



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Agenda

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

1:00 PM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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2. Audience

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3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on July 14, 2026

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 *Public Health* - Update On Opioid Settlement Response And Proclamation of August As Overdose Awareness Month In Dakota County

5.2 *Public Health* - Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Thrive! Family Recovery Resources Using Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2026 Public Health Budget

5.3 *Public Health* - Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Minnesota Recovery Connection Using Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2026 Public Health Budget

- 5.4 *Public Health* - Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Lionheart Wellness And Recovery Using Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2026 Public Health Budget
- 5.5 *Public Health* - Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Wayside House, Inc. Using Opioid Settlement Funds
- 5.6 *Social Services-Mental Health & Substance Use Services* - Update On Dakota County Substance Use Services Continuum
- 6. **Assistant County Managers' Report**
- 7. **Future Agenda Items**
- 8. **Adjournment**
 - 8.1 Adjournment

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Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5861

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5862

Agenda #: 4.1

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on July 14, 2026



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

1:00 PM

**Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Commissioner Holberg and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Lucie O'Neill, Assistant County Attorney; Gil Acevedo, Assistant County Manager, Community Services; Marti Fischbach, Assistant County Manager, Community Services; and Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik.

Commissioner Laurie Halverson arrived at 1:03 p.m.

2. Audience

Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik, asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Community Services Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Workman, the agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 6

Excused: 1

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 12, 2026

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Minnesota African American Family Preservation And Child Welfare Disproportionality Act

From Social Services - Children & Family Services, Nikki Conway, Director, and Lawrence Dickens, Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. No staff direction was given; this item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Assistant County Managers' Report

Marti Fischbach, Assistant County Manager, Community Services, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided. Assistant County Manager Fischbach referenced the following items: The handout on free lead testing, the new State reporting requirements for Medical Assistance application and renewal timeliness, the revalidation update on long term services and behavioral health providers, and the sunseting of the Communities for All initiative as the work has concluded. A video highlighting some of that work, specifically on Assistive Technologies, was played for the Committee.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting. No topics were brought forth.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Liz Workman, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5728

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE

Update On Opioid Settlement Response And Proclamation of August As Overdose Awareness Month In Dakota County

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, August is International Overdose Awareness Month, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about overdose prevention and honoring those impacted by Substance Use Disorder; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of alcohol and other drugs are important risk factors for chronic disease, disability, and death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff, in partnership with other organizations, is committed to building public awareness and addressing stigma as important steps in supporting people to access treatment and support for both mental health and Substance Use Disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims August as Overdose Awareness Month in Dakota County and supports efforts to promote overdose awareness, evidence-based prevention education, and access to services and supports to serve the mental health and substance use needs of the residents of Dakota County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in observance of this proclamation, the Dakota County Service Centers and the Dakota County Crisis and Recovery Center will be lit in purple on August 31, 2026, International Overdose Awareness Day, and Dakota County residents, businesses, and city partners are also encouraged to shine a purple light to honor those who have been affected by overdose.

BACKGROUND

Every August, International Overdose Awareness Month brings a global community together to take action on overdose. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this global initiative.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in 2025, there were a total of 63 deaths due to drug overdose in Dakota County, with 39 of those attributed to opioids. MDH also tracks the total number of nonfatal hospital visits for drug overdoses. The total number of hospital visits for nonfatal drug overdoses in Dakota County has decreased by nearly 53% since 2020, while the total number of hospital visits for opioid overdoses has also steadily decreased each year, going from 312 in 2020 to a total of 102 in 2025.

Staff will provide an update on opioid settlement response efforts, including initiatives focused on

awareness, education, and prevention.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaims August as Overdose Awareness Month in Dakota County and supports efforts to promote overdose awareness, evidence-based prevention, and access to services and supports to serve the mental health and substance use needs of the residents of Dakota County.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPACTS

None.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides

CONTACT

Department Director: Gina Pistulka

Author: Erin Carder



Overdose Awareness Month

Erin Carder, Public Health Deputy Director

Alicia Ward, Social Services Supervisor

Joe Leko, Dakota County Sheriff

August 18, 2026

Agenda

- ❖ Overdose Awareness Month
- ❖ Dakota County Data
- ❖ Funding Update
- ❖ Prevention Efforts
- ❖ Contracted Vendors
- ❖ Partner Efforts
- ❖ Recommendation



