

Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

Feb. 15, 2024

3:00-3:05: Logistics and Introductions

3:05-3:20: Team Updates

3:20-3:40: OERAC Presentation

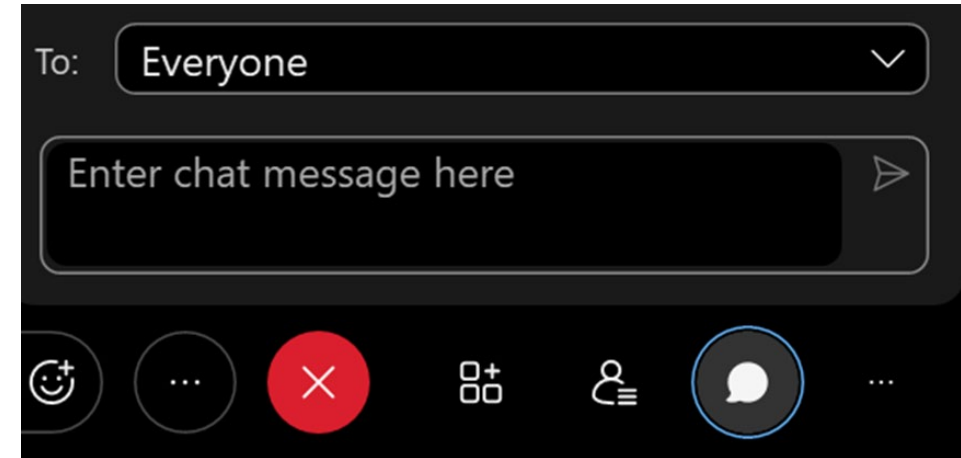
3:40-4:00: Q&A

Meeting Logistics

- All attendees, except presenters, will remain muted
- To save bandwidth, please keep cameras off
- We will work to address all questions during the time allotted.
- A summary of questions, comments and responses will be posted on the Thursday Connections with SUD webpage within two weeks of the meeting date.

Using Chat

1. Submit questions in the Chat
2. Questions submitted via chat will be addressed during Q&A portion of meeting
3. Post chat questions to everyone to allow for all attendees to see conversation
4. Refrain from using chat during presentations



Use chat feature to enter questions

SUD Unit Leadership at DHS

- **Jen Sather**, Deputy Director for Substance Use Disorder Services
- **Andrea Abel**, Supervisor, Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Team
- **Nathaniel Dyess**, Supervisor, SUD Reform and Redesign Team
- **Amelia Fink**, Supervisor, SUD Clinical Policy Team
- **Don Moore**, Supervisor, Behavioral Health American Indian Team
- **Jennifer Rennquist**, Supervisor, State Opioid Response Team

Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Updates

- Welcome to new manager Kim Maley
- MN Lifeskills project, which is a social emotional learning curriculum geared toward middle school students, will be ending September 2024

SUD Reform & Redesign Team – 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver

- Application for waiver extension submitted to CMS Dec. 21, 2023.
- All residential programs mandated to attest to ASAM by Jan. 1, 2024, did so.
- 227 nonresidential/outpatient programs must attest to providing an ASAM level of care (enroll) by Jan. 1, 2025.
- [Minnesota providers must have 245G or 245F licensure and be enrolled as a Minnesota Health Care Program \(MHCP\) provider.](#)
 - They must also have the 245G.20 co-occurring designation.
- Lessons Learned from Medicaid Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstrations: Provider Capacity and Initiation and Engagement in Treatment ([Register Here!](#))

SUD Reform & Redesign Team - ASAM Implementation

- [“ASAM Criteria 4th Edition” eBook distribution deadline is Feb. 29, 2024](#)
 - 4th Edition textbook distribution will begin in March
- [Acentra Utilization Management and Clinical Documentation online training](#)
- [Request for Proposal \(RFP\) for Evidence-Based Training](#)
- [ASAM Criteria Assessment Interview Guide](#)
- [On-the-Spot: ASAM Integration and Application](#)

SUD Reform & Redesign Team - ASAM Training & Support

- [Clinical Documentation Training PowerPoint](#)
- [Monthly Portal Training Meeting](#)
 - 2nd Friday at 11 am CST
 - March 8
 - April 12
- [ASAM Quarterly Lunch & Learn Training Meeting](#)
 - 4th Wednesday, every 3 months at 12 pm CST
 - March 27
 - June 26
 - Sept. 25

SUD Reform & Redesign Team – Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

- Site visits completed.
 - Metro area
 - Red Lake Nation
 - Opioid Treatment Programs
 - Rural providers
- Steering Committee Meetings continue monthly.
 - January & February serving as focus groups to gain provider/partner feedback/insight.
- Upcoming – examining payer process.
 - Key informant interviews with MCO's.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team – Community of Practice (CoP)

- Upcoming Meetings
 - [Feb. 20, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q1](#)
 - [May 7, 2024: 11 am-12:30 pm CT - Q2](#)
 - [Aug. 20, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q3](#)
 - [Oct. 15, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q4](#)
- SUD [CoP Webpage](#) – provides overview, agendas and summaries.

