

Douglas County Opioid Council

May 7, 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	Y
Ruby Richards: Douglas County Human Services	Y
Chief Jim Tsurapas: Parker Police Department	Y
Lori Griffith: 23 rd Judicial District Probation (<i>Dan DePue for Lori Griffith</i>)	Y
Chief Kirk Wilson: Lone Tree Police Department	N
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	Y

Quorum met (11 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
Caroline Frizell: Douglas County Communications
Cynthia Robideau: Douglas County Procurement
Hope Ebel: Douglas County School District
Jeff Garcia: Douglas County Attorney's Office
Jennifer D'Ambrosio
Jennifer Eby: Douglas County Community Services
Jill Janz: Douglas County Finance
Jonathan Apfelbaum: South Metro Fire Rescue
Katie Craft: AllHealth Network
Kortney Poire: Valley Hope

Laura Ciancone: Douglas County Human Services
Meli Reumann: AllHealth Network
Nicole Martin: Citizen Representative
Sarah Davenport: Advocates for Children CASA
Sarah Packard: Douglas County Communications
Savannah Putnam: HardBeauty
Sharon Griffin: Running Creek Counseling
Timiya Jackson: City of Aurora
Victor Jaynes: Life's Innovative Recovery LLC
Omni Institute Members
Ailala Kay
Rhiannon Streight
Lindsay Houston
Arden Trewartha

Meeting Minutes Approval

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

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

Finance Updates

- Jill Janz from Douglas County Finance shared the financial status update.

Update: Emergency Fund Transition

- Douglas County is working to transfer Emergency Fund from the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) to Douglas County Community Services (DCCS). During this transition, some applications from external organizations have been submitted. The County has reached out to let them know the fund is in transition and they will be asked to reapply to DCCS directly when the transition is complete. Many applicants are applying for increased services, which is not defined as an “emergency” under the Emergency Fund eligibility criteria.
- The Council discussed making changes to the application and the ask for a Letter of Interest (LOI) as first step in the application process, which would be reviewed by Community Services Staff. The

LOI will include the definition of an “emergency,” project description in line with Exhibit E, and a reference letter signed by a voting member.

- If the LOI is approved, the applicant will undergo the application process, similar to previous Request for Proposals (RFP) cycles. Jennifer Eby from Douglas County will bring the process back to Council for the June meeting.
- Jennifer Eby will send voting members an info sheet for the Emergency Fund including language regarding Exhibit E allowable uses and the eligibility criteria, which members can utilize when discussing with potential applicants.

Discussions and Decisions

- **2026 Douglas County Opioid Council (DCOC) Open Request for Proposals (RFP) Review and Approval**
 - At the April Council meeting, the Council reviewed community priority areas and decided to keep the RFP broad to allow for more funding areas.
 - The Council has \$1,402,660 available for funding, capped at \$500,000 per award.
 - The Council discussed the following changes to the RFP and evaluation matrix:
 - In the RFP, add language to the RFP regarding “exception to policy,” for circumstances that may exceed the \$500,000 cap per award.
 - Add specific language to the evaluation matrix on receiving the highest scores for projects that align with the Prevention and Treatment area categories.
 - In the RFP, edit the “Percentage of Douglas County residents served” question to add “Number of Douglas County residents reached.” Additionally, add question to “Please explain evidence or research behind your approach/method and outcomes.”
 - The Council moved to approve of the RFP with the changes discussed.
 - **Motion:** Jim Tsurapas
 - **Second:** Ron Cole
 - **Opposition:** N/A
 - **Motion passed**
 - Douglas County will incorporate the suggested feedback to the RFP.
 - The RFP is to be posted by May 11, 2026. Voting members are reminded to avoid addressing RFP-specific questions from individuals while the RFP is open.
- **Omni Contract Renewal:** Omni will resend the contract renewal amendment to voting members for review and vote at the June meeting.

Closing

- The May meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. MT.
- **Next meeting:** June 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. MT, virtual