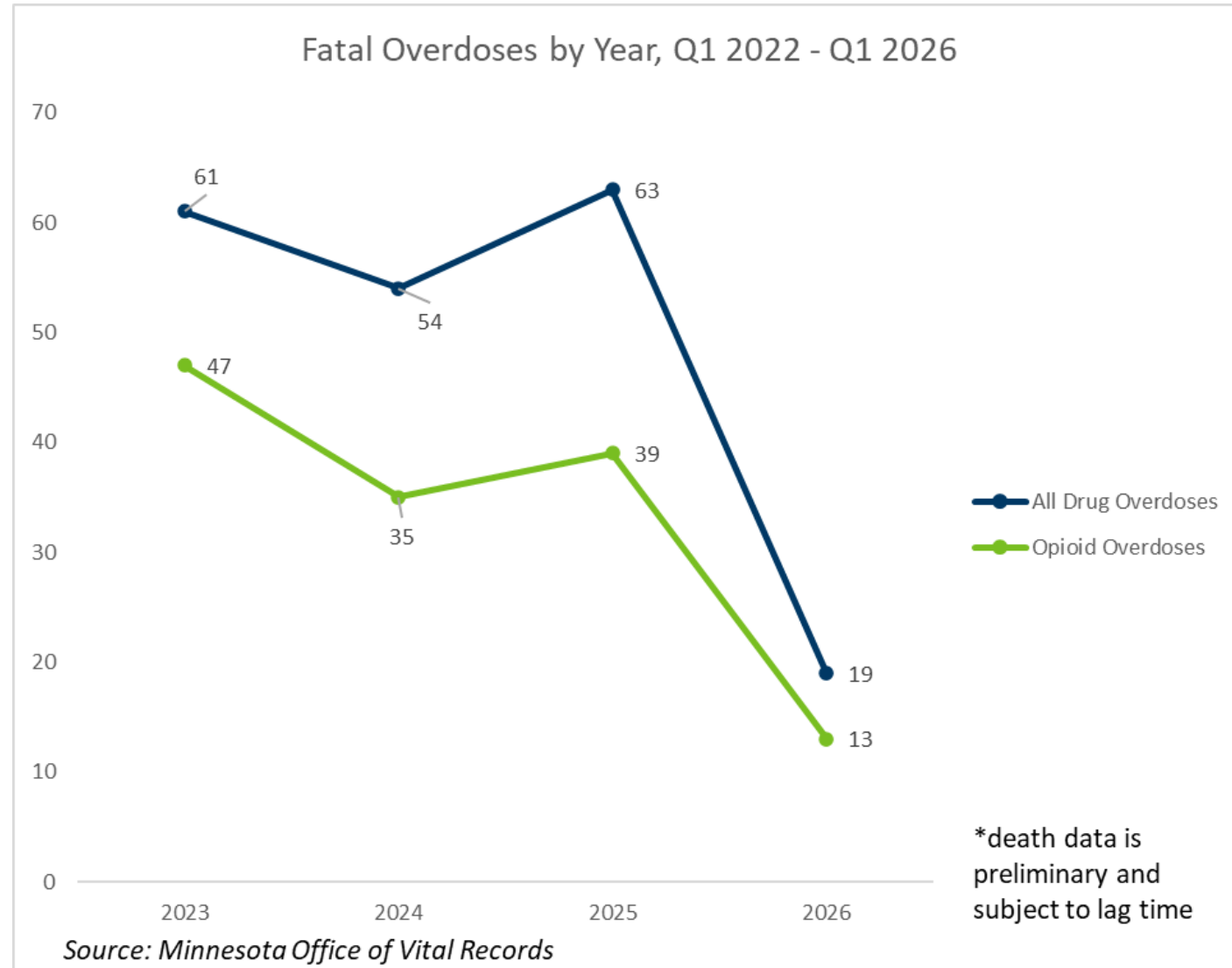
2025 in Dakota County



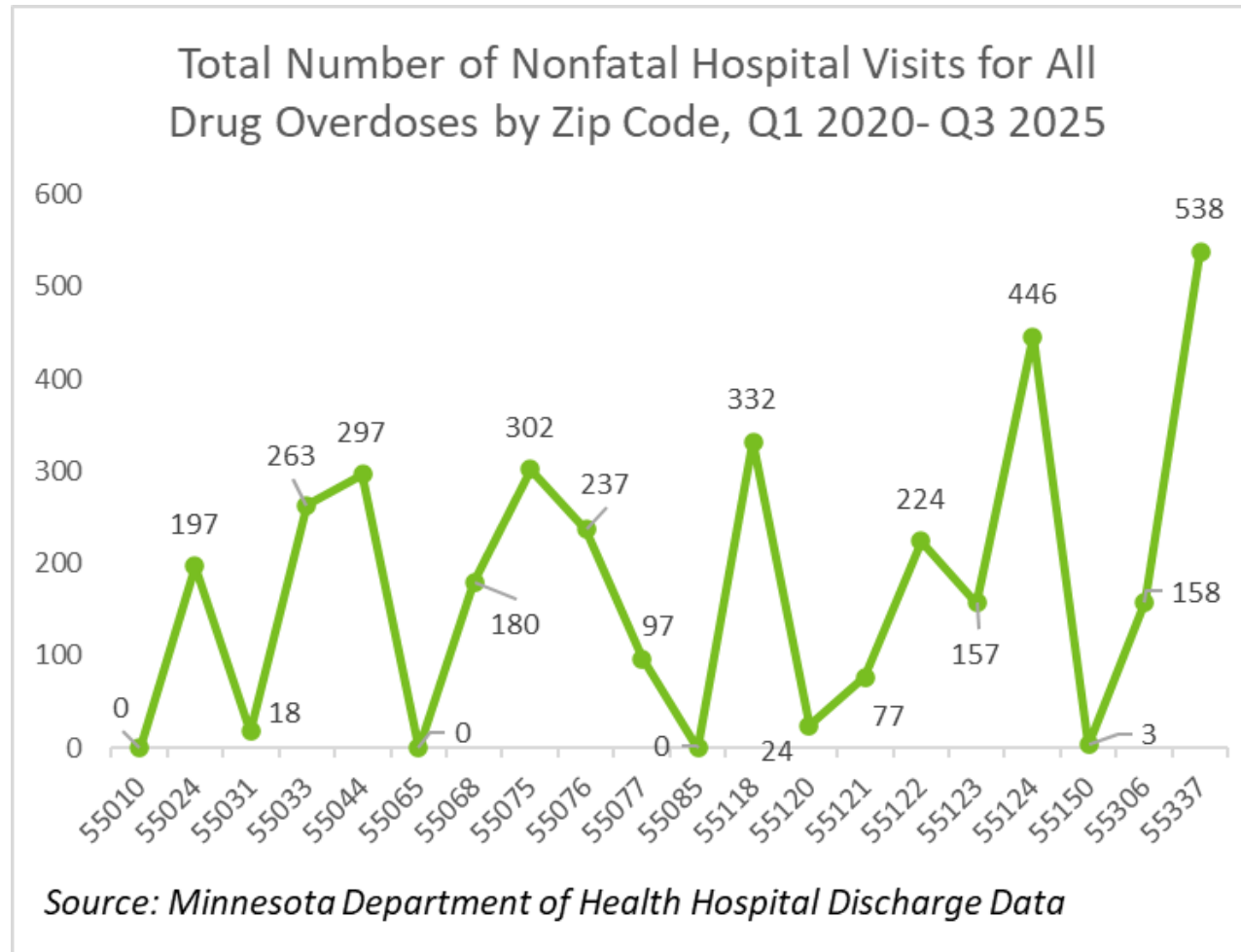
Overdose Awareness Month 2026



Dakota County Fatal Overdose Data

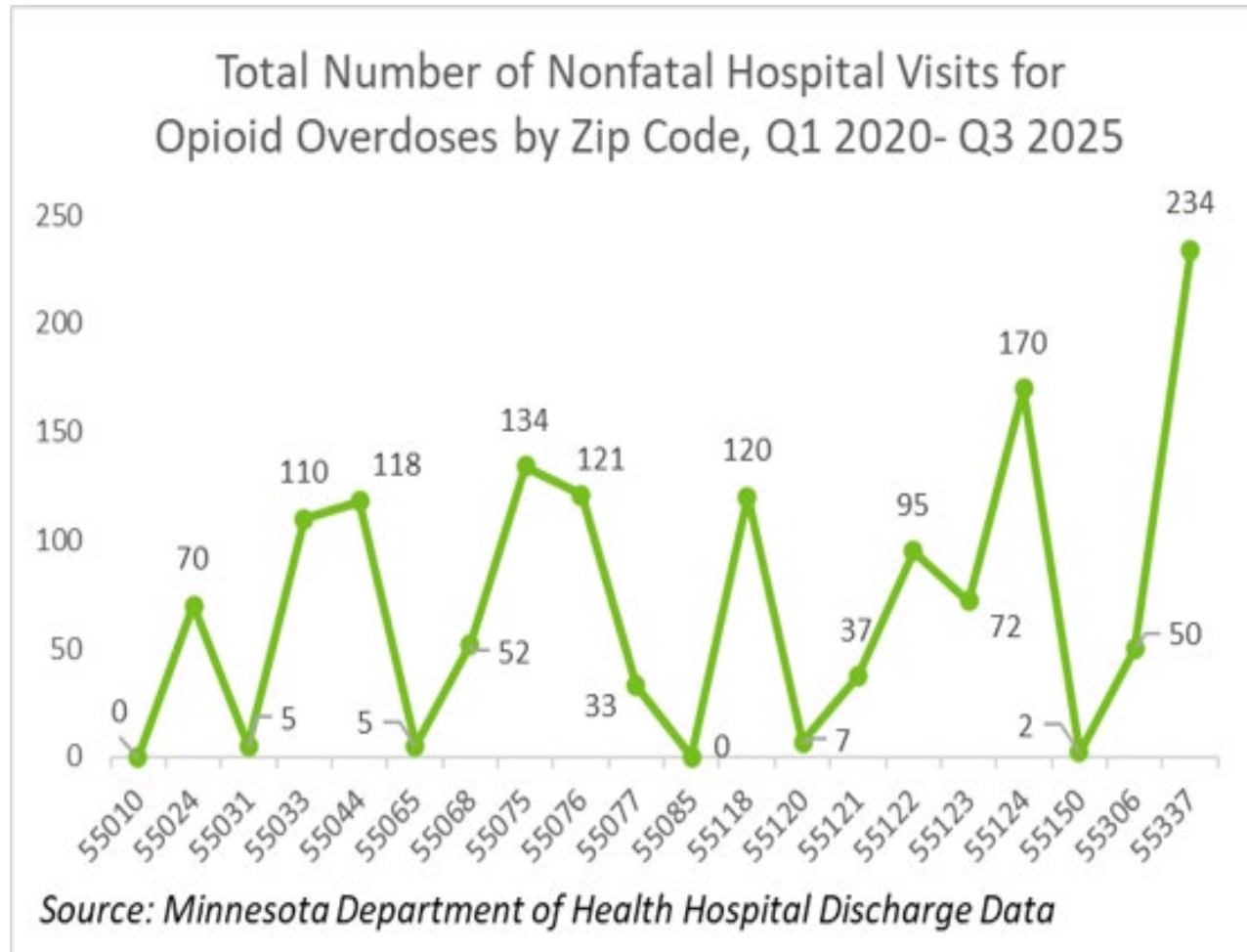


Dakota County Nonfatal Hospital Visits



Zip Code	City
55010	Castle Rock
55024	Farmington
55031	Hampton
55033	Hastings
55044	Lakeville
55065	Randolph
55068	Rosemount
55075	South Saint Paul
55076	Inver Grove Heights
55077	Inver Grove Heights
55085	Vermillion
55118	Saint Paul
55120	Saint Paul
55121	Eagan
55122	Eagan
55123	Eagan
55124	Apple Valley
55150	Mendota
55306	Burnsville
55337	Burnsville

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55077	Inver Grove Heights
55085	Vermillion
55118	Saint Paul
55120	Saint Paul
55121	Eagan
55122	Eagan
55123	Eagan
55124	Apple Valley
55150	Mendota
55306	Burnsville
55337	Burnsville

2021-2038 Settlement Funding



Distributors and Johnson & Johnson	Second Wave Settlements	Total
\$ 9,127,527	\$ 7,486,070	\$ 16,613,597

Committed Funds



	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027-2038	Total Committed
Addressing Opioid Addiction in Jail						
3.0 Social Services Staff		\$ 394,002	\$ 415,672	\$ 438,534	\$ 8,019,384	\$ 8,829,058
Funding for Small Cities and Schools						
City Agreements		195,000				195,000
School District Agreements		80,000				80,000
Equipping Community to Respond to Opioid Overdose						
Nasal Naloxone		15,000				15,000
Training and Nasal Naloxone		55,500				55,500
Leveraging Resources and Response Across the County						
Public Health Opioid Coordinator	134,942	143,039	150,906	159,205	2,911,358	3,340,244
Opioid Contract*			390,000	257,707		390,000
.5 Public Health Program Supervisor			80,632	85,067	1,555,599	1,636,231
Multimedia Public Awareness Campaign			150,000			150,000
	\$ 134,942	\$ 882,541	\$ 1,187,210	\$ 940,513	\$ 12,486,341	\$ 14,691,033

*Current request being presented

Prevention Efforts

- Community Trainings
- Naloxone Access Points
- Support for schools, cities, and community organizations
- Partnerships
- Communications and Social Media
- Community Health Improvement Plan
- Data monitoring and reporting requirements
- Outreach, awareness, education, and stigma reduction
- Inaugural HOPE Summit



HOPE Summit



“ Dakota County's HOPE Summit showed a commitment to engaging our communities in this critical work.