SUD Clinical Policy Updates

- Implementation of new DAANES Service Initiation tab and 1-year Behavioral Health Fund eligibility span is fully implemented
- Implementation of Authorization for SUD services beyond 6 hours/day or 30 hours/week scheduled for March 4
- Implementation of Tobacco Use Disorder as primary diagnosis- in process
- Looking at how best to incorporate ASAM 4th ed. into the law
- Following and responding to legislative items
- The Options for Opioid Treatment in Minnesota and Overdose Prevention document has been updated (DHS-6745-ENG)

American Indian Team Updates

- The strategic plan developed from the American Indian SUD Summit is being presented to MIAC for approval/vetting.
- ASAM manuals are getting to tribes and urban American Indian programs as fast as possible - those that reach out to us are being sent out and/or picked up.

State Opioid Response Updates

- **Staffing Changes:** Welcome Alicia Baker and Jeff Campe in new roles; introducing Kate Toftness as new OERAC Grant Manager.
- **OERAC 2023 Contracts:** Progress on 28 contracts with \$20M for opioid SUD prevention, harm reduction, and care expansion.
- **2024 RFP Preparation:** Starting work on the RFP to allocate \$13M for opioid addiction initiatives.
- **SOR 2022 Contracts:** Successful execution of 30+ contracts, distributing over \$20M for comprehensive opioid treatment and recovery services.
- **Upcoming OERAC Meeting:** Scheduled for February 16, 12-1 pm; primarily remote with a physical space at Andersen Building, ROOM C2222.



Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council

Alicia Baker | State Opioid Response Team

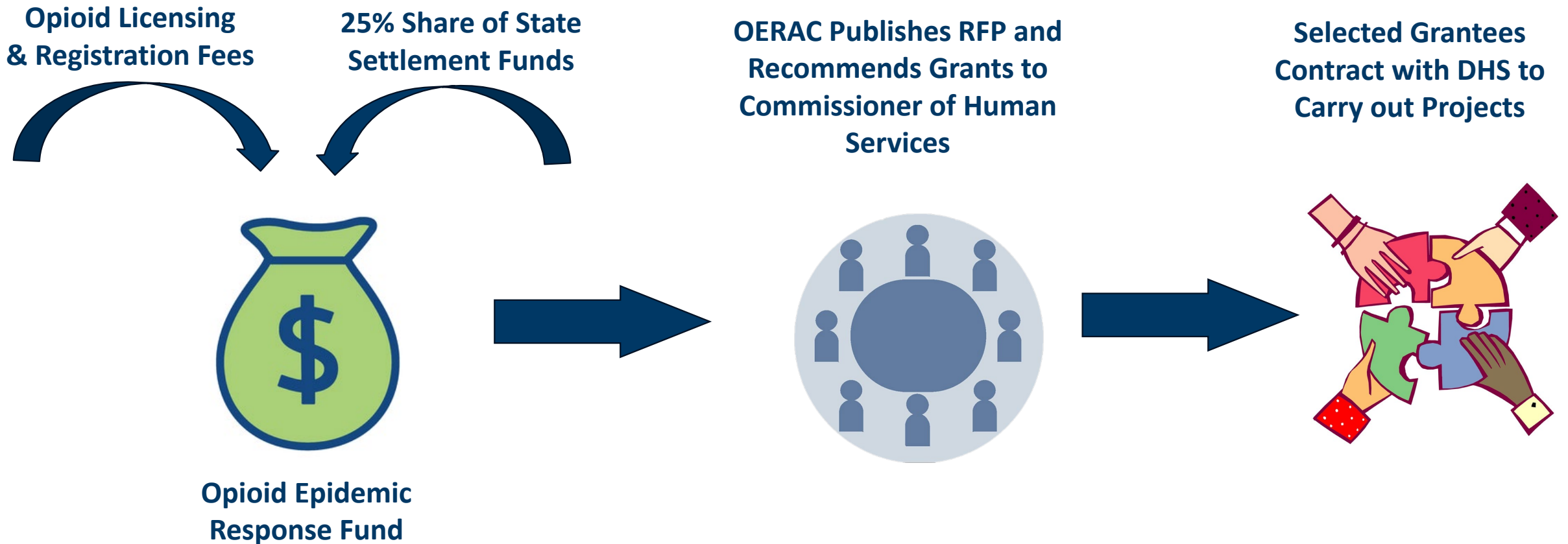
Establishment:

- In 2019, Governor Tim Walz signed the Opiate Epidemic Response bill into law.
- The bill established the Opiate Epidemic Response Fund and the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC).

