



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Agenda

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1:00 PM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Note: Any action taken by this Committee of the Whole constitutes a recommendation to the County Board.

2. Audience

Anyone in the audience wishing to address the Committee on an item not on the Agenda or an item on the Consent Agenda may send comments to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us and instructions will be given to participate during the meeting. Verbal comments are limited to five minutes.

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 March 18, 2025

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 *Social Services-Adult Services* - Receive Reports From Dakota County's Local Advisory Councils For Mental Health

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

6. Community Services Director's 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-4421

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 4/15/2025

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-4422

Agenda #: 4.1

Meeting Date: 4/15/2025

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 18, 2025



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 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; Gilbert Acevedo, Community Services Division Deputy 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: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

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

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 11, 2025

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Greenleaf Integrative Strategies, LLC For Consultation Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

Erin Carder, Public Health Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal was issued for a Trauma Responsive Department consultant on September 15, 2023, per Dakota County Policy 2751 and Policy 2740 and Dakota County Public Health (DCPH) selected Greenleaf Strategies, LLC to provide consultant services and executed a contract for the period of February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-468 (September 24, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized an amendment to the Greenleaf Strategies, LLC contract to add \$105,000 to the original not to exceed contract amount of \$45,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$150,000 and to extend the contract term through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, DCPH would like to add \$75,000 to the current not to exceed contract amount of \$150,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$225,000 with Greenleaf Integrative Strategies, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Greenleaf Integrative Strategies, LLC provides consultation, facilitation, and coordination services to create a comprehensive workplan and meet the goal of DCPH becoming a Trauma Responsive Department and the extension will provide DCPH and Greenleaf Integrative Strategies, LLC with adequate time to complete a discovery and assessment phase, offer leadership consultation and executive coaching, provide staff education and technical assistance, and utilize data integration to complete the workplan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment with Greenleaf Integrative Strategies, LLC to add \$75,000 to the current not to exceed contract amount of \$150,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$225,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/25/2025.

Ayes: 5

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

Nay: 2

Commissioner Workman and Commissioner Holberg

5.2 Update On Disease Prevention And Control

Gina Pistulka, Public Health Deputy Director, along with Cortney Gillum, Supervisor and Regina Gavin, Epidemiologist, both from Public Health, presented on this item and stood for questions.

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

Information only; no action requested.

6. Community Services Director's Report

Gilbert Acevedo, Community Services Division Deputy Director, referred the Committee to Division Director Fischbach's written report, noting that the dates for The Open Door Pop-Up Food Pantry at the Northern Service Center are included.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik and seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division

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Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-4424

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 4/15/2025

DEPARTMENT: Social Services-Adult Services

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

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

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive reports from Dakota County's Local Advisory Councils (LACs) for mental health.

SUMMARY

Mental health is an important determinant of overall health and well-being for individuals. Dakota County has a focus on connecting people to community mental health services, promoting mental health messaging and initiatives, addressing service needs and gaps through community partnerships, and engaging the perspective and voice of people with lived experience.

Under Minnesota Stats. § 245.466 and 245.4875, county boards are responsible to coordinate and develop a system of locally available mental health services. Dakota County's Adult and Child LACs meet the county's responsibility under Minnesota Stat. § 245.466, Subd. 5. and Minnesota Stat. § 245.4875, Subd. 5. to have an adult and children's mental health advisory council made up of members who represent a broad range of perspectives. LACs meet to review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the local mental health system. Annually, the LACs provide the county board with a report of mental health system needs and gaps.

Members of Dakota County's Adult and Children's LACs will share their annual reports.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides

BOARD GOALS

- ☒ Thriving People ☐ A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources
☐ A Successful Place for Business and Jobs ☐ Excellence in Public Service

CONTACTS

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Author: Emily Schug



Children and Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council April 15th, 2025

Chris Thole, Children's LAC Chair
Mark Oster, Dakota County, Liaison to the Children's LAC
Dave Zettervall, Adult LAC Chair
Julie Allen, Adult LAC Vice Chair

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Local Advisory Council for Children's Mental Health (LAC)



Mark Oster, Liaison to the Dakota County Board of
Commissioners
Chris Thole, Chairperson



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Children's Mental Health LAC



What is working?

