



Regional Opioid Abatement Council Meeting Minutes July 16, 2026

This meeting was held in Person & via Zoom

Approved 08/27/2026

Minutes prepared by: Ewara Drews

1. Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm with a quorum present.

2. Roll Call

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

Non-Voting Members present: Dr. Ryan Jackman

Absent: Jesse Stanford

Excused: Henry Stoffel

Guests: Cassidy Lujan, Amber Delay O'Connor, Eric Barker, Mindy Baumgardner

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 Commissioner Daniel to approve the minutes from June 11, 2026.

Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Matthew Barrett, Caré McInnis, Gary Marak, Dave Krouse, Dan Bunnell

Absent: Jesse Stanford

Excused: Henry Stoffel, Jill Calvert

6. Consider Approving Sponsorship of 2026 Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference

Ms. Daniels presented the opportunity of sponsoring this year's Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference held in Copper Mountain on September 30, 2026. A discussion was held. Mindy Baumgardner, Colorado Department of Law Rural Outreach Specialist; and Cassidy Lujan, Grant Administrator, answered questions from the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel and seconded by Mr. Marak to donate \$5,000.00 to the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council in support of this year's Colorado Opioid Abatement Council. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Matthew Barrett, Caré McInnis, Gary Marak, Dave Krouse, Dan Bunnell

Absent: Jesse Stanford

Excused: Henry Stoffel, Jill Calvert

7. Consider Approving Implementing Organization Agreement for Round 4 of the Infrastructure Award between the Mesa County Regional Opioid Abatement Council and the Center for Enriched Communication, Inc.

Ms. Daniels presented the Implementing Organization Agreement for Round 4 of the Infrastructure Award between the Mesa County Regional Opioid Abatement Council and the Center for Enriched Communication, Inc. Ms. Daniels and Ms. Lujan answered questions from the Board.

It was moved by Ms. Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Daniel to approve the Implementing Organization Agreement as presented. Approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

For: Jennifer Daniels, Bobbie Daniel, Matthew Barrett, Caré McInnis, Gary Marak, Dave Krouse, Dan Bunnell

Absent: Jesse Stanford

Excused: Henry Stoffel, Jill Calvert

8. Colorado Prescription Consortium Blueprint

Ms. Lujan presented the Colorado Opioid Crisis Response Blueprint, A Guide for Opioid Settlement Investments, published by the Colorado Health Institute on December 5, 2019 and updated on May 9, 2023 . Eric Barker, CU Anschutz Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention, answered questions from Ms. Lujan. Ms. Daniels spoke on the importance of providing continuing education to the Board.

9. Community Opioid Group Alignment

Ms. Daniels updated the Board on the relevance of aligning various Opioid Response groups that are actively working in and around Mesa County. The Board discussed resource sharing and ways to learn from other regions or partners. Ms. Baumgardner answered questions from the Board.

10. Strategic Priorities and Grant Process Approach for 2027-2028 Funding

Ms. Lujan presented project results of the following pillars:

- *Pillar 1: Economic Stability, Housing, Social Supports (Work Ready)*

- *Pillar 2: Connectedness, Peer Support, and Recovery Community Infrastructure*
- *Pillar 3: Access to Evidence-Based Substance Use Care*
- *Pillar 4: Education, Awareness, and Prevention*
- *Pillar 5: Harm Reduction and Safety*
- *Pillar 6: Post-Event Response, Community Learning, and Healing*

Dr. Jackman expanded on pillar 3 findings. The Board discussed the results, strategies for translating them into targeted Requests for Proposal, and the next steps for launching the upcoming applications cycle. Ms. Delay O'Connor provided comments with respect to pillar 1 and the necessity to include Substance Use Disorder specificity.

11. Unscheduled Business

There was none.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Next meeting: August 27, 2026