Opiate Epidemic Response Fund:

- Expected to raise multi-millions of dollars annually through fees from prescribers, drug manufacturers, and distributors.
- Fund also holds the state's 25% allocation of settlement funding received for opioid-related settlement distributions.
- Funds directed to opiate epidemic response account support sustainable funding for treatment and recovery services.

OERAC and the Granting Process



Council Purpose & Membership

Purpose:

- Recommends specific projects and initiatives to the commissioner of human services for funding.
- Establishes priorities to address Minnesota's opioid epidemic and recommends initiatives for funding.
- Ensures that funding aligns with other state and federal resources to maximize impact and promote a coordinated state effort.

Membership:

- 20 voting members and 3 non-voting members
- Composition: legislators from both bodies, tribal nations, state agency representatives, providers, advocates, and individuals personally impacted by the opioid crisis, as well as representation from law enforcement, social service agencies, and the judicial branch.

Request for Proposals Funding History:

- 2021: \$4.8 Million
- 2022: \$5.7 Million
- 2023: \$20 Million
- 2024: To be announced in June

Number of Grantees Awarded:

- 2021: 19 grantees
- 2022: 12 grantees
- 2023: 28 grantees

Required Funding Categories in Statute:

- Prevention and education
- Training on the treatment of opioid addiction
- Expansion and enhancement of a continuum of care for opioid-related substance use disorders
- Development of measures to assess and protect ability of persons who legitimately need prescription of pain medications to maintain access without facing unnecessary barriers.

Example of Categories from Last RFP:

- Primary Prevention and Education for opioid-related SUDs
- Secondary Prevention and Harm Reduction for opioid-related SUDs
- Workforce development and training on the treatment of opioid-related SUDs
- Expansion and enhancement of a continuum of care for opioid-related SUDs
- Chronic Pain and Alternative Treatments
- Emerging or Innovative: Strategies and practices aimed at improving the impact of opioid-related SUDs on the state of Minnesota

Examples of Projects Funded

Example of organizations that have received OERAC funds

- Change the Outcome
- Southside Harm Reduction
- Minnesota Recovery Connection
- Red Lake
- Stratis Health
- Wayside Recovery Center
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Anishinaabe Endaad
- Recovery Alliance Duluth
- Hennepin Health System
- Steve Rummeler HOPE Network
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Ramsey County
- Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research

Main topics of funded projects

- Preventing Opioid Use Disorder
- Harm Reduction and Education on Opioid Overdose
- Workforce Development
- Expansion and Enhancement of Care
- Chronic Pain and Alternative Treatments

Examples of Projects Funded

Funded Projects

- Fact-based opioid awareness and prevention programming in schools and communities.
- Provide overdose education, naloxone distribution, and syringe service programs in targeted areas.
- Training peer recovery specialists, social workers, shelter advocates, and other community support providers in harm reduction as a recovery coaching strategy.
- Expanding MAT provider base through training of physicians and advanced practice providers.
- Improving access to holistic chronic pain treatment strategies as preventative and restorative interventions for people at risk of experiencing Opioid Use Disorder.
- Building workforce capacity and recommendations for treatment of perinatal substance use disorders.
- Expansion of continuum of recovery services to provide clinically monitored withdrawal management.
- Media campaign with goal of educating public on dangers of fentanyl, along with distribution of overdose prevention resources.
- Supporting peer support specialists in American Indian, Karen, Hmong, Latino, Black and multi-racial communities, as well as those involved in criminal justice system.
- Primary prevention services and outreach campaigns.

Learn More About OERAC

- [The OERAC Website](#)
- [Governing Statute](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2023 Grantees](#)

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Questions?

Thank You!

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What questions do you have for the SUD Unit here today?

We will try to answer your questions at this meeting.

Questions that require more research will be posted within two weeks on the Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage.



Thank You!

For updates about future meetings and responses to questions not answered during this meeting, please visit the [Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage](#).