- HOPE Summit Participant



Social Media

- Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok

Programmatic Digital

- CTV
- YouTube
- Google Search/Display
- Spotify

Community Media

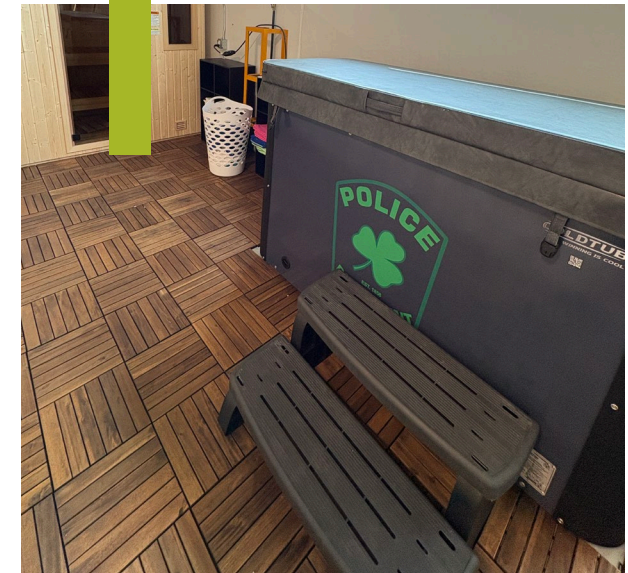
- Sun This Week/Dakota County Tribune
- iHeartRadio
- KDWA
- Townsquare TV
- 3HMONGTV
- Somali TV
- Atmosphere TV
- Digital Billboard



Schools



Cities



Prevention Efforts

Community

Contracted Vendors



Vendor	Service Description	Current NTE Amount	Amendment Requested	Amended NTE Amount
Thrive! Family Recovery Services	Family Resource Center for families impacted by co-occurring conditions	\$93,707	Add \$93,707, extend term to 12/31/2028	\$187,414
Minnesota Recovery Connection (MRC)	Culturally-specific harm reduction education & continuing care	\$89,000	Add \$89,000, extend term to 12/31/2028	\$178,000
Lionheart Wellness and Recovery	Co-occurring treatment and holistic care for adolescents and families	\$75,000	Add \$75,000, extend term to 12/31/2028	\$150,000
Wayside Recovery Center	Care coordination for justice-involved adults with co-occurring conditions	\$100,000	Extend term to 12/31/2028	No additional funds
Gateway Recovery Center	Transportation to withdrawal management facilities	\$32,293	n/a	n/a

Contracted Vendors



Strengthening community impact through strategic partnerships and contracted services



Social Services Program Coordinator (1 FTE)



Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)

Coordinates countywide substance use initiatives through strategic partnerships, program development, data-driven decision making, consultation, and evidence-based practice implementation.

- **Law Enforcement Center/Jail Coordination, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services (80% of role)**
- **Crisis-embedded social workers and law enforcement partners** : Pre-engagement support
- **South St. Paul Police Department:** Needs assessment to identify service gaps
- **South St. Paul:** Consulting on high-risk, high-call residences who generate repeated emergency and public safety contacts
- **Drug Task Force** : Strengthening coordination across agencies
- **School Districts:** Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services and opioid specific education
- **South Metro Fire:** Partnering with on an overdose-response pilot
- **Presentations delivered:** across Social Services, Community Corrections, School Districts, South St. Paul podcast



IMPACT



Stronger coordination
across systems



More effective
engagement



Better data & accountability
for smarter investments



Improved outcomes for individuals
and our community

What is MOUD?



Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)

- Three FDA approved medications to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), Dakota County Jail utilizes buprenorphine (Suboxone)
- A combination of an FDA approved medication **and** counseling to treat individuals diagnosed with OUD is most effective
- Highly collaborative program with system partners from Sheriff's Office, Social Services, Public Health, Steve Rummier Hope Network, Advanced Correctional Healthcare, and multiple community providers.
- Evidence-based practice
- Address high risk of overdose for people exiting jail, 10-40% higher risk than general population
- Every individual engaged with MOUD is offered:
 - Assessment and treatment coordination from our Chemical Health Social Workers, **including services post-release**
 - ❖ Naloxone
 - ❖ Fentanyl Test strips
 - ❖ Education on treatment options for OUD
 - ❖ Resource packet of services within the community to promote long-term recovery

Social Services' Social Workers (2 FTEs)



- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)
- Provides proactive, person-centered, evidence-based opioid response services.
 - Psychoeducation, early intervention, assessment, treatment coordination, resources for housing, legal, healthcare, and employment support (87% of work with people in the jail)
- 185 individuals served by social workers, August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026, 84% engagement rate
- Innovative and specialized work, as time allows:
 - **School Districts:** Early Intervention Services for youth, psychoeducation for staff
 - **Veteran's Court partnership:** Providing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services to **justice-involved Veterans**
 - **Safe and Healthy Start:** Improving family stability by connecting to needed SUD services
 - **Juvenile Service Center:** Delivering in-person SUD services to **youth** within the juvenile justice system

Drug Task Force



Dakota County Drug Task Force 2025 Annual Report

Statistics

Drugs Seized in Weight

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cocaine/Crack (grams)	1,156.68	172.07	13,539.96	2,468.94	2601.57
Fentanyl (grams)	68.01	5,763.10	22,004.39	3,531.91	17105.08
Fentanyl Pills (doses)	10,901	112,321	153,843	365,560	21,402
Heroin (grams)	4,245.70	184.13	2,004.91	22.26	428.90
Methamphetamine (grams)	110,855.30	95,578.06	61,920.94	62,764.63	8947.01
Marijuana (grams)	53,810.57	36,950.26	40,098.24	10,673.21	9576.07
Marijuana Plants	18	0	0	72	25
Prescription (doses)	4884.50	2333.5	2822	429.5	12,148
THC Edibles (grams)	16,905.67	12,002.26	155.09	3,057.26	44.40
THC Oil (grams)	374.61	916.16	1487	7,556.77	975
THC Wax (grams)	3,083.33	518.33	399.25	27,236	42.59

Recommendation



Overdose
Awareness
Month
Proclamation

#1



Execute
Contract
Amendments

#2



Questions

Thank you!



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5816	Agenda #: 5.2	Meeting Date: 8/18/2026
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DEPARTMENT: Public Health
FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE
Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Thrive! Family Recovery Resources Using Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2026 Public Health Budget

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, Opioid settlement funds are distributed and governed by the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) which sets forth authorized strategies in MOA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-035 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Thrive! Family Recovery Resources in a contract not to exceed amount of \$93,707 using opioid settlement funds for MOA Exhibit A strategies A.6, B.1, B.2, B.5, and B.10, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County amended the contract to extend the term through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a second amendment is proposed for Thrive! Family Recovery Resources to continue to establish a family resource center to support families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder, in accordance with the previously-authorized MOA strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or delegate, to execute a contract amendment with Thrive! Family Recovery Resources to add \$93,707 for a new not to exceed for a total \$187,414 and extend the term through December 31, 2028, to provide services in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items A.6, B.1, B.2, B.5, and B.10, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Public Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	Amount
Opioid Contract Expense	<u>\$93,707</u>
Total Expense	\$93,707

Revenue	Amount
Opioid Fund Balance	<u>\$93,707</u>
Total Revenue	\$93,707

BACKGROUND

Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Dakota County (the "County") will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period. Pursuant to the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"), the County may use the opioid settlement funds when the Dakota County Board of Commissioners passes a resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of funds connected to specific strategies the County intends to fund by identifying the item letter and/or number in the MOA.

Fiscal decisions made by federal and state government have impacted our Dakota County communities and caused financial consequences for the opioid contractors. Working on remediation, prevention, treatment, and recovery, the opioid contractors have been doing exceptional work in our communities despite this new reality. Additionally, Operation Metro Surge greatly impacted the opioid contractor's ability to deliver services in the way they had planned.

MOA Exhibit A includes the following authorized strategies which will be funded through this contract amendment:

- Strategy A.6: Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.
- Strategy B.1: Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare.
- Strategy B.2: Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.
- Strategy B.5: Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- Strategy B.10: Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to execute a contract amendment with Thrive! Family Recovery Resources to add \$93,707 for a not to exceed amount of \$187,414 and extend the term through December 31, 2028.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPACTS

The original contract was included in the 2025 Public Health budget. A budget amendment is being requested in the amount of \$93,707 funded by Opioid Fund Balance to cover the extension of the contract.

Fund	Department	Program	Funding Source	Requested Budget
Opioid Fund	Public Health	Contracts	Fund Balance	\$93,707

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

25-035; 01/21/25

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Contract Summary Sheet

CONTACT

Department Director: Gina Pistulka

Author: Jess Luce



RBA CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Thrive! Family Recovery Resources

CONTRACT TERM

Start Date: 3/20/2025

End Date: 12/31/2028

CONTRACT DOLLAR AMOUNT

\$187,414

SCOPE OF SERVICES OR GENERAL DESCRIPTION

To establish a family resource center to support families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in Dakota County.

