



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 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 David McKnight, Deputy County Manager; Lucie O'Neill, Assistant County Attorney; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

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

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on November 19, 2024

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 7

4.2 Authorization To Accept Additional Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health For Children And Youth With Special Health Needs Program And Execute Grant Amendment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health has provided follow-up services for children and youth with special health needs since 2011; and

WHEREAS, follow-up services include providing consultation, resources, and education to families who have a child with suspected or confirmed hearing loss, or a child with an identified birth defect that is known to hinder growth and development; and

WHEREAS, children enrolled in this program are identified through newborn screening with the goal being to detect disabling conditions early allowing for early intervention; and

WHEREAS, follow-up services are funded through the Children and Youth with Special Health Needs grant (CYSHN) from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-584 (December 17, 2021), the County Board of Commissioners approved grant funds from MDH for the CYSHN program in the amount of \$125,000 effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health has provided early intervention services through the Follow Along Program (FAP) since 2002; and

WHEREAS, FAP is a program that identifies young children at risk for developmental and social-emotional concerns through screening and provides connections to developmental activities and appropriate resources and services to support overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, FAP services are currently funded through the Title V Social Security Act; Maternal and Child Health Block grant; and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2024, the FAP grant funding is being moved from the Title V Social Security Act; Maternal and Child Health Block grant to the CYSHN grant; and

WHEREAS, MDH is allocating additional grant funds for the CYSHN program in the estimated amount of \$31,725, effective October, 1 2024 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept

the grant funds in the amount of \$31,725 and execute the Children and Youth with Special Health Needs grant amendment for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 7

4.3 Authorization To Accept Minnesota Department Of Health Cannabis And Substance Use Prevention Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, Add 1.0 Grant-Funded Full-Time Equivalent, And Amend 2025 Public Health Budget

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session, local and tribal public health agencies in Minnesota were allocated ongoing funding focused on cannabis prevention beginning in state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 (Chapter 121 - MN Laws; Article 1); and

WHEREAS, when the cannabis conference report passed, it contained language changing how local and tribal cannabis funding could be spent (Chapter 121 - MN Laws; Article 3); and

WHEREAS, eligible uses of the funds include prevention of use of other substances, including cannabis; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, Public Health was notified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of a Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention (CSUP) grant allocation of \$283,568 for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds were awarded to all Community Health Boards throughout the state to create prevention, education, and recovery programs

focusing on substance misuse prevention and treatment options, with the main focus on primary prevention of substance use/misuse; and

WHEREAS, Public Health plans to utilize these grant funds to support the salary and benefits of a 1.0 grant-funded full-time equivalent Substance Use Prevention Specialist; and

WHEREAS, in addition, these grant funds will support 0.5 of the 1.0 full-time equivalent Public Health Supervisor for Substance Use Prevention that was approved through the 2025 budget process; and

WHEREAS, these positions will create infrastructure to support a substance use prevention program that can respond to the growing needs in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds and execute the Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention grant agreement for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025, for a total grant amount of \$283,568, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to add a 1.0 grant-funded, full-time equivalent (FTE) position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Public Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Staff Expense 1.0 FTE	\$130,631
Program Expense	<u>\$ 46,796</u>
Total Expenses	\$177,157

Revenue

Public Health Grant	(\$80,632)
Fund Balance (Indirect)	(\$25,779)
Substance Use Prevention Grant	<u>\$283,568</u>
Total Revenues	\$177,157

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 7

4.4 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Intermediate School District 917 For Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health (Public Health) has over a decade of working with local school districts in Dakota County through the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating, commercial tobacco-free living, and preventing chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, one effective strategy supported by SHIP is collaborating with school districts to develop smoke-free peer mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, Public Health contracts with the Minnesota Tobacco Free Alliance (TFA) to oversee these peer-mentoring cohorts, train youth in vaping prevention best practices as part of school engagement tactics, and work on school policies that positively impact student health; and

WHEREAS, TFA supports youth in being empowered to take ownership in preventing vaping among their peers and practice leadership skills in the community; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. §471.59, subd.1, two or more governmental units may enter into an agreement to cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting Parties, and one of the participating governmental units may exercise one of its powers on behalf of the other governmental units; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting to enter into a JPA with Intermediate School District 917 for Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with Intermediate School District 917 for the purpose of the Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2025.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 7

