



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1:00 PM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Chairperson 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; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; and Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

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

The audio of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson, 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 and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

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

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

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

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

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

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 18, 2025

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Receive Reports From Dakota County's Local Advisory Councils For Mental Health

The following staff and Local Advisory Council (LAC) members presented on this item and stood for questions: Mark Oster, Social Services Supervisor; Chris Thole, Children's LAC Chair; Dave Zettervall, Adult LAC Co-Chair; Julie Allen, Adult LAC Co-Chair.

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee members.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Adoption Of 2025-2026 Strategic Plan From County Board Appointed Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Erin Carder, Public Health Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. The Committee recommended sunseting the County Board Appointed Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) was established as a County Board Appointed committee in October 2023 and supports the development of a comprehensive and effective countywide response to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, it provides recommendations to the County Board on the use of Opioid Settlement funds for external projects and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, by Dakota County Policy 1015, County Board appointed committees must consult at least annually with the County Board Committees of the Whole to seek direction on the topics on which they will advise the County Board to ensure that the committee's work complements the County mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Policy 1015 also requires that periodic advisory committee reports be scheduled on the appropriate County Board committee or Board meeting agendas; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC plans to engage the Board regularly through its Staff Liaison to provide updates and receive direction regarding their work; and

WHEREAS, from December 2024 through March 2025, the ORAC engaged in a facilitated strategic planning process; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC has developed a two-year plan that aligns with the County Board goals as well as the 2024-2025 community survey results; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2025, the ORAC voted to recommend the draft 2025-2026 ORAC Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon Board approval, the ORAC will work towards accomplishing its goals as outlined in the strategic plan and keep the Board informed of its progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2025-2026 strategic plan from the Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/22/2025.

Ayes: 4

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Chairperson Halverson and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Nay: 3

Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman and Commissioner Holberg

6. Community Services Director's Report

Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director, referred the Committee to the fact sheet provided to them, making note that the Department of Human Services Communication toolkit on Medicaid provides information as conversations arise due to potential Medicaid cuts from the federal government.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson, 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: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division