Thrive will establish a family resource center in Dakota County, designed as a safe, supportive space for families navigating the challenges of OUD. The center will increase accessibility to Thrive's programs and provide a much-needed physical space for families to connect, learn, and find support in their journey alongside their loved ones struggling with opioid addiction. This family resource center will be a vital hub for Dakota County families, providing them with the support they need to help their loved ones while healing themselves. Through this initiative, Thrive will continue its mission to bring hope, help, and healing to families impacted by the opioid crisis. The services will be provided in the following ways: one-on-one support, family support groups, resource navigation, drop-in services and harm reduction supplies.

The goal of this project is to support families affected by OUD by providing them with resources, education, peer support, and actionable solutions that improve both the family's well-being and their loved one's recovery outcomes.



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5818	Agenda #: 5.3	Meeting Date: 8/18/2026
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DEPARTMENT: Public Health
FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE
Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Minnesota Recovery Connection Using Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2026 Public Health Budget

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, Opioid settlement funds are distributed and governed by the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) which sets forth authorized strategies in MOA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-036 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Minnesota Recovery Connection in a contract not to exceed amount of \$89,000 using opioid settlement funds for MOA Exhibit A strategies B.13 and H.3, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County amended the contract to extend the term through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a second amendment is proposed for Minnesota Recovery Connection to continue to provide culturally appropriate long-term behavioral health and wellness for the Latine population suffering from Opioid Use Disorder, provide harm reduction education in accordance with Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate standards, and provide two additional trainings for County staff for two additional years, in accordance with the previously-authorized MOA strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or delegate, to execute a second contract amendment with Minnesota Recovery Connection to add \$89,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$178,000 and extend the term through December 31, 2028, to provide services in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items B.13 and H.3, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Public Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	Amount
Opioid Contract Expense	<u>\$89,000</u>
Total Expense	\$89,000

Revenue	Amount
Opioid Fund Balance	<u>\$89,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$89,000

BACKGROUND

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Fiscal decisions made by federal and state government have impacted our Dakota County communities and caused financial consequences for the opioid contractors. Working on remediation, prevention, treatment, and recovery, the opioid contractors have been doing exceptional work in our communities despite this new reality. Additionally, Operation Metro Surge greatly impacted the opioid contractor's ability to deliver services in the way they had planned.

MOA Exhibit A includes the following authorized strategies which will be funded through this contract amendment:

- Strategy B.13: Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions, including but not limited to new Americans, African Americans, and American Indians.
- Strategy H.3: Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to execute a contract amendment with Minnesota Recovery Connection to add \$89,000 for a not to exceed \$178,000 and extend the term through December 31, 2028.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPACTS

The original contract was included in the 2025 Public Health budget. A budget amendment is being requested in the amount of \$89,000 funded by Opioid Fund Balance to cover the extension of the contract.

Fund	Department	Program	Funding Source	Requested Budget
Opioid Fund	Public Health	Contracts	Fund Balance	\$89,000

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

25-036; 01/21/25

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: RBA Contract Summary Sheet

CONTACT

Department Director: Gina Pistulka

Author: Jess Luce



RBA CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

MN Recovery Connection

CONTRACT TERM

Start Date: 6/17/2025

End Date: 12/31/2028

CONTRACT DOLLAR AMOUNT

\$178,000

SCOPE OF SERVICES OR GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this work is to address structural racism, while elevating the rich cultural and faith traditions that guide the lifestyles, behaviors, decisions, and beliefs of Latine communities. These cultural traits will be emphasized as strengths in the lives of the Latine community, especially as core assets for achieving and sustaining long-term Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and mental health recovery. As a key element of the project, MRC will collaborate with faith leaders and organizations to destigmatize OUD and mental health (MH) disorders within the Latine cultures, respectively. Increased awareness and understanding of these behavioral health conditions will result in better support for families as they navigate continuums of recovery care while experiencing the safety and comfort of their own heritage.

Contractor will provide workshops to faith communities within Dakota County that have a large population of Spanish speaking individuals (within three months of contract commencement). This will be a collaborative of faith communities or a single "place of worship", exact locations determined by Minnesota Recovery Connection. They will also provide Spanish speaking recovery groups specifically targeting Opioid Use disorders within Dakota County (within 6 months of contract commencement) and a recovery group with common needs who meet regularly to help each other in a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life and strive to meet their full potential.

The goals are to improve cross-cultural long-term behavioral health and wellness for the Latine population in Dakota County suffering from opioid use disorder (OUD) and connecting them to programming and providing continuing care through peer support and recovery groups. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, as well as other treatment & recovery support services and

to provide harm reduction education and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards in accordance with the National CLAS standards. In addition, contractor will conduct workshops in Dakota County that inform the Latine community of available services that support recovery from OUD and its accompanying negative consequences.



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5797	Agenda #: 5.4	Meeting Date: 8/18/2026
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DEPARTMENT: Public Health
FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE
Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Lionheart Wellness And Recovery Using Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2026 Public Health Budget

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, Opioid settlement funds are distributed and governed by the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) which sets forth authorized strategies in MOA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-032 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Lionheart Wellness and Recovery in a contract not to exceed amount of \$75,000 using opioid settlement funds for MOA Exhibit A strategies A.1, A.3, and A.6, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County amended the contract to extend the term through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a second amendment is proposed for Lionheart Wellness and Recovery to continue to provide trauma-responsive, evidence-based, co-occurring treatment for adolescents, increase accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder for adolescents, and provide holistic support to adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder and/or Mental Health conditions and their families, in accordance with the previously-authorized MOA strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or delegate, to execute a second contract amendment with Lionheart Wellness and Recovery to add \$75,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$150,000 and extend the term through December 31, 2028, to provide services in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items A.1, A.3, and A.6, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Public Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	Amount
Opioid Contract Expense	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total Expense	\$75,000

Revenue	Amount
Opioid Fund Balance	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$75,000

BACKGROUND

Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Dakota County (the "County") will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period. Pursuant to the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"), the County may use the opioid settlement funds when the Dakota County Board of Commissioners passes a resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of funds connected to specific strategies the County intends to fund by identifying the item letter and/or number in the MOA.

Fiscal decisions made by federal and state government have impacted our Dakota County communities and caused financial consequences for the opioid contractors. Working on remediation, prevention, treatment, and recovery, the opioid contractors have been doing exceptional work in our communities despite this new reality. Additionally, Operation Metro Surge greatly impacted the opioid contractor's ability to deliver services in the way they had planned.

MOA Exhibit A includes the following authorized strategies which will be funded through this contract amendment:

- Strategy A.1: Expand availability of treatment for Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions, including all forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD") approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including by making capital expenditures to purchase, rehabilitate, or expand facilities that offer treatment.
- Strategy A.3: Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MOUD, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services.
- Strategy A.6: Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to execute a contract amendment with Lionheart Wellness and Recovery to add \$75,000 for a not to exceed \$150,000 and extend the term through December 31, 2028.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPACTS

The original contract was included in the 2025 Public Health budget. A budget amendment is being requested in the amount of \$75,000 funded by Opioid Fund Balance to cover the extension of the contract.

Fund	Department	Program	Funding Source	Requested Budget
Opioid Fund	Public Health	Contracts	Fund Balance	\$75,000

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

25-032; 01/21/25

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: RBA Contract Summary Sheet

CONTACT

Department Director: Gina Pistulka

Author: Jess Luce



RBA CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Lionheart Wellness and Recovery

CONTRACT TERM

Start Date: 4/22/2025

End Date: 12/31/2028

CONTRACT DOLLAR AMOUNT

\$150,000

SCOPE OF SERVICES OR GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Purpose is to expand trauma-responsive, evidence-based, co-occurring treatment services for adolescents with substance use disorders (SUD), Opioid Use Disorders (OUD), and mental health (MH) conditions in Dakota County. To increase accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) for adolescents receiving outpatient treatment and provide holistic support to both adolescents and their families.

The program offers a comprehensive suite of services designed to address both SUD and MH challenges, with a strong focus on trauma-informed care and family integration. Comprehensive services are provided, including individual and group counseling, peer recovery support, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), and family education, ensuring that adolescents have access to the necessary tools to achieve and sustain long-term recovery.

The target audience for our project is adolescents aged 12-18 residing in Dakota County who need substance use disorder (SUD) and co-occurring mental health services.

The goals of this service is to expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, as well as other treatment & recovery support services and provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD and family members.



