

Douglas County Opioid Council

March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Introductions and Attendance

Voting Members	Present? (Y/N)
Commissioner Abe Laydon: Douglas County	Y
Councilman Ron Cole: City of Castle Pines	Y
Jason Kennedy: Douglas County Sheriff's Office (<i>Ron Hanavan for Jason Kennedy</i>)	Y
Mike Hill: Douglas County Health Department	N
Ruby Richards: Douglas County Human Services	Y
Chief Jim Tsurapas: Parker Police Department	Y
Lori Griffith: 23 rd Judicial District Probation	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>Kelley Dziedzic for Darcy Kofol</i>)	Y

Quorum met (11 members)

Advisory Members / General Public and County Staff Support
Arielle Denis: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Caroline Frizell: Douglas County Communications
Carolyn Riggs: Douglas County Procurement
Felicia Walton: Children's Hospital Colorado
Hope Ebel: Douglas County School District
Jack Patterson: Colorado Attorney General's Office
Jeff Garcia: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Jennifer Eby: Douglas County Community Services
Jerry Van Leuven: The Aspen Effect
Katie Craft: AllHealth Network
Katie Flamand: SE2
Kevin Duffy: Citizen Representative
Kortney Poire: Valley Hope

Laura Ciancone: Douglas County Human Services
Maureen Waller: Douglas County Manager's Office
Meli Reumann: AllHealth Network
Mikhail Talley: SE2
Natalie Hazemi: Children's Hospital Colorado
Nicole Martin: Citizen Representative
Sarah Davenport: Advocates for Children CASA
Sarah Packard: Douglas County Communications
Sharon Griffin: Running Creek Counseling
Omni Institute Members
Ailala Kay
Rhiannon Streight
Lindsay Houston
Arden Trewartha
Thao Lam

Note: "Discussions and Decisions" agenda items require a vote, and were shifted towards the beginning of the meeting to accommodate for voting members' schedules and ensuring quorum for votes.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The Council voted to approve minutes from the February 2026 meeting.

- **Motion:** Ruby Richards
- **Second:** Ron Hanavan
- **Discussion/Opposition:** N/A
- **Motion passed**

Evaluation Updates

- **CRT Deputy and Valley Hope's Patient Essentials Needs Fund Data Update:** Omni shared program evaluation data updates from CRT Deputy and Valley Hope's Patient Essential Needs Fund (PENF). See [slide deck](#) for details.
 - **Valley Hope PENF's Second Payment Release:** Valley Hope's PENF's contract states that 50% of funding is paid upfront, and 50% is paid at the midpoint period after submission of evaluation data and collaboration with Omni.
 - The Council discussed and voted to release the second payment of \$50,000 for the Valley Hope PENF program.

- **Motion:** Ron Hanavan
 - **Second:** Ron Cole
 - **Opposition:** N/A
 - **Motion passed**
- **Funded Programs' Data Updates:** Omni shared program evaluation data updates from the five (5) organizations/programs whose funding by the Council started in 2025: AllHealth Network, Douglas School County District, HardBeauty, Sky Ride, and Valley Hope. See [slide deck](#) for details on program data evaluation.
 - **Prioritization Survey:** Omni shared that, as of March 4, 2026, there were 293 responses to the survey. The survey closes March 9, 2026, after which Omni will share the results with the Council in the April meeting.

SE2's Youth and Adult Prevention Campaign Results

- Mikhail Talley and Katie Flamand from SE2 provided an overview and review of impacts and insights of both the Youth and Adult Prevention Campaigns. For both campaigns, SE2 produced ad creatives featuring Douglas County residents through video and static messaging. The campaign included landing pages and toolkits, paid and sponsored media placements, and integrated feedback from Council workgroup and leadership.
- SE2 highlighted campaign metrics for each campaign, including sponsored placements, digital paid media, earned media, billboard media, location-based media, and national cine-media. See [SE2's slide deck](#) for specifics.
 - Sarah Packard from Douglas County Communications highlighted the accomplishment of the campaign's metric, where 18 mentions in news media reached ~2.7 million people and generated an estimated \$1 million in advertisement value. This is the approximate cost for advertising that the Council would have to expend for the same reach through regular paid and sponsored promotions.

Discussions and Decisions

- **Omni Contract Amendment:** Omni reviewed the amendment of increase in funds to Omni's contract to account for the evaluation of the five (5) additional Douglas County Opioid Council (DCOC)-funded programs.
 - Councilmembers discussed the contract amendment terms and voted to approve the amendment.
 - **Motion:** Ruby Richards
 - **Second:** Ron Hanavan

- **Discussion/Opposition:** N/A
- **Motion passed**
- **Crisis Stabilization RFP:** The Council received one application for the Crisis Stabilization Request for Proposal (RFP). Voting members also attended an executive session on February 18, 2026 to review the RFP scoring metrics.
 - Councilmembers expressed excitement, discussed the amendment, and voted to approve Children’s Hospital’s Crisis Stabilization RFP.
 - **Motion:** Ron Cole
 - **Second:** Ruby Richards
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** N/A
 - **Motion passed**
- **CRT Reallocation and March COST Funding Request**
 - **Summary:** \$209,000 was initially allocated for CRT (Community Response Team) Data Assessment in 2024. Due to a County shift, CRT came back with new request of \$190,000 in 2025 for CRT Deputy support. The Council considered this a *new* request; the County considered this *replacement* request. The request was approved in May 2025, and the CRT Deputy work started in October 2025. This resulted in \$209,000 in requested but unallocated funds that was identified during the 2025 expenditure reporting process.
 - **Recommendation:** Reallocate the funds to a general Exhibit E category that can be adjusted once new funding priorities are established.
 - **Considerations:** The next opportunity to draw down funds is March 15, 2026, and there will not be another opportunity until September 15, 2026; it is necessary that the Council ensures that summer RFPs can still be funded. The Council has requested ~31% of total Regional Opioid Abatement Council (ROAC) funding. Available dollars will plateau and decrease over time. In 2025, ~ \$2 million was added, and the settlement will end around 2040. The Council must also spend the requested amount in two (2) years.
 - In addition to the \$1,120,416 COST funding balance, there is ~\$332,000 available but unallocated funds to utilize:
 - ~\$71,000 in interest
 - ~\$52,000 left over from an old admin request
 - \$209,000 reallocation from CRT Data Assessment
 - The following funding dollars were shared (see [slide deck](#) for details):
 - Anticipated total funding over the next 18 years: \$21,849,721.60
 - Jack Patterson from the Colorado Attorney General’s Office shared the following future funding estimates:

- 2026 allocation – with current projections, ~\$1.4 million
 - 2027 allocation – decrease to ~\$1.1 million
 - 2028-2030 allocation – in the ~\$1.4 million range, then will steadily drop off from there
 - Current funding to date: \$7,890,402.00
 - Funding requested: \$6,769,985.66
 - Funding balance: \$1,120,416.34
- The Council discussed the CRT reallocation and March COST funding request, and voted to draw down the currently available funding balance of \$1,120,416.34.
 - **Motion:** Kirk Wilson
 - **Second:** Ron Cole
 - **Opposition:** N/A
 - **Motion passed**

Additional Conversations

- **DCOC Website and Resources Updates:** Following a non-Councilmember's request, Douglas County's Communications Team and Omni collaborated to update the [DCOC resources page](#) on the website to enhance the visibility of the resources within the county.

Closing

- The March meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. MT.
- **Next meeting:** April 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. MT, virtual