



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Attendance

Voting Members

- Michael Beltowsky
- Marcus Blue
- Hanna Kazempour
- Dr. Seema Maddali
- Cara Schulz
- Jacqueline Young

Dakota County staff in attendance:

- James Johnson Jr.
- Jess Luce
- Jake Phillips
- Alicia Ward
- Elizabeth Unten

Absent: Maria Anderson, Nate Burkett, Erin Carder, Jennifer Denmark, Terry Johnson, Jess Luce, Tiffany Neuharth, Bridgette Norring, and Bryan Schowalter

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Department Updates
- HOPE Summit
- Open Forum
- New Business
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

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

James Johnson Jr. (JJ) shared appreciation for the committee's service. ORAC will sunset on December 31, 2025. Staff reported positive feedback from the Annual Cities Meeting, especially around youth involvement and primary prevention. Dakota County recently gained access to OD Map for real-time overdose alerts. Work on the Substance Use Resource Guide is moving forward gathering information and will transition to in person and virtual options to gather additional feedback after January 1. Planning continues for the February 2, Starting the Conversation: The Dangers of Non-Prescription Medications at Rosemount High School, with promotional efforts underway. Public Health is still working to secure a speaker for the adolescent training portion. The multimedia campaign is progressing slowly, and volunteers are encouraged to respond quickly when contacted. Updates included ongoing contract meetings with grantees, upcoming Dakota County Libraries podcast and expanding naloxone and xylazine test strip access through Steve Rummier Hope Network. JJ also noted recent national settlement news and upcoming state requirements for cannabis and substance use education in schools starting in 2026–27.

HOPE Summit

Planning continues for the first HOPE Summit scheduled for March 21, 2026, at DCTC. The group briefly discussed potential content, Change the Outcome shared they have a video that could be incorporated into the event.

Open Forum

Jackie shared on the Annual Cities meeting, noting there was overlap with the National League of Cities schedule. The 2026 date was shared to avoid conflict with city manager schedules. Seema mentioned ideas for hospital outreach. Also, an update on the Burnsville hotel proposal now moving forward with city approval, annual renewal requirements, and pending state licensing.

New Business

No motions were made.

Public Comment

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