

Douglas County Opioid Council

November 6, 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	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 (<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	N
Darcy Kofol: 23 rd Judicial District Attorney's Office (<i>Rena Hodge for Darcy Kofol</i>)	Y

Quorum met (10 members)

Advisory Members - General Public and County Staff Support
Allison Dodge: One Chance to Grow Up
Anne Holstrom: Valley Hope
Arielle Denis: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Bridget Cepalia: Soluna by Kooth
Carey Piggott: Douglas County Finance
Carolyn Riggs: Douglas County Procurement
Jack Patterson: Colorado Attorney General's Office
Jeff Garcia: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Jill Janz: Douglas County Finance
Jerry Van Leuven: The Aspen Effect
Kalena Rodriguez: Built to Recover
Katie Craft: AllHealth Network
Kevin Duffy: Citizen Representative
Kirsten Swanson: Douglas County Community Foundation

Kortney Poire: Valley Hope
Lisa Jacobs: Citizen Representative
Marissa Bovee: TESSA
Maureen Waller: Douglas County
Nicole Martin: Citizen Representative
Nikki Brooker: You Are Not Alone
Sarah Packard: Douglas County Communications
Savannah Putnam: HardBeauty
Shelby Quezada: Douglas County Finance
Trena Hand: Douglas County School District
Omni Institute (Omni) Members
Ailala Kay
Rhiannon Streight
Lindsay Houston
Shon Reed
Lauren Rosenbaum
Thao Lam

Meeting Minutes Approval

October 2025

- **Motion:** Jim Tsurapas
- **Second:** Ron Hanavan
- **Discussion/Opposition:** None
- **Motion passed**

Douglas County Substance Use Data Refresh

- In preparation for upcoming requests for proposals (RFP) processes in 2026, the Council reviewed some of the most updated accessible data on risks and factors related to substance use within Douglas County, neighboring counties, and statewide. While not meant to be exhaustive, the data does show current metrics in Douglas County. Omni presented on data and takeaways on topics such as fatal and non-fatal overdoses and binge-drinking students' demographics collected from publicly available sources, such as the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 2023 Healthy Kids Colorado](#), and the [County Health Rankings](#). See [slide deck](#) for specifics.
- Along with further data review in 2026 for upcoming RFP processes, early in the year, Omni plans to distribute a survey to providers across the county to obtain direct input on needs and challenges that can help inform the Council's crucial funding decisions.

Evaluation Updates

- Omni has been working closely with the Douglas County Council's five currently funded organizations (AllHealth Network, Douglas County School District, HardBeauty, Valley Hope, and Sky Ride) to gather each organization's programmatic data from Quarter 1 through Quarter 3 to support the Council in making further funding determinations for these organizations. The Council reviewed demographics and programmatic data for initiatives in youth prevention, case management, transportation, and more. See [slide deck](#) for specifics.

Renewal Determinations and Vote

- Following Omni's presentation on evaluation data of the five currently funded organizations, the Council addressed further feedback before voting on funding decisions. For each organization, a motion was made to vote on whether the Council will fund the organization for one more year.
 - AllHealth Network
 - **Motion:** Ruby Richards
 - **Second:** Roger Hudson
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**
 - Douglas County School District Youth Prevention Program
 - **Motion:** Roger Hudson
 - **Second:** Ron Hanavan
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**
 - HardBeauty
 - **Motion:** Roger Hudson
 - **Second:** Tim Gorman
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**
 - Valley Hope
 - **Motion:** Ruby Richards
 - **Second:** Tim Gorman
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**
 - Sky Ride
 - **Motion:** Ruby Richards
 - **Second:** Tim Gorman
 - **Discussion/Opposition:** None
 - **Motion passed**

- The Council voted to fund all five initially funded organizations for an additional year (current contracts end December 31, 2025). The final dollar amounts and any changes to the proposed scope of work for each organization will be determined in December.

Discussions and Decisions

- **Detox/Crisis Stabilization Progress 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 began with 17 sites and has narrowed down to 1 site.
 - Abe Laydon shared that the Children's Hospital Colorado South Campus, Highlands Ranch is willing to offer some key spaces for the crisis stabilization initiative. Children's Hospital is also willing to present to other hospitals about the successes and advantages of co-locating stabilization efforts within hospitals.
 - The Council will utilize the December meeting to reconvene the Detox Workgroup for crisis stabilization discussions.
- **SE2 Prevention Campaign Youth Press Conference:** This conference will take place on November 10, 2025, at 10:30am MT, in Castle Rock. The conference will feature the launch of the Douglas County Opioid Council's public awareness campaign for youth.
- **Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) Emergency Operations Fund**
 - The application link for the DCCF Emergency Operations Fund is live! The fund aims to support organizations focused on opioid and substance use disorder in aspects related to prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, or harm reduction. Interested organizations can view and share more information on the fund [here](#).
 - Kirsten Swanson from DCCF shared that two applications have been submitted, and that the review process is currently in place.
- **External Requests: Youth Prevention Grant Update**
 - Earlier this year, the external funding request process had been established to ensure community needs reach the Council more quickly and efficiently. Recently, the Council received three similar requests related to youth prevention. In Council meetings, the Council heard presentations from The Aspen Effect in August, TESSA in September, and Advocates for Children CASA in October, to allow the Council to make well-informed funding decisions. In October, the Council voted to move all three funding requests to the Region 12 Grant application process.
 - Omni shared that the Council has received applications from all three organizations. The review and voting process will be a quick turnaround, and the Council hopes to share funding decisions at the December Council meeting.
- **Infrastructure and Resilient Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) Grants**
 - The Infrastructure and Resilience Grants are two upcoming funding opportunities for interested organizations in Douglas County. There are a couple differences between the grants and their application processes, including:

- Funding for Infrastructure Grant is for two years, while Resilient Grant is 36 months.
- Infrastructure Grant requires the official applicant to be the Douglas County Opioid Council, while Resilient Grant is more lenient on entities applying.
- Infrastructure Grant does require a letter of acknowledgement from the region, for which Omni will share the external request form to request.
- The application for Resilient Grant closes couple weeks before Infrastructure Grant, which is due sometime in December.
- Interested entities can find out more information on the [Infrastructure Grant](#) and the [Resilient Grant](#).

Closing

- The Council decided that, due to end-of-year holidays, the in-person Council meeting can take place early in 2026. Savannah Putman from HardBeauty suggested in-person meeting format for the Detox Workgoup.
- **Next meeting:** December 4, 2025, at 9am MT, virtual