4.5 Authorization To Apply For Minnesota Department Of Human Services Community Living Infrastructure Grant Funds For Dakota County And Regional Metro Counties, Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, Execute Contracts With Vendors, And Amend 2025 Social Services Budget

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Minnesota Legislature added language to the Minnesota Housing Support Act (Chapter 256I) to increase opportunities for Minnesotans with disabilities to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, the housing package included grant funding aimed at developing and supporting Community Living Infrastructure (CLI) throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the funding covers initiatives in three categories: 1) Outreach services to connect homeless individuals to housing, medical supports, employment and community resources; 2) Housing Resource Specialist services to assist individuals with obtaining required documentation so they can access housing; and 3) Administration and monitoring of the Housing Support program in order to monitor quality of services, increase efficiencies and build capacity to expand; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-261 (May 18, 2021), the County Board approved the two renewal applications to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for the grant period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$310,580 for Dakota County and \$379,415 for the Metro Area Housing Coordinating Board (MAHCB) and the two contracts were executed with Ally Supportive Services, LLC for street outreach services and with Mental Health Resources (MHR) on behalf of MAHCB for administration of the Housing Support Program in the Regional Metro Counties; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-280 (June 20, 2023), the County Board authorized an amendment to the current Dakota County grant agreement by adding CLI grant funds to Dakota County in the amount of \$231,966 for a total not to exceed amount of \$542,546 and extending the term of the grant agreement to June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to apply for CLI grant funds from DHS on behalf of Dakota County and MAHCB, and if received, accept grant funds from DHS on behalf of Dakota County and MAHCB, execute grant

agreements, execute contracts, and amend the 2025 Social Services Budget in a combined amount up to \$870,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the Community Living Infrastructure grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) on behalf of Dakota County, and if awarded, authorizes the Community Services Director to accept Community Living Infrastructure grant funds and execute the grant agreement for Dakota County in an amount up to \$400,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the Community Living Infrastructure grant application to DHS, and if awarded, authorizes the Community Services Director to accept Community Living Infrastructure grant funds and execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Metro Area Housing Coordinating Board in an amount up to \$470,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to contract with selected vendors in a not to exceed combined total contracts amount of up to \$870,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, 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 contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contracts 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 contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Social Services Budget is hereby

amended as follows:

Revenue

DHS CLI Grant \$870,000

Total Revenue \$870,000

Expense

DHS CLI Expense \$870,000

Total Expense \$870,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 7

- 4.6** Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Minnesota Housing Finance Agency For Family Homelessness Prevention And Assistance Program Funds, Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement And Related Contracts, And Amend 2025 Social Services Budget

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) in 1993 to assist families with children, youth and single adults who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by Minn. Stat. § 462A.204, FHPAP grant funding must be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or all funds to other entities; and

WHEREAS, funding is awarded through a competitive grant application process with predetermined criteria in four categories: planning, project design, program capacity/performance and need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute also requires the establishment of an advisory committee to assist in preparing the project proposal and the design, implementation and evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) acts as the FHPAP Advisory Committee and a community-based subcommittee has been established by the AHC to help inform project direction and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received these grant funds for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-164 (April 25, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved submission of an application for a FHPAP

grant in an amount up to \$5,200,000, and, if awarded, authorized subcontracting with three vendors for a combined total of up to \$5,200,000 for Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency (CAP) and with 360 Communities for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals for subcontractors was issued on February 7, 2023, as required by county procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, three responses were received and three subgrantees, CAP, 360 Communities and the YMCA were selected to serve homeless and at-risk families, single adults and youth; and

WHEREAS, for the upcoming biennium, staff requests authorization to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the FHPAP grant in the amount up to \$4,500,000; and

