



Regional Opioid Abatement Council Meeting Minutes August 27, 2026

This meeting was held in Person & via Zoom

Approved 09/24/2026

Minutes prepared by: Ewara Drews

1. Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Voting Members present: Jennifer Daniels, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak,
Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert, Henry Stoffel,

Non-Voting Members present: Dr. Ryan Jackman

Absent: Jesse Stanford, Dave Krouse

Excused: Bobbie Daniel, Dan Bunnell

Guests: Cassidy Lujan, Anita Adams, Katie Baugh, Amber Delay O'Connor, Frederick Bolton, Laura Bennett, Eric Barker, Vasanth Ganesan, Tauma Lee, Stephanie Ruf

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 Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Stoffel and seconded by Mr. Marak to approve the July 16, 2026 meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert, Henry Stoffel

Absent: Jesse Standford, Dave Krouse

Excused: Bobbie Daniel, Dan Bunnell

6. Consider the use of Opioid Settlement Funds to cover travel expenses for designated regional representatives and partners to attend the 2026 Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference on September 30, 2026, at the Copper Mountain Conference Center. Travel expenses must not exceed \$5,000.

Ms. Daniels stated that the following individuals plan on attending this year's Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference:

- a. Jennifer Daniels, Chair
- b. Cassidy Lujan, Grant Administrator, United Way of Mesa County
- c. Georgia Hoaglund, Executive Director, Western Colorado Area Health Education Center
- d. Jasmine Hill, Director of Judicial Intervention with the 21st Judicial District - Lighthouse Program

All four listed attendees will be speakers at this year's conference. Covered travel expenses include mileage, a one-night hotel stay, and per diem, if applicable.

It was moved by Mr. Stoffel and seconded by Mr. Marak to approve the use of Opioid Settlement Funds as stated above. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Matthew Barrett, Gary Marak, Caré McInnis, Jill Calvert, Henry Stoffel

Absent: Jesse Stanford, Dave Krouse

Excused: Bobbie Daniel, Dan Bunnell

7. Review of Letters of Intent (LOI) and Selection of Grant Applicants

The Board reviewed and discussed all thirty-seven (37) Letters of Intent (LOI) received for the current application cycle to select which programs would advance to the full application phase. No final funding decisions were made, and dollar amounts presented represented estimates, subject to change. Ms. Lujan presented a summary of the LOIs received, outlining the pillar alignments, program summary, and requested funding amount for each. Board members evaluated the LOIs in real time using a standardized rubric scored on a 1-to-5 scale (where 1 represented "Do not progress" and 5 indicated "Top priority/progress to full application). Dr. Jackman and Commissioner Daniel provided feedback prior to the meeting. Their scores were incorporated into the master rubric; however, Dr. Jackman's scores were not calculated into the voting average due to his status as a non-voting member. Following review of the scoring spreadsheet, the Board established the following thresholds:

- Average score of 2.0 or below: Automatically disqualified from current cycle.
- Average score of 4.0 or above: Automatically advanced to the full application phase.
- Average score between 2.1 and 3.9: Discussed individually by the Board.

Stefanie Ruf and Frederick Bolton answered questions from the Board. Ms. Lujan will notify the selected applicants moving forward to the full application phase.

8. Chair Acknowledgments

Ms. Daniels updated the Board on recent overdose-related death data connected to the release of Mesa County's Suicide Report.

9. Membership Revisions

Ms. Daniels stated that some seats need to be filled. Mr. Stoffel will reach out to Fruita's Police Department for recruitment efforts.

10. Unscheduled Business

Anita Adams, Katie Baugh, Vasanth Ganesan, and Stephanie Ruf provided public comments to the Board.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Next meeting: September 24, 2026