

MINUTES
Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council Meeting

25 February 2026

2:00 – 5:00 PM

17 N. Spruce Street. Colorado Springs, CO 80905

| Representing Entity | First Name | Last Name | Title | Present(Y/N) |
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| Voting Members | | | | |
| Colorado Springs City Council (1) | Lynette | Crow-Iverson | Colorado Springs (COS) City Council | Y |
| Teller County Commissioner | Michelle | Wolff | Proxy for Teller County Commissioner | Y |
| Teller County Sheriff | LT. Jake | Markus | Proxy for Teller County Sheriff | Y |
| El Paso County Commissioner (1) | Lauren | Nelson | 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) | Jayne | McConnellogue | Proxy for COS Fire Chief | Y |
| Colorado Springs City Council (2) | David | Leinweber | COS City Council | Y |
| Woodland Park, Cripple Creek, Victor shared | Chris | Deisler | Proxy for Cripple Creek City Manager | Y |
| El Paso County Sheriff | Joseph | Roybal | EPC Sheriff | N |
| El Paso County Coroner | Dr. Emily | Russell-Kinsley | EPC Coroner | Y |
| Manitou, Fountain, Monument Rotating (1) | Matt | Racine | Proxy for Fountain Police Chief | Y |
| Manitou, Fountain, Monument Rotating (2) | Denise | Howell | Manitou Springs City Manager | Y |

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| Non-Voting Members: Municipalities who will cycle onto the voting membership in future years | | | | |
| Woodland Park | | | | N |
| Victor | | | | N |
| 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 | |
| Teller County Public Health Director | | | | |
| 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 | Y |
| At large non-voting member | David | Albrecht | Cardiologist, lived experience | N |
| 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 2:01

1. January 28, 2026, Minutes approval.
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 28, 2026, minutes
 - Motion passed unanimously
2. Reporting templates for awardees
 - a. Amanda Grant presented new quarterly reporting templates for grantees, which were introduced, including narrative and financial workbooks. KPIs will be developed after strategic planning.
3. Financial reports
 - a. Amanda Grant presented the financial report, including current and projected distributions and expenditures.
4. COST Report
 - a. Amanda Grant presented the Cost Report PDF derived from the state reporting Portal
5. Administration Updates
 - a. Amanda Grant presented administrative updates, including all website transfer details, Compliance, and the plan to have a mock dashboard to be presented in a future Council Meeting
6. 2 Year Planning
 - a. Amanda Grant presented the two-year plan categories and the cycles in which the Council can submit for additional drawdown of funds
 - The Council discussed timing and amount available for drawdown from the state.
 - The Council gave direction to amend the current two-year plan to pull down all available funds
7. Wastewater Testing Discussion
 - a. Amanda Grant presented the data collection results to the council.
 - The Council requested CEC present at a future meeting to discuss data
 - b. Council reviewed options related to testing sites
 - The Council provided direction to staff to explore Cherokee Metro as an additional testing site.
8. Final Consideration and award of funding.
 - a. Colorado Meth Project DBA Rise Above
 - A motion was made and seconded to not award funding
 1. Motion did not pass
 - A motion was made and seconded to award with amendments to the questionnaire to add parental consent, additional educational prompts and removal of questions 47-49.
 1. Motion Passed
 - b. Consideration and award of funding for Lyda Hill – January Application
 - A motion was made and seconded to not award funding
 1. Motion passed unanimously
9. Chair / Vice Chair Remarks
 - a. Chair discussed next meeting agenda items
 - Focus of the March meeting will be on Strategic Planning
10. Award recipient/Grantee updates:
 - a. One Chance to Grow Up
11. Public comment by Ben Stincer of the Full Circle program
12. Adjourn.

- a. Following public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.