenico.
- **DCCF Designated Fund Update: Kirsten Swanson**
 - DCCF is finalizing the MOU, will review at July meeting.
 - DCCF looking for 5 people to serve as expert review team for incoming applications. Must have behavioral health and local knowledge.
 - Volunteers: Meil Reuman, Kevin Duffy, Laura Ciancone, Katie Craft, Nicole Martin, Ruby Richards, Jennifer Eby, Savannah P
 - *Action item: Omni to convene group. Omni to find non-discloser/conflict of interest form for group to sign.*
- **Valley Hope Proposal: Becky Brassan and Kortney Poire**
 - Review of ask. Valley Hope of Parker seeking \$100K for their patient essential fund to support people entering the Parker sober living facility with financial barriers. Award would assist at least 90 patients in their assistance to sober living.
 - Questions/discussions:
 - Concerns with ensuring the funding supports primarily Douglas County residents. Discussion ensues around the transient nature of most patients and the importance of supporting unhoused people with SUDs in the County. Valley Hope explains the process patients go through to be eligible for these funds which requires confirmation of financial duress. Council discusses whether or not to withhold funds specifically for Dougco residents only. Decides this is not supportive of the overall goal to reduce SUDs in the county.
 - Valley Hope will track # of uninsured/Medicaid recipients; Dougco residents served; location of sober living

- **Motion to fund Valley Hope \$100K for patient essential fund: Roger Hudson**
- **Second: Commander Gorman**
- **Discussion/Opposition: none**
- **Motion passes**

- **COST Allocation: Rhiannon Streight**
 - Council discussion to allocate floating \$12,756.21 funds in COST to the detox/withdrawal management funding bucket. This location can be changed at any time.

 - **Motion: Rodger Hudson**
 - **Second: Ruby Richards**
 - **Discussion/Opposition: none**
 - **Motion passed**

Closing

- Next meeting lands on 7/3. Council decided to reschedule for the following **Thursday 7/10 at 11am.**

- Advisory member question about the Aspen Effect program to support youth with SUDs. Council leadership suggests using the new external requests process and taking this offline to determine appropriate next steps. More to come in July.