



Opioid Response Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

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Annual DHS Report

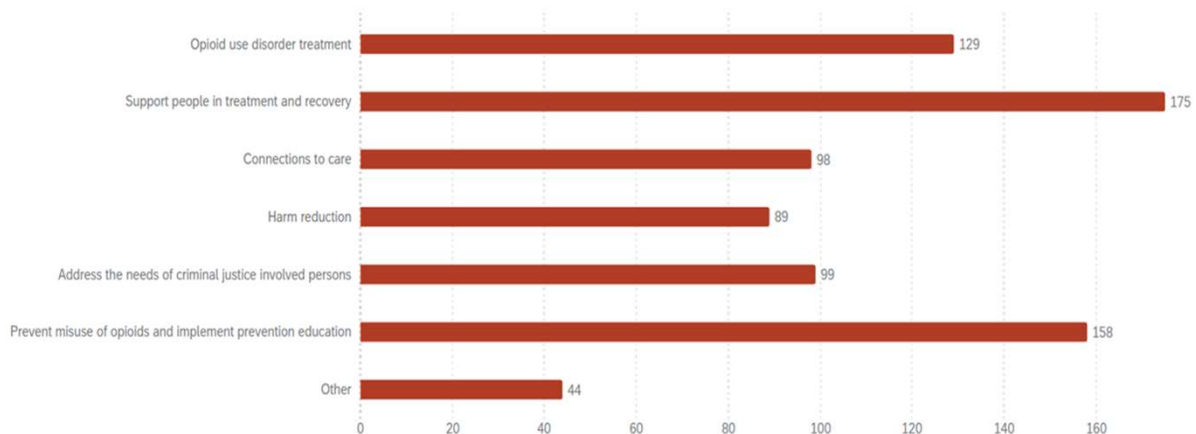


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Community Input Survey



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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Opioid Response Advisory Committee Roster

Member 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



- 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

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2025 – 2026 Priority Areas



INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS



EXPAND RECOVERY SERVICES



PROMOTE OPIOID PREVENTION



NALOXONE EDUCATION & DISTRIBUTION

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2025 – 2026 Priorities and Actions



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.

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2025 – 2026 Priorities and Actions



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.



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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!