- Social Services Mental Health Professional positions for intensive in-home mental health services have been filled
- Community Services legislative advocacy for enhanced MA mental health service reimbursement
- Collaborative funded projects
- Public Health prioritizing mental health as a key priority in their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

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Children's Mental Health LAC



Needs and Gaps

- Families and children with mental health needs do not know how to effectively access mental health services or find a provider with open appointments
- No responders to Collaborative contract solicitation for a Dakota County located day treatment provider
- In-home services including—family therapy, individual skills service, and personal care assistance



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Children's Mental Health LAC



Recommendations

- Update the Dakota County Children's Mental Health webpage
- Develop day treatment service in Dakota County
- Make in-home family therapy and individual and family skills service more accessible

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Adult Mental Health LAC



David Zettervall, Chair
Julie Allen, Vice Chair

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Adult Mental Health LAC



What is working?

- Adult LAC continues to grow
- Crisis and Recovery Center
- Mental health wing of the jail
- Getting resources out to the community
- Community resources and supports



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Adult Mental Health LAC



Gaps and Barriers

- Stress about future of services and benefits
- Housing options for those on disability or fixed incomes
- Resources for psychiatry and therapy
- System Navigation



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Thank you for all your continued support for the residents of Dakota County who are affected by Mental Health.





Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-4353

Agenda #: 5.2

Meeting Date: 4/15/2025

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE

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

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt the 2025-2026 strategic plan from the County Board Appointed Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC).

SUMMARY

The Dakota County ORAC was established as a County Board appointed advisory committee in October 2023 and supports the development of a comprehensive and effective countywide response to the opioid crisis. It provides recommendations to the County Board on the use of Opioid Settlement funds for external projects and initiatives.

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. Dakota County Policy 1015 also requires that periodic advisory committee reports be scheduled on the appropriate County Board committee or Board meeting agendas. The ORAC plans to engage the Board regularly through its Staff Liaison to provide updates and receive direction regarding their work.

From December 2024 through March 2025, the ORAC engaged in a facilitated strategic planning process. The ORAC has developed a two-year plan that aligns with the County Board goals as well as the 2024-2025 community survey results (Attachment: 2025-2026 Strategic Plan - Draft). On March 4, 2025, the ORAC voted to recommend the draft 2025-2026 ORAC Strategic Plan (Attachment: ORAC March 4, 2025 Minutes). 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.

OUTCOMES

How much?

There are currently thirteen members appointed to the Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee and four vacancies.

How well?

To date, there have been 19 Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee meetings.

Is anyone better off?

From November 2024 - February 2025, Dakota County Public Health surveyed community members and partners on opioid response strategies to address the current crisis. Those surveyed felt that prevention education and supporting people in treatment and recovery were top priorities for the use of opioid settlement funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the 2025-2026 strategic plan from the County Board Appointed Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested | |

RESOLUTION

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.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: 2025-2026 Strategic Plan - Draft

Attachment: ORAC March 4, 2025 Minutes

Attachment: Presentation Slides

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CONTACTS

Department Head: Gilbert Acevedo

Author: Erin Carder

DAKOTA COUNTY OPIOID RESPONSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 - 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

OVERVIEW

The Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) was established as a Board appointed advisory committee in October 2023 and supports the development of a comprehensive and effective countywide response to the opioid crisis. It provides recommendations to the County Board on the use of Opioid Settlement funds for external projects and initiatives. ORAC membership includes one resident with lived experience per district, three healthcare representatives, three community partners, and four local government staff members.

JOHNS HOPKINS PRINCIPLES FOR THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

- ▶ Spend money to save lives.
- ▶ Use evidence to guide spending.
- ▶ Invest in youth prevention.
- ▶ Focus on racial equity.
- ▶ Develop a fair and transparent process for deciding where to spend the funding.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

The actions listed below will be launched over two years (2025 and 2026). The work may continue beyond 2026.



INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Create and promote culturally appropriate and stigma reducing opioid messages to increase community awareness.