WHEREAS, this amount includes a combined total up to \$4,500,000 for the three recommended contracted subgrantees and up to 15 percent for administrative costs for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, staff recommends execution of contracts with the YMCA, CAP and 360 Communities for a combined total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000, for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of a Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept grant funds and execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in the amount awarded for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts with the Young Men's Christian Association, the Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency, and with 360 Communities in a combined total not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027, 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 contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amounts and the contract terms 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 contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the 2025 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Social Services Budget	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
Total Expense	\$4,500,000

Revenue

FHPAP Grant	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$4,500,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 7

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Authorization To Execute A Contract With Lionheart Wellness And Recovery Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director, and 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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota 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; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this subcommittee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, advisory committee member Tiffany Neuharth is employed by Lionheart Wellness and Recovery and did not participate on the subcommittee and abstained from the committee vote; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Lionheart Wellness and Recovery

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Expand trauma-responsive, evidence-based, co-occurring treatment for adolescents.
 - Increase accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder for adolescents.
 - Provide holistic support to adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder and/or Mental Health conditions and their families.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies: A.1, A.3, and A.6**
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **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.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$75,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Lionheart Wellness and Recovery in a contract not to exceed amount of \$75,000, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to expand trauma-responsive, evidence-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 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 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 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 6

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

Nay: 1

Commissioner Holberg

5.2 Authorization To Execute A Contract With Gateway Recovery Center Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director, and 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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state 46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota 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; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with

the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, advisory committee member Michael Beltowsky is employed by Gateway Recovery Center and did not participate on the subcommittee and abstained from the committee vote; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Gateway Recovery Center

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Provide transportation services for individuals with limited access to care at withdrawal management facilities.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items A.7 and B.7
 - **A.7:** Support detoxification (detox) and withdrawal management services for people with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions, including but not limited to medical detox, referral to treatment, or connections to other services or supports.
 - **B.7:** Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$32,293.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Gateway Recovery Center in a not to exceed contract amount of

\$32,293 to provide transportation services for individuals with limited access to care at withdrawal management facilities in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items A.7 and B.7, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; 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 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 6

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

Nay: 1

Commissioner Holberg

5.3 Authorization To Execute A Contract With Thrive! Family Recovery Services Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mike Slavik

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director, and 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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota 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; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of

Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Thrive! Family Recovery Services

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Establish a family resource center to support families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items A.6, B.1, B.2, B.5, and B.10
 - **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.
 - **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$93,707.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Thrive! Family Recovery Services in a contract not to exceed amount of \$93,707, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to establish a family resource center to support families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder in accordance with the Opioid 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 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 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 6

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

Nay: 1

Commissioner Holberg

5.4 Authorization To Execute A Contract With Minnesota Recovery Connection
Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director, and 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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota 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; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Minnesota Recovery Connection

- **Proposed Strategies:**
 - 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 (CLAS) standards.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies: B.13 and H.3**
 - **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.
 - **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.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$89,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Minnesota Recovery Connection in a contract not to exceed amount of \$89,000, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to provide culturally appropriate long-term behavioral health and wellness for the Latine population suffering from Opioid Use Disorder and to provide harm reduction education in accordance with Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate standards, in accordance with the Opioid 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 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 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 6

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

Nay: 1

Commissioner Holberg

5.5 Authorization To Execute A Contract With Wayside Recovery Center Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director, and 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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota 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; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor:

Wayside Recovery Center

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Support 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.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items D.4 and D.5
 - **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.
 - **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.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$100,000

; and

WHEREAS, while Commissioner Laurie Halverson ("Commissioner Halvorson"),

Community Corrections Director Suwana Kirkland ("Director Kirkland"), and Employment & Economic Assistance Director Nadir Abdi ("Director Abdi") 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 or Director Abdi for any decision-making.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Wayside Recovery Center in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to support 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, in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items D.4 and D5., 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 1/21/2025.

Ayes: 5

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Commissioner Holberg

Abstain: 1

Chairperson Halverson

6. Community Services Director's Report

Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided and highlighted the Homelessness Point in Time Count taking place on January 22. Emily Schug, Director of Social Services, informed the Board that, as stated in Director Fischbach's report, the Board has been identified as stakeholders for the Community Assessment as part of the Communities for All initiative and they can expect a request from the contracted vendor for an interview.

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: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division