

MINUTES
Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

27 May 2026

2:00 – 5:00 PM

17 N. Spruce Street. Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Representing Entity	First Name	Last Name	Title	Present(Y/N)
Voting Members				
Colorado Springs City Council (1)	Lynette	Crow-Iverson	Colorado Springs (COS) City Council	Y
Teller County Commissioner	Eric	Stone	Teller County Commissioner	Y
Teller County Sheriff	LT. Jake	Markus	Proxy for Teller County Sheriff	Y
El Paso County Commissioner (1)	Lauren	Nelson	Proxy for El Paso County (EPC) Commissioner	Y
El Paso County Commissioner (2)	Carrie	Geitner	EPC Commissioner	Y
Fourth Judicial District Attorney	Michael	Allen	Fourth Judicial District Attorney	Y
COS Mayoral Public Safety (1)	Mark	Chacon	COS Police Department	Y
COS Mayoral Public Safety (2)	Jayme	McConnellogue	Proxy for COS Fire Chief	Y
Colorado Springs City Council (2)	David	Leinweber	COS City Council	N
Woodland Park, Cripple Creek, Victor shared	Chris	Deisler	Proxy for Cripple Creek City Manager	Y
El Paso County Sheriff				N
El Paso County Coroner	Dr. Emily	Russell-Kinsley	EPC Coroner	Y
Manitou, Fountain, Monument Rotating (1)	Mark	Cristiani	Fountain Police Chief	Y
Manitou, Fountain, Monument Rotating (2)	Natalie	Johnson	Proxy for Denise Howell Manitou Springs City Manager	Y

Representing Entity	First Name	Last Name	Title	Present(Y/N)
Non-Voting Members: Municipalities who will cycle onto the voting membership in future years				
Woodland Park				
Victor				
Monument	Tim	Johnson	Proxy for Patrick Regan Monument Police Chief	Y
Current Non-Voting Members				
El Paso County Public Health Director	Michelle	Beyrle	Deputy Public Health Director	Y
Teller County Public Health Director	Michelle	Wolff	Director of Public Health Teller County	Y
Teller County Director of Human Services				
Non-Voting Members Appointed by Council as SMEs				
At large non-voting member	Dr. Eric	Stein Bronsky	Physician, Medical Director CSFD AMR EPC/Teller 911 Authority	N
At large non-voting member	David	Albrecht	Cardiologist, lived experience	Y
At large non-voting member	Jason	Jorgenson	COS School District 11	N
At large non-voting member	Matt	Riviere	Advocate, lived experience	N
At large non-voting member	Laura	Ridenour	EPC Behavioral Health Manager	N
Staff Support, Members of the Public, and Subject Matter Expertise				
Fiscal Agent	Amanda	Grant	EPC Deputy CFO	Y
Legal Representative	Kenny	Hodges	EPC County Attorney	Y

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03

1. Consent Calendar

a. April 29, 2026, Minutes approval

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 29, 2026, meeting minutes
 - Motion passed unanimously

b. Strategic Plan Approval

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2026 Strategic Plan
 - Motion passed unanimously

2. Staff Reports

a. Financial report:

- Amanda Grant presented the Financial report. No major changes, only monthly interest allocation.

b. Administrative updates

- Amanda Grant reported that, following the Council's approval of the Strategic Plan, the Region 16 website will be updated to reflect the goals, priorities, and direction outlined in the approved plan.

2. Applications

a. Amanda Grant presented the holdover and new applications received on or before May 8th.

- A motion was made and seconded to fund the following applications at full requested amounts:
 - 4th Judicial District Family Drug Court: \$160,757
 - Step Springs: \$1,050,122.61
 - Colorado Springs Police Department Opioid Family Advocate Program: \$240,712
 - Blue Rising: \$75,000
 - Open Hearts Open Doors: \$120,210
 - a. Motion passed unanimously
- A motion was made and seconded to classify all remaining applications as “not funded this cycle,” with eligibility to reapply in July.
 - Motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comment

- James McLaughlin (Ute Pass Regional Health Service District)
- Allison Dodge (One Chance to Grow Up)
- Melissa Mouton (Vivo Colorado)
- Julie Salas (Family Treatment Drug Court, 4th Judicial District)

4. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.