



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Attendance

- Lived Experience
 - Cara Schulz
 - Jacqueline Young
- Health Care
 - Marcus Blue
 - Dr. Seema Maddali
- Community Partners
 - Hanna Kazempour
 - Bridgette Norring
- Local Government
 - Terry Johnson
 - Bryan Schowalter
- Dakota County
 - Coral Ripplinger
 - Gina Pistulka
 - Elizabeth Unten
 - Alicia Ward
- Absent: Maria Anderson, Michael Beltowsky, Nate Burkett, Jennifer Denmark, Luke Hellier, Q Mursal, Tiffany Neuharth, and Susan Pugh

Action Items

- Share RFP Subcommittee contact information with committee members for questions.
- Share link to the Dakota County Chemical Health page and GIS Map of NAP sites with committee members.

Agenda

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of May minutes
- RFP Subcommittee update
- Public Health updates
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 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

Jennifer Denmark moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Marcus Blue. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

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

RFP Subcommittee Update

Marcus Blue provided a brief update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) subcommittee's work. He stated that the group's intention is to keep the purpose and scope of the RFP as broad as possible to attract a wider range of applicants. Awards exceeding \$100,000 will undergo the full RFP process, which can be challenging for many organizations due to the document's typical length of 35-40 pages. For awards of \$99,999 or less, applicants can submit a letter of intent, making the process more accessible for smaller organizations. The group discussed that this is an initial step to get the funds working within the community. They noted that this funding year might differ from future years as the landscape and visions evolve.

Public Health Update

Coral Ripplinger provided several Public Health updates. An Opioid Prevention Program Coordinator with nearly 30 years of experience has been hired, starting June 17, 2024, with an introduction planned for the next committee meeting. The work plan presented at the May Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting was pulled for further discussion, now scheduled for the June 11, 2024, board meeting.

The Public Health Achievement awards were celebrated at the April 23 County Board meeting, honoring Bridgette Norring, The Vape Waste Team, and the South of the River Collaborative. Public Health has applied for

additional funding to support substance use disorder initiatives, including a new coalition for youth and a grant for families impacted by substance use disorders.

Public Health hosted SBIRT and community naloxone training on May 29, 2024, both well-attended and positively received. Discussions continue for naloxone distribution, with Dakota County successfully implementing Naloxone Access Points (NAP sites) and planning to pilot NAP sites in libraries this summer. A GIS map of NAP sites is now available on the Dakota County Chemical Health page.

Public Comment

No members of the public present for comment.