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5817

Agenda #: 5.5

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE

Authorization To Execute A Contract Amendment With Wayside House, Inc. Using Opioid Settlement Funds

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Opioid settlement funds are distributed and governed by the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") which sets forth authorized strategies in MOA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-034 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Wayside House, Inc. DBA Wayside Recovery Center ("Wayside Recovery Center") in a contract not to exceed amount of \$100,000 using opioid settlement funds for MOA Exhibit A strategies D.4 and D.5, for the term of July 2, 2025 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is proposed for Wayside Recovery Center to continue to provide support to individuals who are involved in or transitioning out of the criminal justice system in Dakota County through case consultation, comprehensive assessment, care coordination, and linkage to treatment; and

WHEREAS, while Commissioner Laurie Halverson ("Commissioner Halvorson") and Community Corrections Director Suwana Kirkland ("Director Kirkland") are board members of Wayside Recovery Center, Commissioner Halverson abstained from voting on the resolution and the contract will not be under the purview of Director Kirkland for any decision-making.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or delegate, to execute a contract amendment with Wayside House Inc. to extend the term through December 31, 2028, to provide services in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items D.4 and D.5, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

BACKGROUND

Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Dakota County (the "County") will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period. Pursuant to the Amended Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"), the County may use the opioid settlement funds when the Dakota County Board of Commissioners passes a resolution authorizing

the expenditure of a stated amount of funds connected to specific strategies the County intends to fund by identifying the item letter and/or number in the MOA.

Fiscal decisions made by federal and state government have impacted our Dakota County communities and caused financial consequences for the opioid contractors. Working on remediation, prevention, treatment, and recovery, the opioid contractors have been doing exceptional work in our communities despite this new reality. Additionally, Operation Metro Surge greatly impacted the opioid contractor's ability to deliver services in the way they had planned.

This will continue to expand trauma-based, co-occurring treatment for adolescents, to increase accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder for adolescents, and to provide holistic support to adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder and/or Mental Health conditions and their families in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items D.4 and D.5.

MOA Exhibit A includes the following authorized strategies which will be funded through this contract amendment:

- Strategy D.4: Provide evidence-informed treatment, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD"), recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.
- Strategy D.5: Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MOUD, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to execute a contract amendment with Wayside House, Inc. to extend the term through December 31, 2028.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPACTS

The original contract was included in the 2025 Public Health budget. There is sufficient available budget for this recommended action.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

25-034; 01/21/25

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: RBA Contract Summary Sheet

CONTACT

Department Director: Gina Pistulka

Author: Jess Luce



RBA CONTRACT SUMMARY SHEET

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Wayside House, Inc.

DBA: Wayside Recovery Center

CONTRACT TERM

Start Date: 7/2/2025

End Date: 12/31/2028

CONTRACT DOLLAR AMOUNT

\$100,000

SCOPE OF SERVICES OR GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Purpose is to address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons with Opioid Use Disorder and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health conditions in Dakota County.

The focus population are men and women who are involved in Dakota County Drug Court or who are transitioning out of Dakota County jail who need assessment and treatment for Opioid Use Disorder and co-occurring Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health conditions, and/or who face barriers to accessing needed services and supports for long-term recovery.

The goal of this project is to address the needs of adults with Opioid Use Disorder and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health conditions who are involved in, becoming involved in, or transitioning out of the criminal justice system in Dakota County through case consultation, comprehensive assessment, care coordination, and linkage to evidence-based treatment options that support long term recovery and reduction of involvement in the criminal justice system.



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5865

Agenda #: 5.6

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026

DEPARTMENT: Social Services-Mental Health & Substance Use Services

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Update On Dakota County Substance Use Services Continuum

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

BACKGROUND

Social Services collaborates with the Sheriff's Office, Public Health, Community Corrections, local law enforcement, school districts, court partners, the County Attorney's Office, and others to provide a comprehensive continuum of substance use services (SUS) services and community interventions.

Key responsibilities include:

- Operating an outpatient Department of Human Services, 245G, licensed Jail Treatment Program in the Dakota County Jail.
- Serving as the designated SUS professional for Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, and Veterans Court.
- Completing comprehensive assessments and coordinating treatment for individuals in jail, court settings, the community, and within child protection cases
- Providing nicotine education and school-based assessments as an alternative to suspension.
- Partnering with Public Health on opioid response initiatives.
- Assisting individuals with Medical Assistance applications to reduce the county's cost share under the Behavioral Health Fund (BHF).

By Minn. Stat. § 254A.19, Subd. 3 (d) (2) counties are to complete SUS assessments within five days or upon a later date upon the client's request or refer to other locations where they may access sooner. Under Minn. Stat. §254B.03, Subd. 4 counties share treatment costs for individuals eligible for the BHF. Program revenue sources include medical billing, opioid settlement funding, and county levy.

Staff will provide an overview of current services and partnerships and discuss an upcoming Request for Board Action to ratify a grant application to the Department of Human Services to sustain or expand Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services for youth and adults and to accept grant funds if awarded. Ratification request is due to short timeline from Request to Proposals (RFP) to application deadline. The RFP was issued July 13, 2026 and the application due date of August 10, 2026. The anticipated contract term is three and one-half years, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2030, with a possible extension up to a total

contract term of five years.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPACTS

None.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides

CONTACT

Department Director: Emily Schug

Author: Ericka Hammer



Dakota County Substance Use Services Continuum

Emily Schug, Social Services Director
Alicia Ward, Social Services Supervisor
August 18, 2026

What is a Substance Use Disorder?

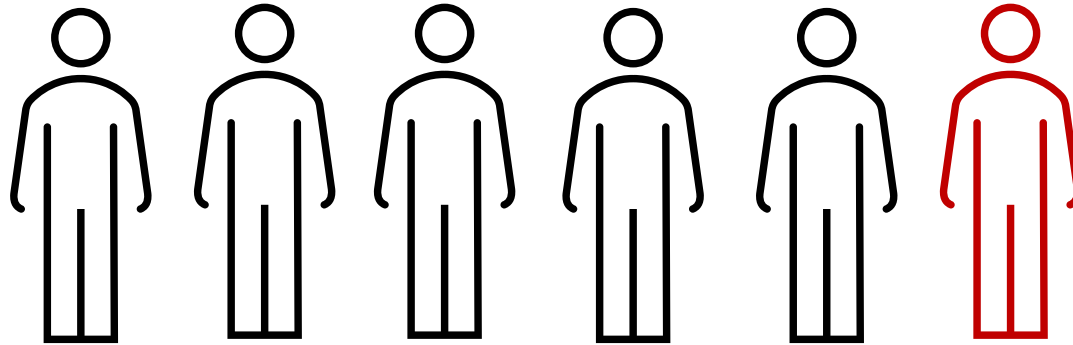
A substance use disorder (SUD) is a treatable health condition that can develop when alcohol or other drug use begins to create challenges in a person's health, relationships, responsibilities, or daily life, and it becomes difficult to reduce and stop use.

Substance Use by the Numbers



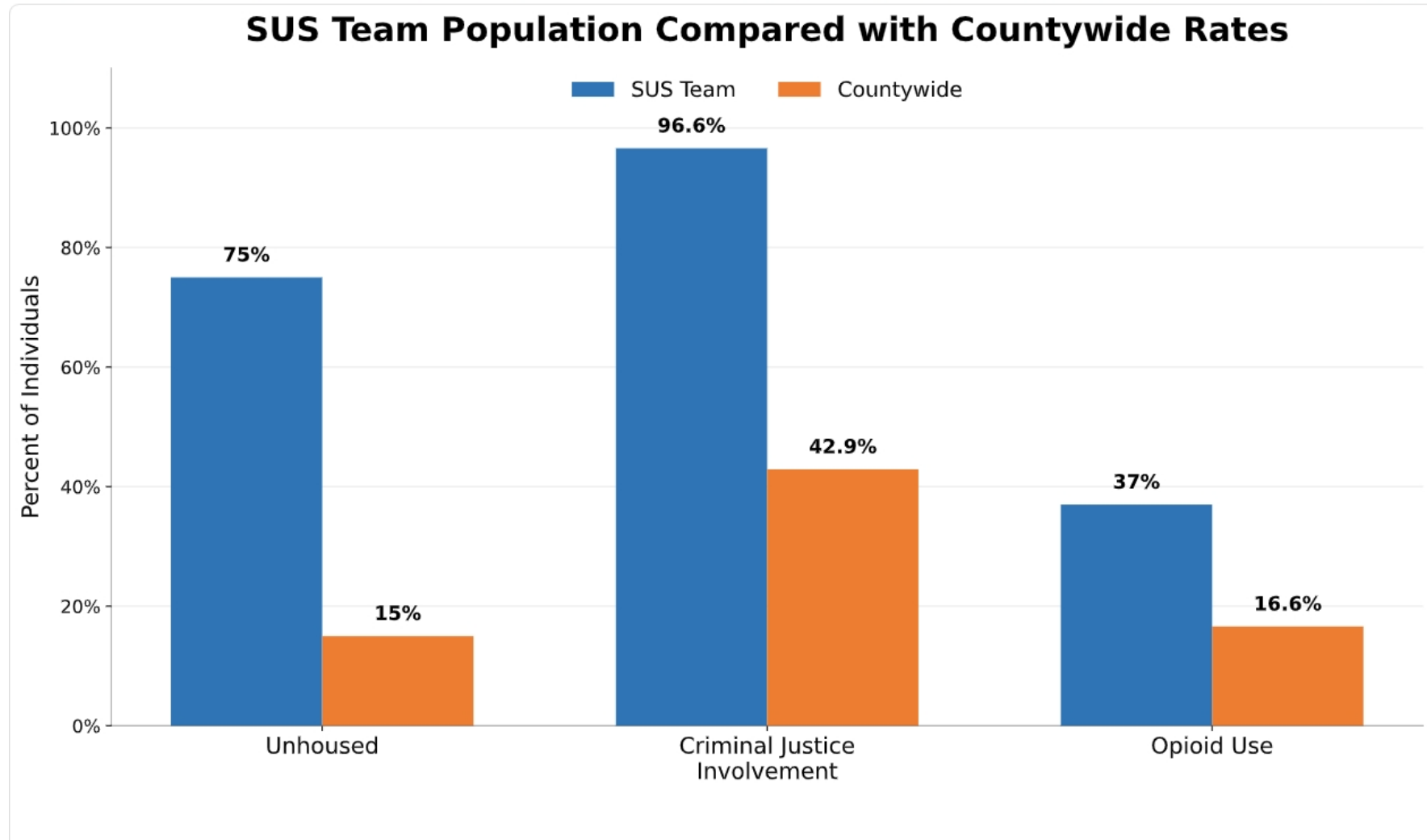
In 2024:

