



# Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025  
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten  
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

## Attendance

### Voting Members

- Michael Beltowsky
- Marcus Blue
- Dr. Seema Maddali
- Tiffany Neuharth

### Dakota County staff in attendance:

- James Johnson Jr.
- Jack Busse
- Alicia Ward
- Elizabeth Unten

Absent: Maria Anderson, Nate Burkett, Erin Carder, Jennifer Denmark, Terry Johnson, Hanna Kazempour, Jess Luce, Bridgette Norring, Bryan Schowalter, Cara Schulz, and Jacqueline Young

## Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Department Updates
- Overdose Awareness Month
- Substance Use Resource Guide
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

## Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

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.

### Quorum Not Met

It was noted that quorum was not met for this meeting. As a result, official business could not be conducted.

### Department Updates

#### Public Health

James Johnson Jr. (JJ) shared updates. Minnesota Attorney General's Office announced a new settlement, with approximately \$9 million coming to Minnesota—three-quarters allocated to cities and counties. The State OERAC and DHS extended the deadline for the multi-tiered grant proposal submission.

Dakota County ended 2024 with 39 opioid-related deaths and 169 non-fatal hospital visits. As of June 30, 2025, there have been 27 opioid-related deaths. The Campaign RFP closed on August 4, 2025.

#### Social Services

Alicia Ward shared in the chat that Dakota County is hosting a Mental Health Resource Fair on Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Western Service Center in Apple Valley. The event will feature mental health professionals from both Dakota County and the broader community, with breakout sessions led by NAMI.

### Overdose Awareness Month

Multiple Overdose Awareness events are scheduled across Dakota County, including naloxone trainings, awareness vigils, and proclamations. The County Board will issue a proclamation on August 26 at 9 a.m., and cities like Hastings, Rosemount, and Burnsville are participating in related efforts with vigils, proclamations, and lighting buildings purple. Tiffany Neuharth shared that Rise Up Recovery in Hastings will also be lighting purple and mentioned she is looking for vendors to support the Rise Up Roast, scheduled for September 10.

Resource tables will be available at key county locations, including the Hastings Administration Building, Western Service Center, Northern Service Center, and six libraries from August 18 to September 22. Final planning is underway to expand Naloxone Access Points (NAPs) to the remaining five library sites.

### Substance Use Resource Guide

JJ is working to secure a facilitator in each district, and volunteers are currently being sought to support this effort.

### Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance. No comments were submitted.