- ▶ Create a substance use disorder and recovery services community guide.*
- ▶ Start a paid communication campaign to increase opioid awareness and recruit help.



EXPAND RECOVERY SERVICES

Create and expand adolescent and adult recovery services to improve community health.

- ▶ Create a substance use disorder and recovery services community guide.*
- ▶ Expand peer recovery services.



PROMOTE OPIOID PREVENTION

Engage organizations and schools to promote adolescent opioid prevention.

- ▶ Research and report evidence-based adolescent opioid prevention efforts locally and nationally.
- ▶ Identify Dakota County organizations, diversion programs, and schools that serve priority-population adolescents. Develop relationships and share information.



NALOXONE EDUCATION & DISTRIBUTION

Distribute naloxone throughout Dakota County and educate community on how it works to reduce overdoses.

- ▶ Identify where naloxone is available and where overdoses are occurring. Create a distribution and training plan.
- ▶ Create a near-expiration naloxone usage plan for community and partners.

**The community guide is an overlapping action for both the opioid awareness and recovery services priorities.*

For more information contact James Johnson at James.johnson@co.dakota.mn.us.

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03/24/2025



Meeting Minutes: Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth Unten
Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center

Attendance

Voting Member

- Maria Anderson
- Marcus Blue
- Michael Beltowsky
- Terry Johnson
- Hanna Kazempour
- Dr. Seema Maddali
- Bridget Norring
- Cara Schulz
- Jacqueline Young

Dakota County Staff in Attendance

- Erin Carder, Deputy Director, Public Health
- James Johnson Jr.
- Alicia Ward
- Elizabeth Unten

Absent: Nate Burkett, Jennifer Denmark, Tiffany Neuharth, and Bryan Schowalter

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of February Minutes
- Strategic Planning
- Public Comment
- Member Announcements
- Adjourn

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Dakota County Northern Service Center, Room 520

Meeting Notes

Per Diem Requests

Eligible committee members who opted to receive a per diem received request to sign.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by: Maria Anderson Seconded by: Bridgette Norring Result: motion passed approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Made by: Cara Schulz Seconded by: Jacqueline Young Result: motion passed approved by unanimous consent.

Strategic Plan

Jess Luce facilitated the final strategic planning session with the committee. Members collaborated to establish a preferred timeline for prioritizing the committee's work over the next two years. The work was organized by quarters under the four focus areas. The committee determined the following timeline to begin implementation in 2025.

Timeline for Work Plan (2025–2026)

2025 Quarter 2

Create and promote culturally appropriate and stigma reducing opioid messages to increase community awareness.

- Create a substance use disorder and recovery services community guide.
- Start a paid communication campaign to increase opioid awareness and recruit help.

Create and expand adolescent and adult recovery services to improve community health.

- Create a substance use disorder and recovery services community guide.

2025 Quarter 4

Engage organizations and schools to promote adolescent opioid prevention.

- Research and report evidence-based adolescent opioid prevention efforts locally and nationally.
- Identify Dakota County organizations, diversion programs, and schools that serve priority-population adolescents. Create develop relationships and share information.

Distribute naloxone throughout Dakota County and educate community on how it works to reduce overdoses.

- Identify where naloxone is available and where overdoses are occurring. Create a distribution and training plan.

2026 Quarter 1

Distribute naloxone throughout Dakota County and educate community on how it works to reduce overdoses.

- Create a near-expiration naloxone usage plan for community and partners.

Create and expand adolescent and adult recovery services to improve community health.

- Expand peer recovery services.

A motion to approve the strategic plan. Made by: Cara Schulz Seconded by: Marcus Blue Result: motion passed approved by unanimous consent.

At the conclusion of the final strategic planning session, Jess facilitated a reflection to assess the process and identify areas for improvement. Committee members appreciated the structured approach, particularly breaking into groups to develop the plan and prioritizing key actions, which helped them see the bigger picture and how the group's main work aligns. Many were surprised at how 10 individual ideas from each member could come together into an aligned and organized plan with similar goals. They noted the value in organizing individual thoughts and recognizing overlapping ideas, even among those with different experiences. While there was excitement about moving forward, some expressed concerns about workload challenges and the time required to implement next steps. Looking ahead, the committee discussed the need for subcommittees, time to digest the timeline leading up to April with county board approval, and broader community involvement in the process.

