



Regional Opioid Abatement Council Meeting Minutes August 14, 2025

This meeting was held in Person & via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm with a quorum present.

2. Roll Call

Voting Members present: Xavier Crockett, Dan Bunnell, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert, Matt Lewis on behalf of Bobbie Daniel

Non-Voting Members present: Dr. Jackman

Excused: Henry Stoffel

Absent: Dave Krouse, Jessee Standford

3. Deletions or Changes to the Agenda

There were no deletions or changes to the agenda.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest for Agenda Items

Judge Barrett stated that he does not intend to vote on any of the contracts proposed today.

Mr. Crockett introduced Ewara Drews, his assistant at Mesa County Public Health. Ms. Drews will assist the Board with clerical/administrative tasks.

5. Adoption of April 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Dr. Jackman to approve the minutes from April 17, 2025.

- Approval was unanimous.
Excused: Henry Stoffel
Absent: Jessee Standford, Dave Krouse

6. Items for Individual Consideration

- a. *Consider approving a legal services agreement between ROAC and Dufford Waldeck LLP:*

Mr. Crockett presented the legal services agreement between ROAC and Dufford Waldeck LLP. After consulting with two local law firms, Dufford Waldeck was identified as the best fit to meet ROAC's needs. Mr. Lewis stated that the intent is to keep a clear separation between ROAC and the County Attorney's office. Mr. Crockett explained that the actual administrative costs should not exceed 10% of the regional allocation of the regional share, whichever is less. Mr. Crockett stated that 1% is designated for attorney fees related to ROAC. He will oversee attorney fees incurred to ensure they remain within the approved limit. There were no questions.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis (on behalf of Ms. Daniel) and seconded by Mr. Bunnell to approve the legal services agreement between ROAC and Dufford Waldeck LLP. The motion carried.

For: Xavier Crockett, Dan Bunnell, Gary Marak, Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert, Matt Lewis (on behalf of Bobbie Daniel)
Recused/Abstained: Judge Barrett
Excused: Henry Stoffel
Absent: Dave Krouse, Jessee Standford

b. Consider approving a contract for professional services between ROAC and United Way of Mesa County:

Cassidy Lujan, United Way of Mesa County (UWMC)'s Donor & Grants Manager, presented a comparison of grant administrative services and scope of work related to a proposed compensation increase from 4.5% to 6% of the total allocation of the regional share. Mr. Crockett mentioned that after the retention of Dufford Waldeck, he will work on finalizing the contract with legal counsel and UWMC.

It was moved by Mr. Bunnell and seconded by Mr. Marak to accept the service agreement and move forward as proposed. The motion carried.

For: Xavier Crockett, Dan Bunnell, Gary Marak, Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert, Matt Lewis (on behalf of Bobbie Daniel)
Recused/Abstain: Judge Barrett
Excused: Henry Stoffel
Absent: Dave Krouse, Jessee Standford

- c. *Consider approving a contract proposal between the ROAC and Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) Data & Informatics Team for data management, metrics, deliverables, and grantee consulting services.*

Mr. Crockett presented a contract proposal between ROAC and MCPH's Data & Informatics Team. He noted the contract amount will vary based on the actual regional share for Region 13. He anticipates allocating 3% of the total 10% administrative costs to MCPH's Data & Informatics Team. MCPH's Data & Informatics Team will assist in simplifying deliverable tracking, implement metrics, and monitor measurable outcomes to better understand the impact of opioid abatement funds on the community. Mr. Marak expressed support for enhancing data tracking to effectively share information with the community. Jennifer Daniels, MCPH Behavioral Health Division Director, updated the Board on her work related to adult overdose reviews and opioid fatalities at the state and local levels. Mr. Bunnell asked about establishing a baseline to assess community outcomes from previously distributed funds, which would aid in future decision-making. Mr. Crockett noted that MCPH's Data & Informatics Team can build that out.

It was moved by Ms. McInnis and seconded by Mr. Marak to accept the proposal between ROAC and MCPH's Data & Informatics Team for data management, metrics, deliverables, and grantee consulting services. The motion carried.

For: Xavier Crockett, Dan Bunnell, Gary Marak, Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert
Recused/Abstain: Xavier Crockett, Matt Lewis (on behalf of Bobbie Daniel)
Excused: Henry Stoffel
Absent: Dave Krouse, Jessee Stanford

7. Presentation on Emergency Funding: Counseling and Education Center (CEC)

Hali Nurnberg, Executive Director Counseling and Education Center, presented on CEC's Orchard Mesa Expansion Project and Capital Funding request in the amount of \$500,000. Ms. Nurnberg and Charlie Blackmer, Development Coordinator CEC; Mr. Crockett; Ms. Daniels and Faith Rodriguez, UWMC's Executive Director, answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Crockett encouraged Board members to send any follow up questions to Ms. Drews. Mr. Crockett will reach out to Ms. McInnis to discuss opening up a grant cycle to give other organizations an opportunity to apply for emergency funding.

8. Funding Updates Mesa Talks & MindSprings

Mr. Crockett informed the Board that the funding agreement with Mesa County Behavioral Health for its work related to Mesa Talks was cancelled. No funds had been received or spent. Mr. Crockett stated that Health Solutions withdrew from Mind Springs' funding agreement. In total, \$130,000 of ROAC funds were returned/never sent out. A different purpose for those funds will need to be determined.

9. Round 3, Quarter 2 Deliverables Reporting

Jodie Brown, MCPH's Behavioral Health Division Coordinator, answered questions from the Board regarding CEC's deliverables.

10. 2025 Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference

Mr. Crockett informed the Board that the 2025 Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference will be held on October 27th, 2025 in Loveland. Board members interested in attending can let Ms. Drews know. Ms. Drews will take care of registration and further travel arrangements.

11. Sandoz, Purdue & Alvogen et al. Local Government Settlement Participation

Mr. Crockett stated that the County Attorney's office is working on submitting the respective settlement participation forms well before the respective participation deadlines. An email will go out to the Board once that has been completed.

12. Unscheduled Business

Mr. Crockett let the Board know that Ms. Lujan and Ms. Drews will add a Bylaws revision to the October 16 ROAC meeting agenda.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.
Next meeting: October 16, 2025

Minutes prepared by: Ewara Drews