MINUTES

Date: July 23, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: Hybrid – Goldfinch/Sparrow Conf. Rm., 2260 W Trilby Road, Fort Collins & Zoom
Contacts: *Heather Gilmore* - Council Staff Support, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment

Voting Members Present:
- Tom Gonzales, Chair
- Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally, Vice Chair (virtual)
- Mayor Gary Hall
- Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mason (virtual)
- Zeke Cortez (virtual)
- Jacob Castillo

Advisory Members Present:

Subject Matter Members Present:
- Gordon McLaughlin
- Dr. Lesley Brooks (virtual)
- Lorrie Lopez (virtual)

Full Recording of Meeting: https://www.youtube.com/@R2OAC/streams

Call to Order - The Council Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Announcements

- The Chair introduced Jacob Castillo, a new voting member representing the City of Fort Collins. Mr. Castillo introduced himself and shared his professional background.

Approval of the June Minutes

Action – Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved to approve the June minutes as written. Mayor Gary Hall seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Election for Secretary

- Commissioner Jody Shadduck McNally nominated Mayor Gary Hall for the Council's Secretary position.

  Action – Commissioner Shadduck McNally moved to approve the election of Mayor Gary Hall as the Secretary. Jacob Castillo seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Financials

Quarterly Financial Report

- Janelle Koldos, ROAC Financial Fiscal Agent, presented the financial report for the 2025–2026 funding cycle through July 15. She reviewed total inflows of $6.84 million and total expenditures of $4.17 million. Ms. Koldos also provided an update on the unallocated funds, including the returned Harvest Farm funding, and noted that those funds are anticipated to be available for allocation next month. She discussed the rollover of unspent funds and their availability for future awards and distributions. Additionally, the report included financial totals from the 2023–2025 funding cycles for historical reference. The Council expressed its preference to continue including this historical data in future financial reports.

Approval of Administrative Costs for January – June 2026

Action – Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved to accept the January – June 2026 Administrative Costs as presented. Mayor Gary Hall seconded the motion. **Motion was unanimously approved.**

Approval of Advisory Lived Experience Members

- Commissioner Jody Shadduck McNally provided an update on the selection process for Advisory Lived Experience Members and shared background information on the applicant, Ty Chris Gentz. She emphasized the importance of including the perspective of individuals transitioning from the criminal justice system into recovery and discussed the remaining Advisory Lived Experience Member vacancies, as well as the potential for future nominations. Commissioner Shadduck McNally then nominated Ty Chris Gentz for a two-year appointment as an Advisory Lived Experience Member.

Action* –** Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved to accept appointment of Ty Chris Gentz as an Advisory Lived Experience Member for a term starting August 2026 – January 2028 with an opportunity to reapply for an additional term if he wishes. Mayor Gary Hall seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.

Announcement

- Commissioner Shadduck-McNally took a moment to congratulate Tom Gonzales and Jared Olson on receiving two prestigious awards from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to public health.

Available Funds Update

- Dr. Jared Olson, Senior Population Epidemiologist, provided an update on the ROAC funding spreadsheet and reviewed the funds currently available for allocation. He discussed the timing of future funding decisions, emphasizing the importance of considering community needs and strategic funding priorities. Dr. Olson also reported on the return of the Fort Collins Rescue Mission funds, increasing the total available funding to $530,883. The update included $2,922,063 in Year 4 (2026–2027) grant proposals, leaving a balance of $137,549 in actual and anticipated requests, in addition to $393,335 in returned Harvest Farm capital funds available for future allocation.
- The Council agreed to continue the funding allocation discussion at the August meeting. It was recommended that the August 2025 funding priority discussions be shared to help inform and guide the conversation. Dr. Lesley Brooks and other subject matter experts may be invited to participate to provide best practices and recommendations. The Chair also suggested exploring additional investment in harm reduction in response to reductions in federal funding for those efforts. The Council further discussed forming an ad hoc group of subject matter experts to gather input and provide recommendations to help inform future funding decisions.

Grant Administration

Emmy's House Foundation Year 4 (2026-2027) Funding Proposal

- Emmy's House Foundation (EHF) presented its Year 4 funding proposal, highlighting its peer-based recovery housing model for men with opioid use disorder, which has served more than 200 men since 2020 with a 95% in-house sobriety retention rate. EHF emphasized the urgent need for long-term recovery housing following the June 30, 2026, closure of Harvest Farm, which eliminated 72 beds in Northern Colorado, creating a service gap until the Fort Collins Rescue Mission's Homeless Resolution Center opens in early 2027. The organization described its recovery model as employment-based, MAT-inclusive, open to individuals regardless of faith, and without minimum or maximum lengths of stay. EHF requested funding to compensate direct service staff, expand operations by opening a second residential location to increase capacity to 20 beds, and strengthen organizational infrastructure. The proposal also includes scholarship programs to reduce financial barriers for residents entering or remaining in recovery housing during times of hardship.
- Emmy's House Foundation is requesting a total of $226,723.00 from approved uses category B.4 – Support People In Treatment and Recovery (recovery housing for individuals with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH conditions).
- The Council discussed Emmy's House Foundation's funding request and expressed concerns about providing 100% funding for the proposal, particularly in light of past experiences with capital projects and the need to ensure compliance with the statewide Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Members noted that any awarded funds must directly support individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) or co-occurring disorders and questioned funding for items such as advertising and other expenses not previously supported. The Council indicated greater comfort with funding direct service staffing and residential scholarship programs that clearly align with the MOU. It was suggested that the discussion and any funding decision should be tabled until the August meeting to allow the applicant time to explore additional funding sources and submit a revised proposal that better aligns with the Council's funding requirements, including the goal of supporting the proposed 10-bed expansion.

    Action **–** Commissioner Shadduck-McNally made a motion to table the Emmy's House Foundation discussion and any action until the August meeting giving the grantee time to update their proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mason seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Abundance Foundation Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- Abundance Foundation's Year 3 final report showed it served 401 individuals—60% above target—and exceeded all major goals. Outcomes included 100% housing stability, 94.55% sobriety success, and 91.78% full-time employment, along with gains in health, quality of life, optimism, and resilience. The Foundation attributed its success to peer-led recovery, justice-system reentry support, and services addressing barriers for women. Next, it plans to expand culturally responsive services, strengthen alumni engagement, and diversify funding for sustainability.
- Following the presentation, Commissioner Shadduck-McNally mentioned she would like to see additional clarification on several outcome measures, including how full-time employment is defined and measured, the timeframe represented by the reported sobriety rate, the decline in long-term survey participation, data on residential bed capacity, outcomes specific to the women's program.

  Action – Mayor Gary Hall made a motion to approve the Abundance Foundation's year 3 final report as presented. Jacob Castillo seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Adjourn Meeting

- Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.