

Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC)

Meeting Minutes for September 29, 2023

Meeting Location: Hybrid meeting using WebEx and in-person at Cambridge MN Medical Center Education Building.

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

Remote: Dr. Heather Bell, Sadie Broekemeier, *Dana Farley*, *Marina Fuhrman*, Dr. Ashwin George, Sarah Grosshuesch, Alicia House, Kelly Morrison, and Brock Reed

In person: Representative Dave Baker, Joe Clubb, *Eric Grumdahl*, Representative Erin Koegel, Senator Bill Lieske, Toni Napier, and Dr. Kathryn Nevins

Members not present:

Nicole Anderson, Peter Carlson, Tiffany Irvin, Esther Muturi, and Judge Korey Wahwassuck

Call to order

Facilitator Stacy Sjogren began the meeting at 10:00 and a guest welcome, review of ground rules, and roll call followed. Quorum was secured. See voting log for details.

2023 Opioid epidemic response services grant award decisions

Category A: Primary prevention and education for opioid related substance use disorders (SUD)

Category B: Secondary prevention and harm reduction for opioid-related SUDs

Category C: Workforce development and training on the treatment of opioid related SUDs

Category D: Expansion and enhancement of continuum of care for opioid related SUDs

Category E: Chronic pain and alternative treatments

Category F: Emerging and/or innovative strategies, practices, and organizations

Recommendations for grants within all categories were approved. See voting log for details and conflicts of interest declarations for each category.

Business items

Nevins moved to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Napier. Motion passed with roll call vote. See voting log for details.

Baker acknowledged the departure of members Alicia House and Nicole Anderson. House addressed the Council, sharing appreciation and words of encouragement for their work in the future.

Farley shared that MDH had some difficulties with the Interagency Agreement with DHS to deploy the Tribal Funds. He will provide a more detailed status report at the October meeting.

Baker shared that all tribal visits are complete. Baker, Nevins, Rennquist, and Langston worked in conjunction with DHS Commissioner Harpstead during her annual consultations with tribal leaders, to represent OERAC. Each visit provided an opportunity for an OERAC representative to share more about the Council's purpose and learn more about tribal needs.

Nevins announced that a representative from the Dakota tribes is needed for a seat on the Advisory Council. See Secretary of State website to apply.

DHS updates

New OERAC staff lead, Amanda Langston, introduced herself to the Council.

Jenny Rennquist informed Council that hiring of three new grant managers is nearing completion.

Teva opioid settlement update

This item was set aside for the October 27 meeting due to lack of time.

Adjourn

Next meeting (note change of date!): Friday, October 27, 10:00-2:00, New Ulm Medical Center Auditorium.

Lieske moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nevins. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Roll Call and August 18, 2023 minutes approval

Member	Attendance status	Minutes approval
Sadie Broekeimer	R	Y
Sarah Grosshuesch	R	Y
Toni Napier	P	Y
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A	A
Joe Clubb	P	Y
Nicole Anderson	A	A
Alicia House	R	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	P	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	R	Y
Peter Carlson	A	A
Brock Reed	R	Y
Representative Erin Koegel	P	Y
Representative Dave Baker	P	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	R	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	P	Y
Heather Bell	R	Y
Eric Grumdahl	P	Y
Marina Fuhrman	R	Y
Dana Farley	R	Y
	15 participating, 3 absent	Approved

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Category A

Primary prevention and education for opioid related substance use disorders (SUD)

Conflicts prohibiting voting: Clubb, House, Reed

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	Y
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Toni Napier	Y
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Conflict
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	Conflict
Representative Erin Koegel	Y
Representative Dave Baker	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	Pass
Heather Bell	Y
	10 eligible to vote/ 9 yes , 1 pass

Category B

Secondary prevention and harm reduction for opioid-related SUDs

Motion to table category to later date for more discussion by Koegel, seconded by Lieske.

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	N
Sarah Grosshuesch	N
Toni Napier	N

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Member	Vote
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Conflict
Dr. Kathy Nevins	N
Dr. Ashwin George	N
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	N
Representative Erin Koegel	Pass
Representative Dave Baker	N
Senator Kelly Morrison	N
Senator Bill Lieske	Y
Heather Bell	Conflict
	10 eligible to vote/ 8 no , 1 pass, 1 yes

Motion by Nevins to remove Ramsey County Harm Reduction application. Seconded by Lieske. Motion withdrawn after discussion.

Vote for category B as originally recommended.

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	Pass
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Toni Napier	Y
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Conflict
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y

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Member	Vote
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	Y
Representative Erin Koegel	Y
Representative Dave Baker	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	N
Heather Bell	Conflict
	10 eligible to vote/ 8 yes , 1 no, 1 pass

Category C

Workforce development and training on the treatment of opioid related SUDs

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	N
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Toni Napier	Y
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Conflict
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Conflict
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	Y
Representative Erin Koegel	Y
Representative Dave Baker	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	Y

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Member	Vote
Senator Bill Lieske	Pass
Heather Bell	Conflict
	9 eligible to vote/ 7 yes , 1 no, 1 pass

Category D: Expansion and enhancement of continuum of care for opioid related SUDs

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	Pass
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Toni Napier	Conflict
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Pass
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Conflict
Dr. Ashwin George	Pass
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	Y
Representative Erin Koegel	Y
Representative Dave Baker	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	Pass
Heather Bell	Conflict
	9 eligible to vote/ 5 yes , 4 pass

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Category E: Chronic pain and alternative treatments

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	Pass
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Toni Napier	Y
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Y
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Pass
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Pass
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	Y
Representative Erin Koegel	Y
Representative Dave Baker	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	Pass
Heather Bell	Conflict
	12 eligible to vote/8 yes, 4 pass

Category F: Emerging and/or innovative strategies, practices, and organizations

Motion to remove North College proposal to discuss further at a later date by Lieske. Seconded by House.

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	N
Sarah Grosshuesch	N
Toni Napier	N
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict

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Alicia House	N
Dr. Kathy Nevins	N
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	N
Representative Erin Koegel	N
Representative Dave Baker	N
Senator Kelly Morrison	N
Senator Bill Lieske	Y
Heather Bell	Conflict
	11 eligible to vote/ 9 no, 2 yes

Vote for category F as originally recommended.

Member	Vote
Sadie Broekeimer	Pass
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Toni Napier	Y
Judge Korey Wahwassuck	A
Joe Clubb	Conflict
Nicole Anderson	A
Alicia House	Pass
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	N
Peter Carlson	A
Brock Reed	Y
Representative Erin Koegel	Y
Representative Dave Baker	Y
Senator Kelly Morrison	Y

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Senator Bill Lieske	N
Heather Bell	Conflict
	11 eligible to vote/ 7 yes , 2 no, 2 pass