- Among people 12 or older, 16.8% (or 48.4 million people) had a past-year substance use disorder (SUD)
- 9.8% of people 12 or older had a drug use disorder
- 9.7% of people 12 or older with an alcohol use disorder
- Adults aged 18 or older, 33.0% (or 86.6 million people) had either mental illness or a substance use disorder in the past year



1 in 6 Americans have a Substance Use Disorder
1 in 2 American adults has been affected by SUD in their family

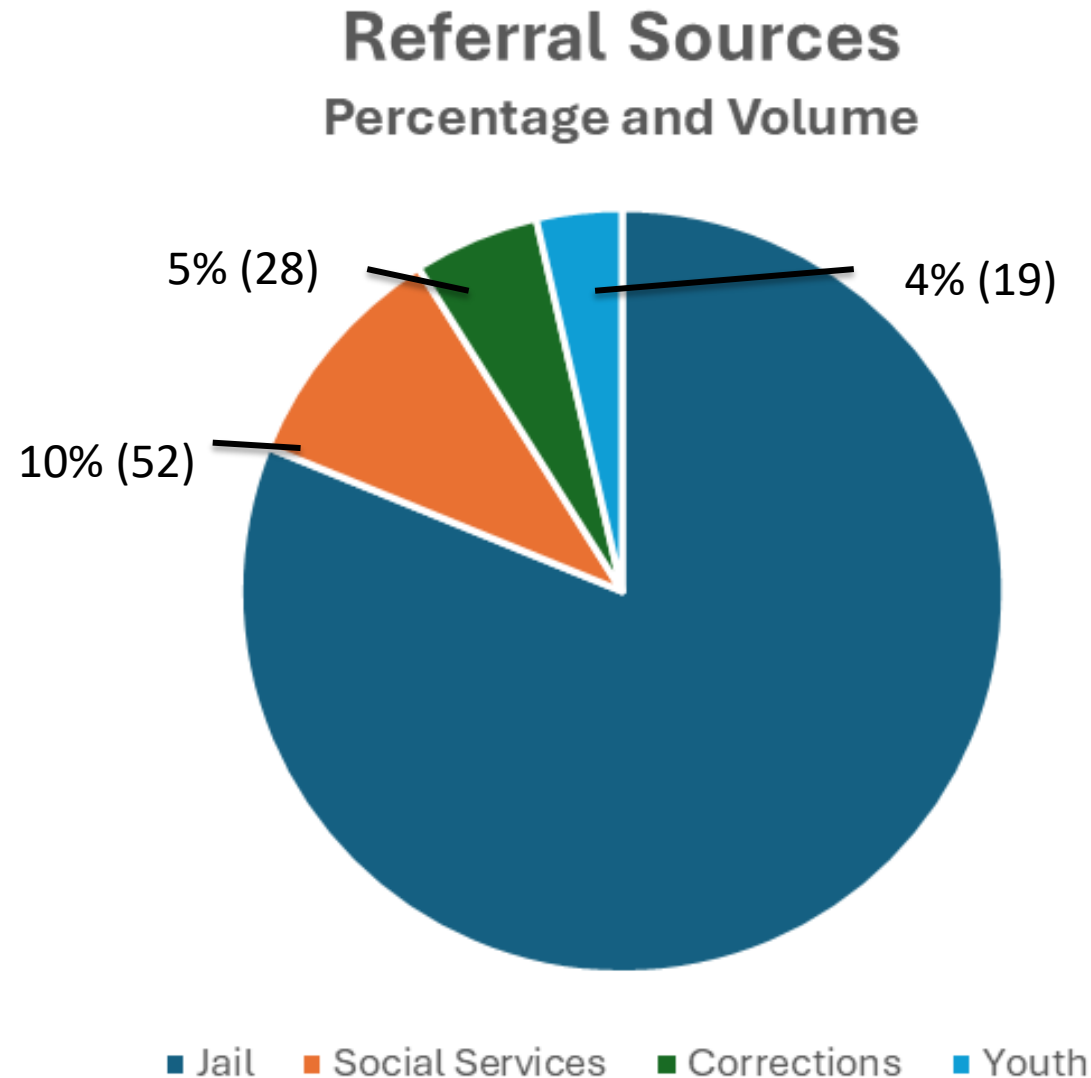
Population Served by Dakota County Substance Use Services



Source: Countywide rates sourced from 2025 DAANES Summary.

Countywide data: 2,666 treatment admissions
SUS data: 525 individuals

Referral Sources for the County's Substance Use Services

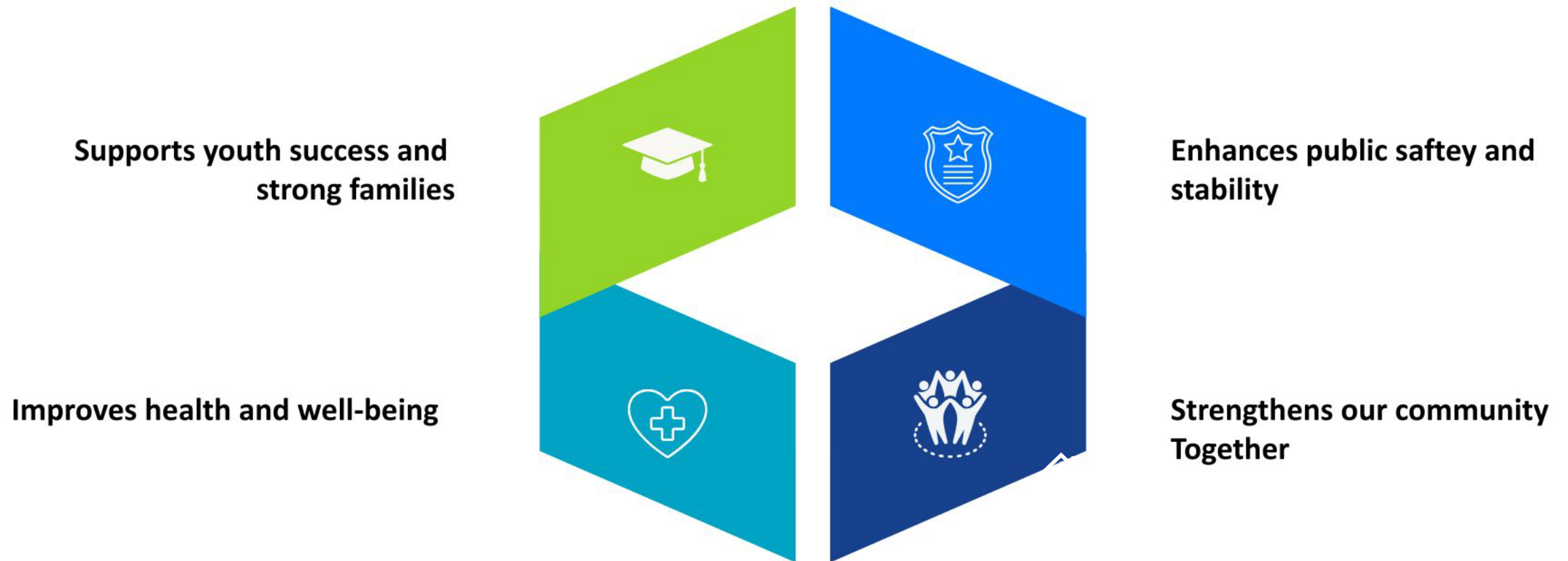


525 referrals sent to SUS
over a 12 month span
(8/1/25 to 7/31/26)

Minnesota counties carry broad and overlapping statutory mandates to ensure access to, funding for, and coordination of substance use disorder (SUD) services — spanning treatment funding, withdrawal management, civil commitment, and the justice system. These obligations are distributed across multiple chapters of Minnesota Statutes (Minn. Stat. 254B, 245G, and 256M to ensure access to and funding for substance use disorder (SUD) services, under 245F and related sections of 256B).

