

# Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC)

## Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2024

**Meeting Location:** Hybrid meeting using WebEx and in-person at Elmer Andersen Building, 540 Cedar St, Room 2222, Saint Paul, MN.

**Members present:** (Names in italics are non-voting OERAC members)

Remote: Dr. Kathy Nevins, Joe Clubb, Rep. Dave Baker, Dr. Heather Bell, Sadie Broekemeier, Dr. Ashwin George, Sarah Grosshuesch, Pam Hughes, Jack Martin, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Toni Napier, Brock Reed, Dr. Charles Reznikoff, Dr. Antony Stately, Kristi Schoen, Judge Nicole Starr, *Catherine Diamond, Kristine Preston*

**Members not present:** Rep. Robert Bierman, Peter Carlson, Irene Folstrom, Senator Bill Lieske, *Jolene Rebertus*

**State Staff Members Present:** Amanda Langston, Laura Farlow, Sam Nord

### Call to order

Facilitator Stacy Sjogren began the meeting at 12:00 pm, reviewed the OERAC mission, the meeting ground rules and gave a guest welcome. The OERAC Chair, Dr. Kathy Nevins, and OERAC Vice Chair, Joe Clubb, reviewed the meeting agenda and gave welcome. A roll call followed. Quorum was secured. See voting log for details.

### Business items

**Minutes approval:** Joe Clubb moved to approve the minutes from the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 council meeting. Seconded by Toni Napier. Motion passed with roll call vote. See voting log for details.

**Welcome new members:** Representative Robert Bierman will be replacing Erin Koegel. OERAC Chair Nevins gave a thank you to Erin for her long commitment and work on OERAC.

**Officer nominations:** Reminder for council members to submit nominations for Chair and Vice Chair by September 19<sup>th</sup>. Current chair, Kathy Nevins, provided insight that she will not be running this year. Please reach out to Kathy Nevins or DHS staff for questions.

**Proposed meeting calendar for 2025:** Kathy Nevins gave an overview of the current meeting calendar, which included 6 1-hour hybrid meetings, and proposed a new 2025 meeting calendar. Encouraged council feedback

on the proposed schedule, which extended meeting time to 5.5 hours with 6 in-person meetings and no 1-hour meetings.

- **Member comments: Bell, Clubb, Starr, Grosshuesch, Stately, Napier, Baker**
- There was support for proposed plan and discussion that 1-hour meetings always felt rushed. Members felt extended hours are a good idea. Emphasis from staff that email updates would be given on off months.
- Staff clarified that the subcommittee meeting in 2025 would be separate from September meeting.
- Questions on the proposed 3-month gap between meetings over the summer months. Proposal for a shorter 2-hour hybrid meeting in July. Many council members supported this suggestion, referencing that the September meeting is the end of term for many on the council.

Final proposal currently includes 6 5.5-hour in person meetings and 1 2-hour hybrid meeting in July for the 2025 calendar year.

**RFP update:** DHS staff, Amanda Langston gave a status update on the OERAC RFP. 105 proposals were received. The grant review process is currently happening.

**September meeting information:** Amanda Langston provided details on the September meeting, as it is the first time the subcommittee is combined with the regular meeting.

- Regular OERAC meeting with public comment will be from 9am – 10am.
- RFP Subcommittee Meeting (closed to the public, in person only) will be from 10am – 2pm.
- Reminder there is hotel and mileage reimbursement available to the council members. There will be more details to come about a wild rice harvest opportunity.

**COI reminders for serving on subcommittee:** DHS Staff provided a reminder that council members may participate in subcommittee even if they have a conflict of interest with one or more applicant organizations. Members will not be able to vote or discuss grants in categories in which they have a conflict.

- **Member comments: Stately, Baker**
- Clarification that the September will be in Cass Lake, MN and hotel information will be sent to council members soon.
- Emphasis from fellow members to try to be there in person.

## Minnesota Drug Policy Report Presentation

Arielle McHenry and Anne Siegler presented an overview of the Drug Policy Report project, the current findings, and the future next steps.

## Adjourn

OERAC Chair Dr. Kathy Nevins adjourned the August 2024 meeting.

Next meeting: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 10am in Cass Lake, MN.

# Roll Call and Voting Log

August 16, 2024

P = in person    R = remote participant    A = absent

Member	Attendance status	Minutes approval for 7/19/24
Dr. Kathy Nevins	R	A
Joe Clubb	R	A
Rep. Dave Baker	R	ABSENT
Dr. Heather Bell	R	A
Rep. Robert Bierman <i>(replacing Rep. Erin Koegel)</i>	A	ABSENT
Sadie Broekemier	R	ABSENT
Peter Carlson	A	ABSENT
Irene Folstrom	A	ABSENT
Dr. Ashwin George	R	A
Sarah Grosshuesch	R	A
Pam Hughes	R	A
Senator Bill Lieske	A	ABSENT
Jack Martin	R	A
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	R	ABSENT
Toni Napier	R	A
Brock Reed	R	A
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	R	A
Kristi Schoen	R	A
Judge Nicole Starr	R	ABSENT
Dr. Antony Stately	R	ABSENT
Catherine Diamond <i>(replacing Dana Farley)</i>	R	
Jolene Rebertus	A	
Kristine Preston <i>(replacing Eric Grumdahl)</i>	A	
Tally	voting members present= absent=	Motion to approve: Joe Clubb Second: Toni Napier Minutes approved.