



Meeting Minutes: Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Attendance

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

Decisions Made

- None.

Agenda

- Introductions
- History and Structure
- Opioid Settlement Funds and Memorandum of Agreement
 - Background
 - Eligible Use of Funds
 - Projected Funds
 - Community Survey
 - Potential Funding Areas
- City and County Data
- Bylaws
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

Next Meetings

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Time: 3pm

Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Meeting Notes

History and Structure

Madeline Goebel presented PowerPoint slides leading the committee through the review of county board meetings and actions. The purpose and responsibilities for the 17-member committee were discussed.

Opioid Settlement Funds and Memorandum of Agreement

The focus of the PowerPoint presentation during the meeting centered around the opioid settlement funds and their intended use. Madeline provided an overview for the use of funds, projected funds, the community survey, and potential funding areas.

The community survey was released electronically in March and remained open through September with over 600 responses collected. The survey went out via email, and social media.

The County Board will set the budget annually and the collective goal is long term sustainability. These are public funds that can be spent when it is needed, even past the last payment in 2038.

City and County Data

Madeline presented data comparing opioid overdose deaths and non-fatal overdoses collected by Dakota County. The information was broken down to examine trends across cities and zip codes within Dakota County.

Bylaws

Madeline concluded the meeting sharing the intent for the timeline, terms, and meeting rules.

Public Comment

Two members of the public were present. Attendees expressed gratitude for the work. Thanks for the work. It is not lost.