Counties also carry statutory obligations under Chapter 253B to perform civil commitment screenings, petitions, coordination, and placement for individuals with SUD. Additionally, counties have responsibility for ensuring appropriate SUD-related access within the justice system through statutes including 241.31 and 609.115.

Substance use service access affects individuals, families, and our entire community.



History of Dakota County Substance Use Services



1980s

- Eligibility for funding (CCDTF) and “Rule 25” Assessments, at jail and county buildings
- 4 FTE Social Workers; 2 FTE Admin

2008

- Social Services took over operating licensed outpatient SU treatment program within the Dakota County Jail
- Added 2 FTE Social Workers for Jail Treatment Program (JTP) and 1 FTE Coordinator

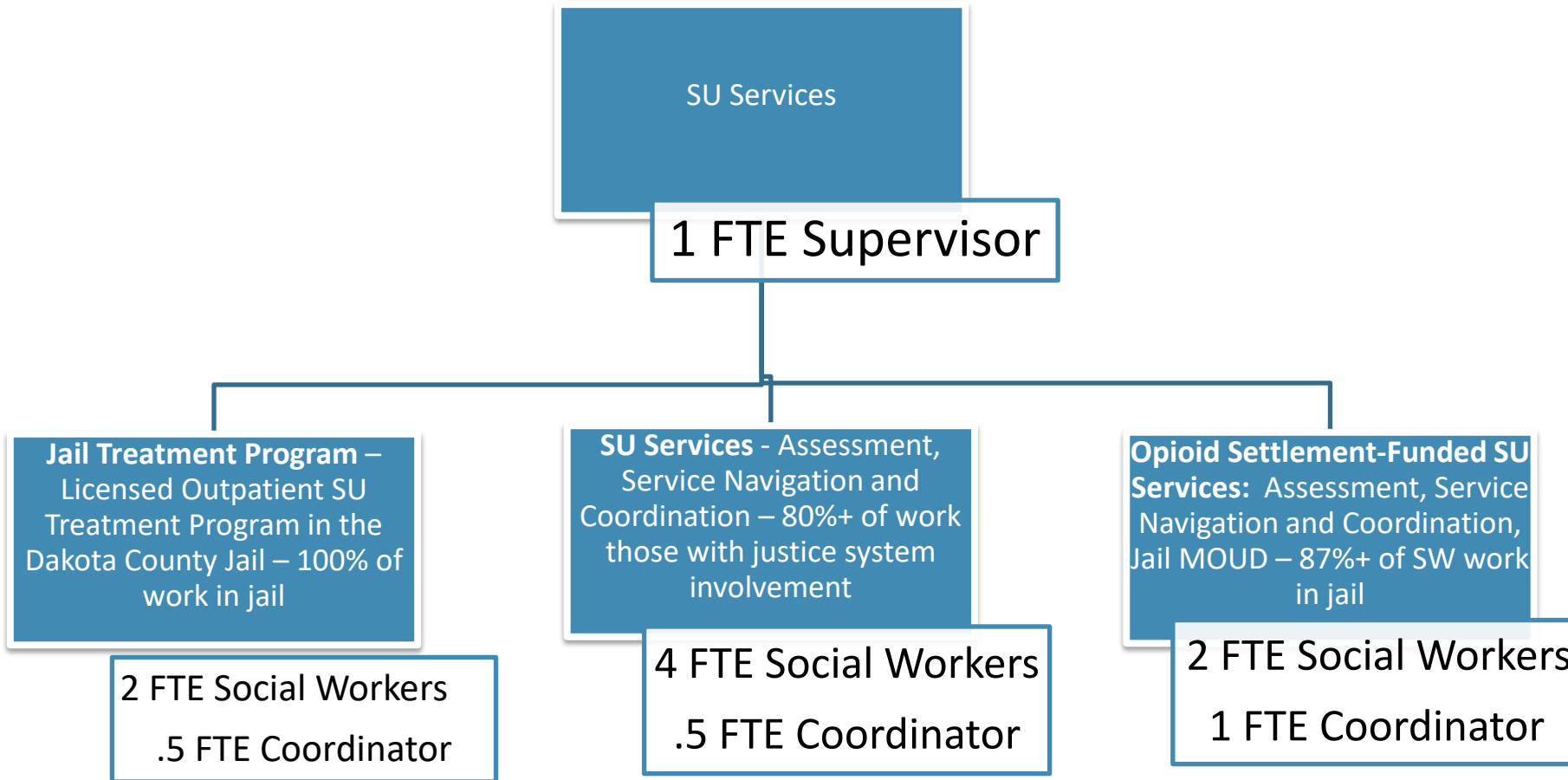
2024

- With Board support, in partnership with Public Health and Sheriff’s Office, expanded services to address opioid use (OU), including access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Added 2 FTE Social Workers and 1 FTE Coordinator

2026

- DHS moved funding eligibility to State July 1, 2026; 2026 County budgeted eliminated 2 FTE Admin. + reduced \$200,000 in contracted SU services
- Current state: Services provided across continuum with continued focus on serving most underserved populations including jail population – 85%+ of all service for those in jail or justice system involved; 468 jail assessments in last 12 months
- Effective August 1, 2026 more services billable in 15 minute units
- Applying for grants

Substance Use Services Team

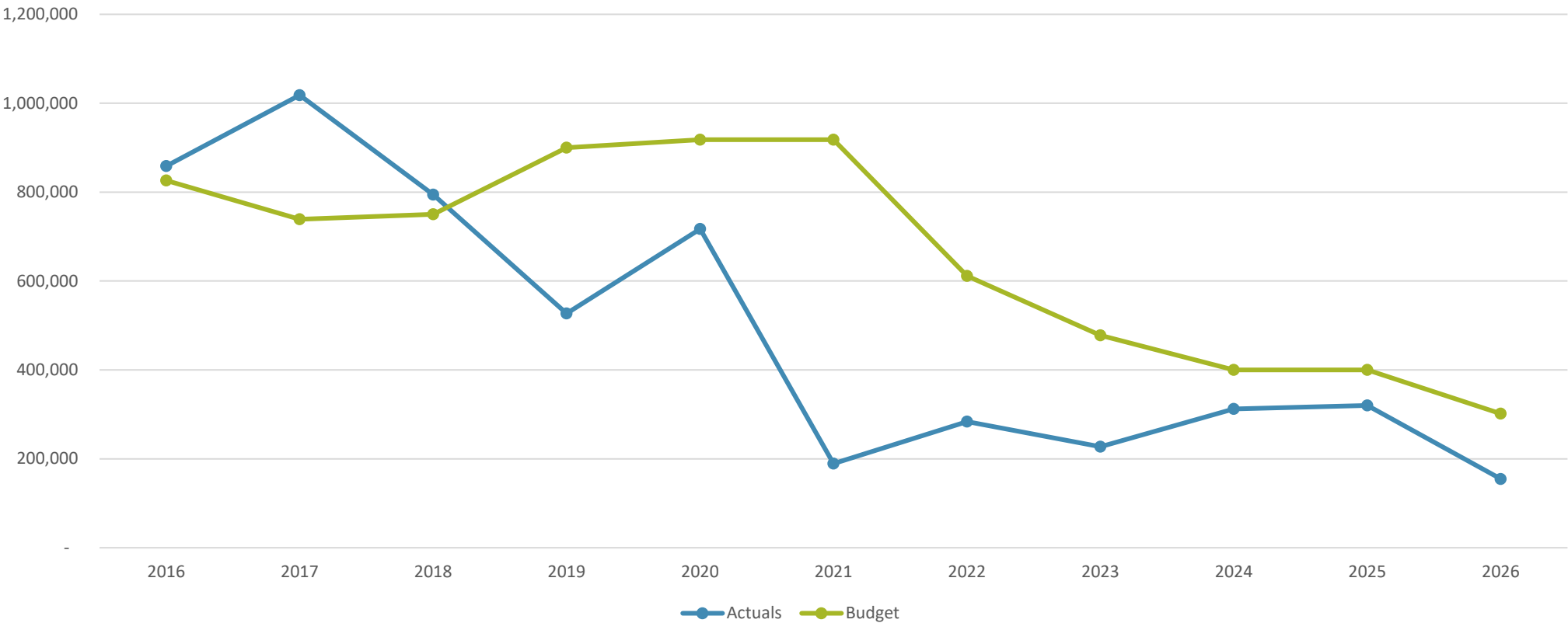


FTE Funding Sources



Fund Source	2026 Adopted Budget
Opioid Settlement	\$438,534
Billing for Services – Jail Treatment Program	\$155,000
Billing for Services – Assessment and Coordination	\$125,000
Levy	\$804,287
Total	\$1,522,821

Behavioral Health Fund (BHF)





Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care





Building resilience and reducing risk before problems escalate



In Depth Pilot: An alternative to school suspension or citation



Pre-Engagement collaboration: Crisis Embedded Social Work Team



Collaboration with South Saint Paul PD on high frequency SUD calls



Psychoeducation presentations to schools, community corrections, and community



Understanding each person's unique needs to guide the right path forward



Person-centered and trauma-informed SUD assessment



Meeting residents where they are at: in schools, the community, and law enforcement center/jail – 468 assessments August 2025 to July 2026



Timely and accessible



Alternative to suspension

Jail Assessments, January – July 2026



- Individuals provided with assessment *and* treatment coordination: **266***
 - 70 of these individuals reported opioid use (26% of all applicants)
- Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) referrals: **68**
- Total amount of individuals with opioid use served: **138**
- Average turnaround time for an assessment: **< 2 business days**
 - Per statute, providers have up to 5 business days to complete assessments.
- Number of SUS applications requested: **304**
 - **266** (87.5%) were sent back, processed, and assigned a SUS social worker**

** Minnesota Stat. §254B.0501 subdivision 5 requires the county to complete assessments according to §254A.19*

*** Jails are required to respond to requests for SU services; assist people to apply for the Behavioral Health Fund; submit application to DHS; notify county economic assistance of and date of incarceration and release date. In the Dakota County Jail, Social Services social workers perform many of these duties. Work has increased with move of funding eligibility to State*



Connecting people to the right services at the right time



Individualized recovery planning



Referrals to treatment, including as condition of release from jail



Food, housing and employment resources



Behavioral Health Fund and Medical Assistance application assistance



Dakota County Jail Treatment Program Evidence-based, trauma-informed care tailored to individual needs.



52 individuals served in outpatient substance use treatment in 2025



Group counseling 9 hours a week



Individual counseling



Psychoeducation

Stronger together. Better outcomes for everyone.



Schools

- 12 Schools served in 25/26



First Responders

- Dakota County Sheriff's Office
- Drug Task Force
- South St. Paul PD
- South Metro Fire



Justice Partners

- Adult Drug Court
- Veteran's Court
- Family Drug Treatment Court
- Juvenile Drug Treatment Court



Public Health Collaboration

- HOPE Summit
- LPHA Opioid Settlement Summit



Treatment Providers

- Minnesota Recovery Connection
- Thrive
- Wayside
- People Inc.

Working across systems to create a seamless continuum of care, 80+% of work within the justice system.

Building on what works. Expanding what's possible.



EXPANDED EARLY INTERVENTION

- INDEPTH pilot at Hastings Middle School and Inver Grove Middle School (5 referrals in 2025-2026 school year)



STRENGTHENED ACCESS

- Comprehensive assessments in schools, the community, and justice settings
- Meeting individuals where they are at



TREATMENT

- 245G Jail Treatment Program
- 50% graduated in 2025
- 100% received individualized continuing care planning for community re-entry



RECOVERY CONNECTIONS

- Presentation at LPHA Opioid Settlement Summit
- MDH presentation
- HOPE Summit
- Jail Resource Fair
- Recovery Fair
- Recovery Navigator Partnership – Ampact/Americorp



CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION

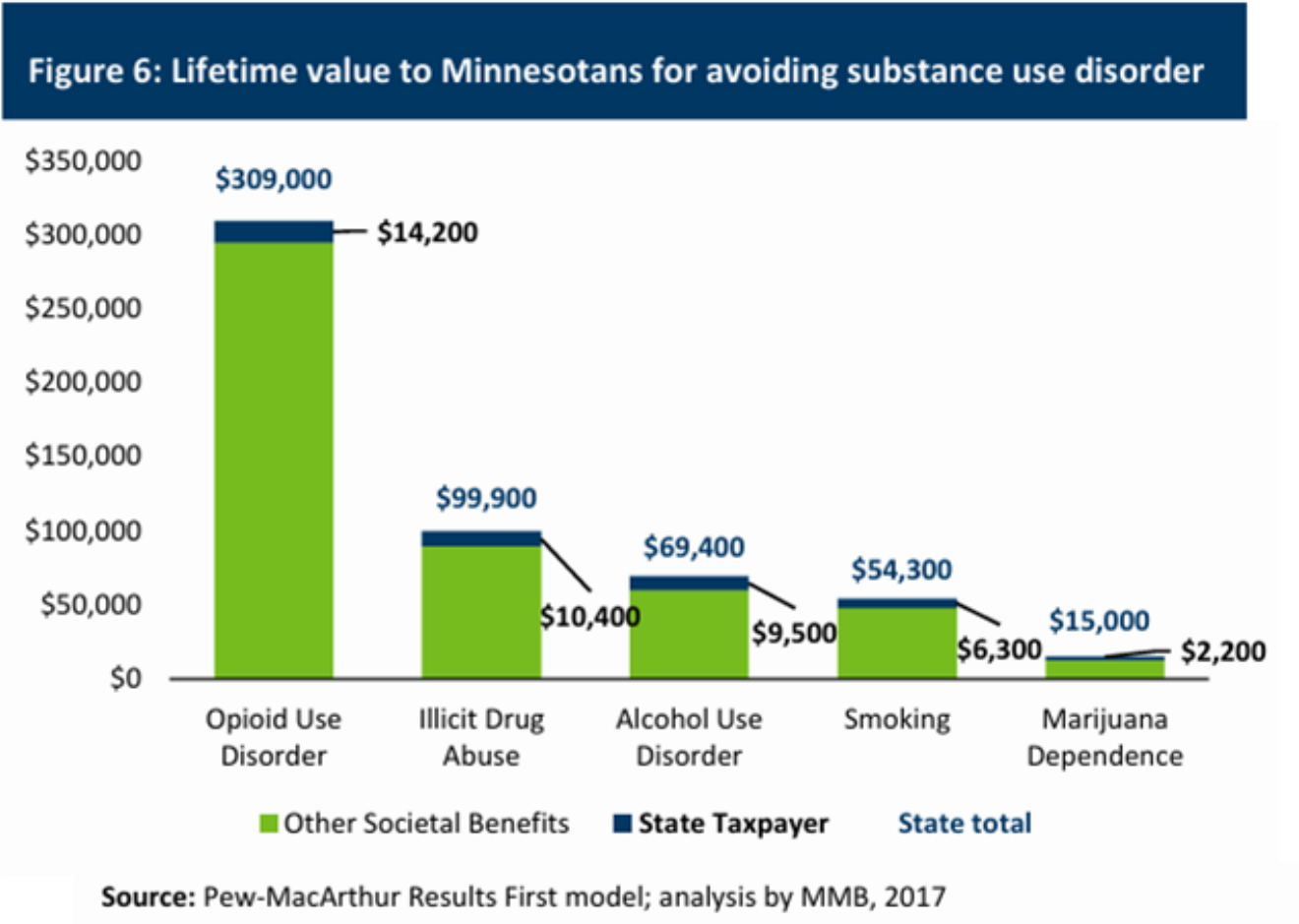
- Schools
- Public Safety
 - South St. Paul PD
- Community Corrections
 - Adult Drug Court
 - Family Dependency Treatment Court
 - Juvenile Drug Court
 - Veteran's Court
- Public Health
- Treatment Providers

Return on Investment, Treatment and Recovery

Figure 5: Comparison of benefit-cost ratios for treatment and recovery services

	Service or Practice	Benefit-cost ratio (A+B)		Taxpayer (A)	Other societal (B)	
Treatment	Motivational interviewing to enhance treatment engagement	\$16.10		\$2.20	\$13.90	
	Brief marijuana dependence counseling (BMDC)	\$10.70		\$1.60	\$9.10	
	Brief cognitive behavioral intervention	\$13.40		\$0.90	\$12.50	
	Contingency management	\$11.60		\$0.80	\$10.80	
	12-step Facilitation Therapy	\$4.70		\$0.70	\$4.00	
	Seeking Safety: A psychotherapy for trauma and substance abuse	\$4.30		\$0.60	\$3.70	
	Relapse Prevention Therapy (RPT)	\$2.80		\$0.40	\$2.40	
	Pharmacotherapies: Buprenorphine for opioids	\$2.60		\$0.10	\$2.50	
	Pharmacotherapies: Methadone maintenance for opioids	\$2.40		\$0.10	\$2.30	
Recovery	Permanent supported housing: Oxford House Model	\$3.90		\$0.30	\$3.60	

Source: Minnesota Management and Budget, Results First, Adult and Youth Substance Use Disorder Findings Benefit-cost Analysis Summary September 2017.



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Funding Agency:

Minnesota Opioid Epidemic Response Services Grant, Department of Human Services and Minnesota Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC)

Due Date:

- Application due August 10, 2026

Dakota County Proposal:

- Preserve or expand evidence-based services for justice involved adults and youth

Request for Board Action, Ratification:

- September 2026

Letters of Commitment/Support:

- Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Public Health, ISD 196, and Thrive!

Questions?





Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5863

Agenda #: 8.1

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026

Adjournment