Public Comment

One member of the public attended the meeting and was surprised that 10 ideas came together into a cohesive plan. They noted the incredible work and stated that it looks like a strong plan.

Member Announcements

A committee member shared a front-page article from Sun Thisweek featuring James Johnson Jr., highlighting the impact of the committee's work in the community spreading awareness. They also attended a Dakota County/Steve Rummeler Hope Network-hosted naloxone training at Robert Trail Library in Rosemount, which was well attended and well received. Additionally, Eastview High School in Apple Valley is hosting a training tonight for parents titled 'Open Conversations: Empowering Parents to Talk with Your Kids About Vaping and Cannabis.' Another member addressed the four open committee seats, encouraging members to network and share the openings within their communities. A concern was raised regarding RFP-selected vendors with addresses outside of Dakota County. Each selected application demonstrated that the work will serve the Dakota County population, and the committee will consider process changes for future RFP selections.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting. Made by: Cara Schulz Seconded by: Marcus Blue Result: approved by unanimous consent.



Opioid Response Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

Erin Carder, Public Health Deputy
Director

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Agenda



Department
Updates



Funding Update



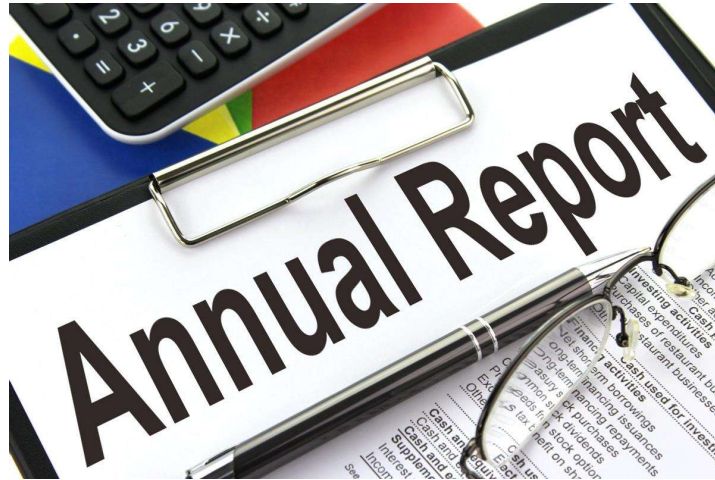
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Updates



