

Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC)

Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2024

Meeting Location: Hybrid meeting using WebEx and in-person at 2031 Rowland Rd, Mora, MN 55051.

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

Remote: Dr. Kathy Nevins, Joe Clubb, Rep. Dave Baker, Dr. Heather Bell, Peter Carlson, Dr. Ashwin George, Sarah Grosshuesch, Pam Hughes, Rep. Erin Koegel, Jack Martin, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Toni Napier, Brock Reed, Dr. Charles Reznikoff, Kristi Schoen, Judge Nicole Starr, *Jolene Rebertus, Eric Grumdahl, Catherine Diamond*

In person: Sadie Broekemeier

Members not present: Irene Folstrom, Senator Bill Lieske, Judge Nicole Starr, Dr. Antony Stately

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: Dave Baker moved to approve the minutes from the June 21st, 2024 council meeting. Seconded by Kristi Schoen. Motion passed with roll call vote. See voting log for details.

Welcome new members: Vice Chair, Joe Clubb, gave a welcome to the two new OERAC members, Senator Zaynab Mohamed and Catherine Diamond. Each new member introduced themselves.

Grant review, subcommittee and voting process: DHS Staff, Amanda Langston, presented an overview of the grant review and voting process for the upcoming OERAC RFP.

- Member comments: Broekemeier, Clubb, Schoen
- If an awarded proposal applicant does not accept the award, OERAC would then review and award a new proposal.

- The Conflict of Interest form will be sent to the grant reviewers and subcommittee soon. The list of applicants will not be available until after the RFP closes on August 6th, 2024.

Naloxone Storage Box Project

Amanda Langston gave an update on the Naloxone Storage Box Project, which is an initiative lead by the Opioid Response Team at DHS. This project is funded through federal dollars, where current grantees were presented the opportunity to participate in a micro-grant contract to buy and install a naloxone storage box in their community. This round of microgrants, with 15 grantees participating, is estimated to install 300-350 naloxone storage boxes across the state of Minnesota.

- Member comments: Broekemeier, Nevins, Mohamed, Grosshuesch
- Clarification that this project is to increase access to naloxone and can be used in various situations, but especially in an emergency overdose situation. The participating grantees have ownership over the decision on if the box will be locked or not at the installation location, based on the needs of that area.
- It was noted that an apparent opened box would be a helpful to signal that the box needs to be restocked.
- Question from council on current outreach for the project, specifically in communities of color. This project is working with current OERAC and SOR grantees who already have outreach and community resources already in place.
- Clarification that the grantees will purchase the boxes themselves and are reimbursed by this microgrant.

OERAC Quarterly Financial Status Report

Kari Irber, DHS Budget and Finance Director presented an overview of the OERAC budget, upcoming funds, and updates from 2024 legislative session. Total new revenue and remainder totals to above 14.7 million, which corresponds to the open OERAC RFP. Fiscal Year 2025 funds will be officially announced sometime in October.

- Member comments: Grumdahl, Nevins
- Appreciation for the work of the budget department. Emphasis that the success of OERAC is the ability to maintain a flow of funds to communities in Minnesota.
- Positive news that the full new revenue received by OERAC is included within the current RFP and will be received by communities.

Adjourn

Dr. Kathy Nevins gave a reminder that September meeting will be in Cass Lake, MN and is an extended 5-hour meeting to accommodate the subcommittee meeting. Kathy emphasized fellow council members should consider being a grant reviewer and/or participate in the subcommittee.

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

Next meeting: August 16th, 12pm – 1pm.

Roll Call and Voting Log

July 19, 2024

P = in person R = remote participant A = absent

Member	Attendance status	Minutes approval for 6/21/24
Dr. Kathy Nevins	R	A
Joe Clubb	R	A
Rep. Dave Baker	R	A
Dr. Heather Bell	R	A
Sadie Broekemier	P	A
Peter Carlson	R	A
Irene Folstrom	A	ABSENT
Dr. Ashwin George	R	A
Sarah Grosshuesch	R	A
Pam Hughes	R	A
Rep. Erin Koegel	R	A
Senator Bill Lieske	--	ABSENT
Jack Martin	R	A
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	R	A
Toni Napier	R	A
Brock Reed	R	A
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	R	A
Kristi Schoen	R	A
Judge Nicole Starr	A	ABSENT
Dr. Antony Stately	A	ABSENT
Catherine Diamond	R	
Jolene Rebertus	R	
Eric Grumdahl/Kristine Preston	R	
Tally	voting members present= absent=	Motion to approve: Dave Baker Second: Kristi Schoen Minutes approved