



LARIMER REGIONAL OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: Hybrid – Goldfinch/Sparrow Conf. Rm., 2260 W Trilby Road, Fort Collins & Zoom

Contacts: *Rupa Venkatesh* - Council Secretary & Point of Public Contact, City of Fort Collins
Heather Gilmore - Council Staff Support, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment

Voting Members Present: Tom Gonzales, Chair

Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally, Vice Chair (virtual)

Rupa Venkatesh, Secretary

Mayor Gary Hall

Zeke Cortez (Virtual)

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mason

Advisory Members Present:

Subject Matter Members

Present: Gordon McLaughlin (virtual)

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

Call to Order - The Council Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Approval of the May Minutes

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

Updated on Larimer County Sheriff's Office's Contract Review (2025-2026)

- The letter from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office clarified that they appropriately used funding after their partnership with SummitStone ended, and that the period in question

was limited to October 2025. They also learned that while the Council's funding supported a deputy position rather than the SummitStone clinician grant, Co-Responder deputies continued responding to behavioral health-related calls throughout October 2025.

Action – Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved to accept the Sheriff's Office letter as written and to close all further discussion on the matter. Rupa Venkatesh seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Grant Administration

Yarrow Collective Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- Yarrow Collective presented its Year 3 final report, noting that it provided drop-in sessions, jail-based services, peer support groups for mothers, and community events that collectively engaged more than 1,200 duplicated participants and 259 unduplicated participants. The organization expanded its outreach through art and outdoor events, social media campaigns, community education, and staff training, while also launching a full-time jail position. Through its harm reduction efforts, Yarrow Collective distributed 1,031 naloxone kits, 1,683 fentanyl test strips, and 524 wound care kits. Among participants who completed voluntary demographic surveys, 86.15% identified as holding a marginalized identity.

Action – Mayor Gary Hall made a motion to approve the Yarrow Collective's year 3 final report as presented. Rupa Venkatesh seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

The RedPoint Center Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- The RedPoint Center presented its Year 3 final report, highlighting services provided through its Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, and Outpatient Programs to 33 Larimer County clients. Participants received integrated co-occurring mental health treatment, with nearly half receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment, and the program achieved a 71% successful completion rate among discharged clients. Family engagement remained a key component of care, with all clients having documented family involvement and 24 family education and support groups held during the grant

period. The organization also requested a contract extension to use the remaining \$714 balance for scholarship support for clients already in treatment, with no changes to the original scope of work.

Action – Mayor Gary Hall made a motion to approve the The RedPoint Center’s year 3 final report as presented and their extension request for the \$714 of unspent funds. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Additional Comments

- A question was raised about what occurs when the Council does not accept a final report, and clarification was provided.

Lighthouse Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- Lighthouse presented its Year 3 final report, highlighting that it served 127 residents, including 89 new intakes, and expanded recovery housing and support services through grant-funded staffing enhancements. The organization opened its first Women’s Recovery Home, strengthened partnerships with 36 community organizations, and exceeded several grant goals related to housing support, employment outcomes, and resident resources. Among residents with opioid use disorder, nearly all were prescribed Suboxone and all received medication-assisted treatment education and needs assessments. Lighthouse also reported continued community demand for services and shared plans to expand recovery housing capacity, including the potential acquisition of a 15-bed recovery housing program in Loveland. They indicated that they would like to transition from leased homes to owned properties and would like to request capital funding from the Council for the down payment on a women's house in Loveland.
- The Council expressed concerns about the request for capital funding, noting that it is not an appropriate use of opioid abatement funds. It was also pointed out that a previous grantee submitted a similar request that was denied, and they emphasized the importance of maintaining consistency with past funding decisions.

Action – Commissioner Shadduck-McNally made a motion to approve the Lighthouse’s year 3 final report as presented. Mayor Gary Hall seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Partners Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- Partners presented its Year 3 final report, noting that grant funding supported mentoring and prevention staff, outreach and marketing efforts, professional development, and program operations in Larimer County. The organization served 694 youth through community-based mentoring, school-based mentoring, and prevention education programs. Participants engaged in 40 group activities, including life-skills, recreation, family engagement, and community service opportunities. Program outcomes showed that most youth maintained or improved their decision-making skills, connections with trusted adults, and awareness of the risks associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

Action – Mayor Gary Hall made a motion to approve the Partners’ year 3 final report as presented. Commissioner Shaddock-McNally seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Fort Collins Rescue Mission/Harvest Farm Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- Fort Collins Rescue Mission/Harvest Farm presented their Year 3 final report, highlighting significant outcomes in recovery support, housing stability, employment, and access to behavioral health services. Harvest Farm served 165 individuals, including many with a history of opioid use, and reported 64 program graduates, 96 individuals securing stable housing, and 79 obtaining employment. Fort Collins Rescue Mission provided more than 30,000 shelter nights and nearly 63,000 meals, while connecting individuals to case management, housing, employment, and healthcare resources. The organizations credited a dedicated Intake Specialist with improving admissions and coordination between programs, while sharing that their challenges this past grant cycle included an August 2025 fire that created operational disruptions and accessibility challenges.

Action – Mayor Gary Hall made a motion to approve the Fort Collins Rescue Mission/Harvest Farms’ year 3 final report as presented. Rupa Venkatesh seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Rise Above Year 3 Final Report (2025-2026)

- Rise Above presented its Year 3 final report, highlighting continued implementation of the Larimer County Connect Effect campaign targeting youth ages 10–18 and ongoing delivery of school-based opioid and fentanyl prevention programming across all three county school districts. The campaign generated approximately 2.68 million impressions and 27,679 clicks, with engagement rates on Snapchat and Instagram exceeding industry benchmarks and an estimated reach of 74–84% of Larimer County youth during the reporting period. Evaluation efforts included collection of oversample data for the 2026 Colorado Youth Survey to support updated benchmarks and future localized messaging strategies. In schools, the revised Not Prescribed program reached 401 students and included educator training across districts, while post-survey results showed substantial increases in student knowledge and confidence related to prescription drug misuse prevention.

Action – Commissioner Shadduck-McNally made a motion to approve the Rise Above's year 3 final report as presented. Mayor Gary Hall seconded the motion. ***Motion was unanimously approved.***

Updates from the Chair

- Rupa Venkatesh announced that this would be her last meeting, and Jacob Castillo, City of Fort Collins Assistant City Manager, will be assuming her seat on the Council.
- Due to Rupa Venkatesh stepping down from the Council, a new Secretary will need to be selected at the next meeting.
- A check was received from Harvest Farm for the full amount and has been returned to the ROAC budget for future allocation and discussion on use.

Update on Advisory Member – Lived Experience

- One application was received for the Advisory Member with Lived Experience position. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally is in the process of connecting with the applicant, with the appointment expected to be considered for Council approval at the next meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

- Mayor Gary Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.