Strategic Plan

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Annual DHS Report

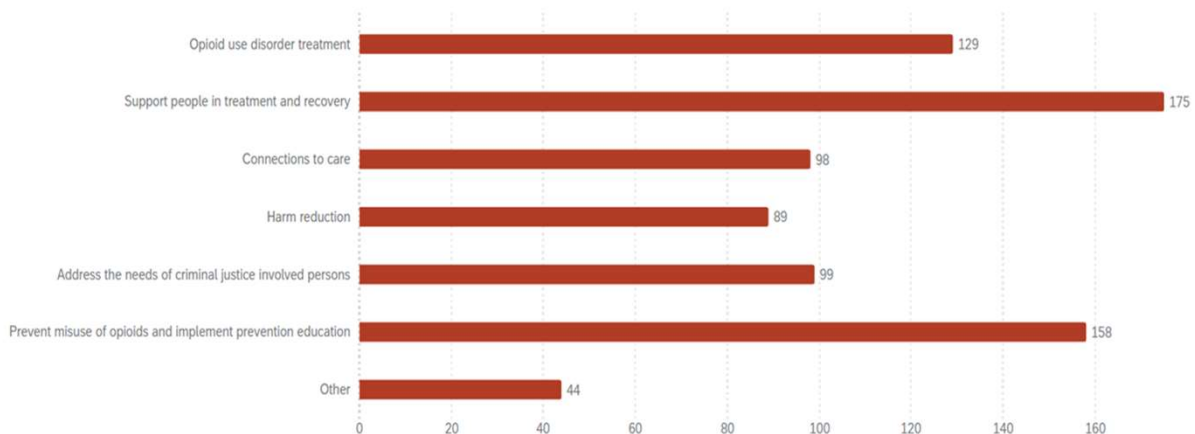


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Community Input Survey



What do you want Dakota County to use the opioid settlement funds for? 294 ①



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Funding Update



Total Revenue to Date	Total Expenses to Date	Committed Expenses through 12/31/2025	Total Remaining Balance to Date
\$5,296,088.80	\$353,235.82	\$1,380,982.00	\$3,561,870.98

*as of February 28, 2025

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Staff Funding



	2025 Annual Expense
Public Health Opioid Prevention Program Coordinator (1.0 FTE)	\$649,481.35 (4.5 FTE)
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Social Workers (2.0 FTE)	
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Program Coordinator (1.0 FTE)	
Public Health Substance Use Prevention Supervisor (0.5 FTE)	

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Opioid Response Advisory Committee



Opioid Response Advisory Committee

The Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee supports the development of a comprehensive and effective countywide response to the opioid crisis. It provides recommendations to the county board on the use of Opioid Settlement Funds for external projects and initiatives.

 [Committee Bylaws](#)

Membership

17 members

1 resident with lived experience/district

3 health care representatives

3 community partners

4 local government staff members

Lived experience includes:

- People who have used one or more illicit opioids and who are currently in recovery
- Individuals who use prescription opioids for chronic pain management
- Family and friends who have been impacted by the opioid crisis

Vacancies

Districts 2 & 6; 1 city

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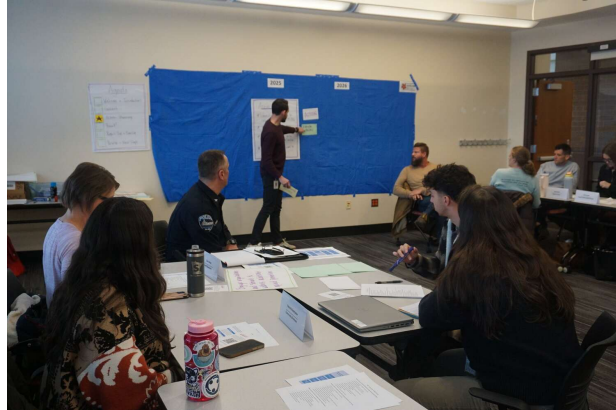
Member roster

Opioid Response Advisory Committee Roster

Name	Representing	Term
Bridgette Norring	Community Partner	12/31/2025
VACANT	Community Partner	12/31/2025
Hanna Kazempour	Community Partner	12/31/2025
Dr. Seema Maddali	Health Care	12/31/2025
Marcus Blue	Health Care	12/31/2025
Michael Beltowsky	Health Care	12/31/2025
Tiffany Neuharth	Lived Experience - District 1	12/31/2025
VACANT	Lived Experience - District 2	12/31/2025
Maria Anderson	Lived Experience - District 3	12/31/2025
Jacqueline Young	Lived Experience - District 4	12/31/2025
Cara Schulz	Lived Experience - District 5	12/31/2025
VACANT	Lived Experience - District 6	12/31/2025
Jennifer Denmark	Lived Experience - District 7	12/31/2025
VACANT	City	12/31/2025
Nate Burkett	City	12/31/2025
Terry Johnson	Fire	12/31/2025
Bryan Schowalter	Police	12/31/2025

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Strategic Plan



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Johns Hopkins Principles



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2025 – 2026 Priority Areas



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2025 – 2026 Priorities and Actions



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2025 – 2026
Priorities and
Actions



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Recommendation and Discussion

Staff recommends adoption of the 2025-2026 strategic plan from the County Board Appointed Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

- ORAC to focus on increasing community awareness
- Public Health to recommend future funding priorities and processes
- County Board to determine future of ORAC

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Questions and Discussion

Thank you!



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-4423

Agenda #: 8.1

Meeting Date: 4/15/2025

Adjournment