



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Attendance

- Lived Experience
 - Maria Anderson
 - Tiffany Neuharth
 - Susan Pugh
 - Cara Schulz
 - Jacqueline Young
- Healthcare
 - Michael Beltowsky
 - Marcus Blue
 - Dr. Seema Maddali
- Community Partners
 - Hanna Kazempour
 - Bridgette Norring
- Local Government
 - Luke Hellier
 - Bryan Schowalter
- Dakota County
 - Erin Carder
 - James Johnson Jr.
 - Jen Jech
 - Elizabeth Unten

Absent: Jennifer Denmark, Q Mursal, Nate Burkett, and Terry Johnson

Decisions Made

- ORAC 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP) was approved to submit for Dakota County internal approvals.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Opioid Prevention Program Coordinator introduction
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of June Minutes
- Public Health Update
- Dakota County Crisis & Recovery Center Update
- RFP Subcommittee Update
- Determine September ORAC Meeting Date
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Northern Service Center, Room 520

Meeting Notes

Per Diem Requests

Eligible committee members who opted to receive a per diem received request to sign.

Agenda

Jacqueline Young moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Tiffany Neuharth. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Bridgette Norring moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Marcus Blue. The motion passed.

Opioid Prevention Program Coordinator Introduction

James Johnson Jr., known as JJ by friends and colleagues, introduced himself to the committee. He shared that he has over thirty years of experience in SUD prevention, education, treatment, recovery, and advocacy, primarily working within hospital organizations. Prior to his current role as Public Health Opioid Prevention Program Coordinator, he was a SUD licensing consultant and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor in private practice. Additionally, he serves on the executive committee of NAADAC's Board of Directors and is proud of his work with the SE Asian communities at Health East. As a person in long-term recovery, he brings lived experience to this role and is committed to addressing the opioid crisis through community prevention and education.

Public Health Update

Erin Carder shared with the committee that the work plan was brought to the Dakota County Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting in June and was approved by the county board.

Dakota County Crisis & Recovery Center Update

Erika Hammer and Jamie Rud-Collett shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Dakota County Crisis and Recovery Center located in the Northern Service Center's northwest corner parking lot. Project and construction updates were provided, with the facility expected to complete construction by December 2024, and ribbon-cutting ceremony mid-January 2025, with occupancy following shortly after. Key-points on Trauma - Informed Design, Targeted Outreach, Community Assessment were shared with the group. The facility looks to fill a void in Dakota County offering 24-hour care, crisis assessments, easy access to care, and needs assessments to get individuals in crisis connected with providers at the appropriate level. The committee was encouraged to check the Dakota County Crisis & Recovery Center project website for updated information. The site is regularly updated and will share important dates, such as the ribbon cutting.

RFP Subcommittee Update

Erin Carder and Jenn Jech shared the completed draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) document that was drafted by the RFP Subcommittee. The committee was asked to review the proposed document and vote to approve with pending decision on the Release Date and Proposal Due Date.

Cara Schulz moved to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP), and it was seconded by Brian Schowalter. The motion passed.

September ORAC Meeting Date

Committee members reached the decision to keep the September 3, 2024, meeting as scheduled at 3:00 pm.

Public Comment

One member of the public present. No public comment.