



## **Regional Opioid Abatement Council Meeting Minutes January 29, 2026**

**This meeting was held in Person & via Zoom**

*Approved 03/05/2026*

*Minutes prepared by: Ewara Drews*

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm with a quorum present.

### **2. Roll Call**

Voting Members present: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Caré McInnis, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Jill Calvert (Proxy: Barbara Golden), Dan Bunnell, Dave Krouse

Absent: Jesse Standford

Excused: Henry Stoffel, Dr. Jackman

### **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**

There were no conflicts.

### **5. Adoption of October 30, 2025; December 16, 2025 and January 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Bunnell and seconded by Mr. Marak to approve the minutes from October 30, 2025; December 16, 2025 and January 14, 2026 as presented. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Caré McInnis, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Jill Calvert (Proxy: Barbara Golden), Dan Bunnell, Dave Krouse

Absent: Jesse Standford

Excused: Henry Stoffel

### **6. Items for Individual Consideration**

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

It was moved by Ms. McInnis and seconded by Mr. Bunnell to approve the contract as presented. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Caré McInnis, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Jill Calvert (Proxy: Barbara Golden), Dan Bunnell, Dave Krouse

Absent: Jesse Standford

Excused: Henry Stoffel

## **7. Annual Reporting Presentations**

### **a. Counseling & Education Center (CEC)**

Charlie Blackmer-Long, Development Director, presented CEC's annual report and provided an update on CEC's deliverables.

### **b. Good Samaritan**

Elaine Taylor, Executive Director, presented Good Samaritan's program updates and provided an update on its deliverables.

### **c. Lighthouse Program**

Jacque Berry, Lighthouse Program Director, presented the program's annual report and provided an update on the program's deliverables. Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney, spoke to the Board about a program success story.

### **d. Mesa County Partners**

Maggie Scofield, School-Based Mentoring & Case Manager, presented Mesa County Partners' annual report and provided an update on its deliverables. Ms. Scofield answered questions from the Board.

### **e. Peer 180**

Angie Bertrand, Executive Director and Katie Baugh, Programs Manager, presented Peer 180's annual report and provided an update on its deliverables. Ms. Bertrand spoke to the Board about potential future deliverable suggestions.

### **f. Riverside Education Center (REC)**

Jack Curry, Executive Director, presented REC's annual report and Provided an update on REC's deliverables.

### **g. SOBER AF**

Kylan Bain from Sober Entertainment presented its annual report and provided an update on its deliverables.

### **h. Loving Beyond Understanding Prevention & Recovery**

Andi Tilmann, Director, presented Loving Beyond Understanding's annual report and provided updates on the programs' deliverables for the recovery and prevention programs.

## **8. Deliberations & Voting on Year 2 Funding**

Amber Delay O'Connor, Grant Manager at Porch Light Health, and Alice Ireland, Mesa County Public Health's Data and Informatics Manager introduced themselves to the Board. A discussion about better metric tracking was held. Based on the quarterly deliverables, executive summaries and presentations provided today, the Board proceeded to vote on approving Year 2 funding for the organizations.

It was moved by Mr. Marak and seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve Year 2 funding for CEC. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Caré McInnis, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Jill Calvert (Proxy: Barbara Golden), Dan Bunnell, Dave Krouse, Henry Stoffel<sup>1</sup>  
Absent: Jesse Standford

It was moved by Ms. McInnis and seconded by Ms. Daniel to approve Year 2 Funding for Good Samaritan, the Lighthouse Program, Mesa County Partners, Peer 180, Riverside Education Center, SAFE, and Loving Beyond Understanding (Recovery & Prevention). Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Caré McInnis, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Jill Calvert (Proxy: Barbara Golden), Dan Bunnell, Dave Krouse, Henry Stoffel<sup>2</sup>  
Absent: Jesse Standford

## **9. Q4 Deliverable Reports (Cassidy Lujan)**

### **10. Unscheduled Business**

Ms. Daniels briefed the Board on her and Dr. Jackman's efforts to develop a more strategic and social determinants of health driven approach for the upcoming round of funding, with Dr. Jackman working on a crosswalk to support this effort. Ms. Daniels also proposed reconvening the ROAC Board earlier than planned to refine the strategy and ensure maximum impact. The group discussed shifting from operational to outcome-based metrics, clarifying population reach and ensuring clear qualitative and quantitative distinctions in the next funding round. The overarching goal is to build a sustainable structure. Concerns about potential funding shifts within organizations and involving a neutral external party to identify gaps through methods such as surveys, site visits, and direct client input were discussed. The group agreed to explore these options.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Stoffel provided the Board with an email in advance of the meeting supporting Year 2 funding for all organizations.

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**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Next meeting: April 16, 2026