

## Opioid Prescribing Work Group: Remote Meeting Only

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Agenda—January 28, 2021

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

[OPWG webpage](#)

### Instructions for participation:

- A WebEx meeting invitation was distributed to the OPWG list serve prior to the meeting.
- You may view a live webcast of the meeting and submit written comments or questions in real time. The link posted on the [OPWG webpage](#) will become active at approximately 11:45 am.
  - **You do not need to register in advance to view the webcast.**
  - To submit brief written comments during the meeting, please email [OPWG staff](#). Comments and questions will be addressed toward the end of the meeting.
  - For technical assistance only on the day of the meeting related to the live stream, call 651-431-2070.

**Meeting Objectives:** Review updated timeline for the 2021 OPIP quality improvement program. Finish review of taper public comments and revisions. Introduce proposed changes to Section IV. Prescribing opioid therapy for chronic pain that are necessary to support the taper guidance revision. Review 2021 OPWG work plan.

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Introductions and welcome; state agency updates, approval of December minutes	12:00 – 12:20
1. Opportunity for public comment	12:20 – 12:30
2. Quality improvement program update	12:30 --1:00
3. Review taper public comments and revisions	1:00 – 1:30
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4. Finish review of taper public comments and taper revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce proposed changes to Section IV. Prescribing opioid therapy for chronic pain</li></ul>	1:40 – 2:40
5. Review 2021 work plan	2:40 – 3:00

**Next Meeting:** February 25, 2021

**OPWG members** (and statutorily set membership categories)

- **Chair: Julie L. Cunningham, PharmD, BCPP**, Mayo Clinic Health System (non-physician health care professional who treats pain)
- **Ralph Bovard, MD, MPH** Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI medical consultant; nonvoting)
- **Nathan Chomilo, MD**, Minnesota Department of Human Services (MHCP medical director; nonvoting)
- **Kurtis Couch, CPhT**, (consumer representative with chronic pain; nonvoting)
- **Kurt DeVine, MD**, CHI St. Gabriel's Health (licensed physician)
- **Sen. Chris Eaton, RN**, Minnesota State Senate (consumer representative with personal or family experience of opioid use disorder)
- **Tiffany Elton, PharmD, NCPS**, Fond du Lac Human Services Pharmacy (pharmacist)
- **Dana Farley, MS**, Minnesota Department of Health (non-voting)
- **Rebekah Forrest, RN, CNP**, Northpoint Community Clinic (nurse practitioner)
- **Bret Haake, MD, MBA**, HealthPartners (health plan medical director)
- **Chad Hope, PharmD**, Minnesota Department of Human Services (MHCP pharmacy director; nonvoting)
- **Chris Johnson, MD**, Allina Health (Health Services Advisory Council member)
- **Matthew Lewis, MD** (not practicing), Winona (consumer representative with personal or family experience of opioid use disorder)
- **Murray McAllister, PsyD, LP**, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute (nonphysician health care professional who treats pain)
- **Richard Nadeau, DDS, MPH**, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry (dentist)
- **Adam Nelson, PharmD**, UCare (health plan pharmacy director)
- **Charles Reznikoff, MD**, Hennepin County Medical Center (mental health professional)
- **Saudade Samuelson**, Samuel's Legacy (consumer representative with chronic pain; nonvoting)
- **Detective Charles Strack**, Little Falls Police Department (law enforcement)
- **Lindsey Thomas, MD**, Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office, retired (medical examiner)

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