

Meeting Minutes: Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) Meeting

Date and time of meeting: December 17, 2021 from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Participants:

Dave Baker, Representative – Interim Chair, Vice Chair; Anne Pylkas, MD – Chair, Nicole Anderson; Heather Bell, MD; Joe Clubb; Mark Mary Kunesh; Dana Farley; Sarah Grosshuesch; Katrina Howard; Alicia House; Tiffany Irvin; Erin Koegel, Gertrude Matemba-Mutasa; Toni Napier; Kathryn Nevins; Darin Prescott; Jolene Rebertus; Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB): Kristin Van Amber; Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS): Boyd Brown; Kristy Graume; Tara Holt; Minnesota Attorney General’s Office; Evan Romanoff; Eric Maloney

Absent Council Members - Peter Carlson, Mark Koran, Esther Muturi, Judge D. Korey Wahwassuck

Meeting Goals

Discussion on the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council positions, Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director Position. Receive an update in regards to the opioid settlements.

Meeting Discussion

Chair Anne Pylkas, MD discussed her decision to step down as Chair but remain on the council. Anyone with interest in being considered for Chair should notify Dave or Tara of his or her interest. A process will be determined for the election once the request for proposal decisions have been made.

A moment of silence was held for Marc Johnigan.

Gertrude let the council know the position for the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council has been posted and will close in December; interviews will take place in January.

A discussion was had about the possible need for an Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council policy subcommittee as we move towards legislative session. No decision was made at the meeting.

The Attorney General’s Office updated the council that the vacating of the Purdue bankruptcy from the Judge in New York does not affect the State Subdivision settlement plan with the cities, counties and councils plan. The State Subdivision settlement plan agreement would provide 75% of the funds to local governments according to the agreed upon Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA does require a change in state law for the funds to be received directly to the local governments. There is a smaller meeting with legislators scheduled to discuss the drafting of the law changes needed to accomplish that MOA item.

Public Comment

Colleen Ronnei thanked the council for the speed of getting the request for proposal completed.

Meeting Motion

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes with the correction on Katrina's absence.

The meeting was adjourned.