



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Attendance

- Lived Experience
 - Maria Anderson
 - Jennifer Denmark
 - Tiffany Neuharth
 - Susan Pew
 - Cara Schulz
 - Jacqueline Young
- Health Care
 - Michael Beltowsky
 - Marcus Blue
 - Dr. Seema Maddali
- Community Partners
 - Hanna Kazempour
 - Bridgette Norring
- Local Government
 - Nate Burkett
 - Luke Hellier
 - Terry Johnson
 - Bryan Schowalter
- Dakota County
 - Erin Carder
 - Madeline Goebel
 - Elizabeth Unten
- Absent: Nate Burkett and Q Mursal

Agenda

- Introductions/Chair
- Minutes/Chair
- Questions on Resources/Chair
- Work Plan/Presenter/All
- RFP Timeline/Presenter/All
- Public Comment

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Meeting Notes

Per Diem Requests

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

Agenda

Dr. Seema Maddali moved to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Luke Hellier moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Cara Schulz. The motion passed.

Questions on Resources

Madeline Goebel presented the group with Dakota County's organization chart, pointing out the six primary areas that work in opioid related activities. The committee is not limited to these areas; there is potential to create many partnerships. Current partnerships within Dakota County contributing to the opioid work are Public Health, County Attorney, County Sheriff, Community Corrections, Social Services, and Veterans Services. Public Health is leading the Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

Madeline also shared a list of external resources for opioid work within Dakota County. Dr. Seema Maddali asked for members to be aware of additional names to add to the list.

Madeline outlined the primary objective of the group, which is to allocate funding into the community through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Prior to the RFP process commencing, the committee will need to present a draft workplan to the Board for approval. The group will prepare and submit the RFP to board for formal review. Following board approval, the committee will proceed to receive and evaluate proposals.

Subsequently, the committee will make proposal recommendations to the board. The comprehensive process is expected to span several months. Additionally, the group will share feedback on programs and community outreach.

Work Plan

The group shared ideas of where they see gaps in the community and the outcomes they would like to see. Dr. Seema Maddali invited the group to share their ideas on goals they would like to accomplish. Each member was asked to respond to the following questions:

- 1)Where do you want to see the money spent?
- 2)What activities do you want to see?

RFP Timeline

Due to time and the desire of the committee to address the work plan first, the Grant Making Process was not directly addressed at this meeting and will be brought forward for further discussion in future meetings.

Public Comment

Five members of the public were present.