

Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC)

Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2025

Meeting Location: Hybrid meeting using WebEx and in-person at Great River Regional Library-Elk River, 13020 Orono Parkway, Elk River, MN 55330

Members present: (Names in italics are non-voting OERAC members)

Remote: Dr. Kathy Nevins, Dr. Heather Bell, Rep. Robert Bierman, Sadie Broekemeier, Peter Carlson, Dr. Ashwin George, Curtis Jackson, Brock Reed, Dr. Antony Stately

In person: Joe Clubb, Sarah Grosshuesch, Rep. Dave Baker, Jack Martin, Dr. Charles Reznikoff, Kristi Schoen, Abdirahman Warsame, *Deepa McGriff, Jolene Rebertus, Jen Sather (proxy for Teresa Steinmetz*)

Members not present: Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Judge Nicole Starr

State Staff Members Present: Laura Farlow, Stacy Sjogren, Kristine Preston, Michaela Seiber

Call to order

Facilitator Stacy Sjogren and Chair Joe Clubb began the meeting at 10:00 am, reviewed the OERAC mission, the meeting ground rules and gave a guest welcome. The meeting agenda was confirmed, and a roll call followed. Quorum was secured. See voting log for details.

Business items

Minutes approval: Charles Reznikoff moved to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Kristi Schoen. Motion passed with roll call vote. See voting log for details.

DHS Staff Update: Welcome to Alicia Baker, the new OERAC Supervisor at the Minnesota Department of Human Services

Council Seat Changes:

- Reappointments: Joe Clubb, Brock Reed, and Dave Baker.
- The Council extended its appreciation and farewell to Kathy Nevins, Sadie Broekemeier, and Peter Carlson for their dedication and service to OERAC.

OERAC Leadership nominations: There was the opportunity for new nominations to be made for OERAC Leadership. The existing nominees, Joe Clubb and Sarah Grosshuesch, spoke on their nominations.

Public Comment

OERAC Chair, Joe Clubb, welcomed public comment at 10:20AM.

- Margie Pierce, Keep Coming Home. Margie Pierce shared that Keep Coming Home provides sober home support for individuals in recovery, emphasizing that safe, stable housing is a critical pillar of sustained recovery. She noted that in 2025, 75% of funding for sober homes was eliminated, resulting in the closure of 15% of sober homes in Minnesota. Keep Coming Home provides direct financial assistant for individuals in recovery and the sober homes that support them. She requested that OERAC consider partnering to address the urgent sober housing crisis.
- Christopher Burks, Twin Cities Recovery Project. Christopher Burks shared that he is a person in long term recovery and spoke about the organization's work supporting individuals in maintaining recovery. He explained that Twin Cities Recovery Project has extensive outreach in South and North Minneapolis and is facing challenges as several sober homes have recently shut down. In 2025, local business and faith leaders raised concerns about individuals in the area, prompting Twin Cities Recovery Project to conduct wide-scale community interviews to understand local needs. The majority of people identified stable housing as their greatest need. He emphasizes the need to follow up with the community to continuously understand their needs. He requested OERAC consider partnering to meet the needs of the community members.

Quarterly Financial Update

Kate Mayer, the Budget Director for the Behavioral Health Administration at DHS presented the OERAC Quarterly Financial Update.

- Member comments: Nevins, Grosshuesch, Clubb, Stately, Broekemeier, Schoen
- Clarification that expired funds go back to the Opioid Epidemic Response Fund for reallocation, not the General Fund.
- Expecting large amount for 2026 Settlement funds.
- Request for report by DHS on funds for existing contracts.

OERS 2025 RFP Discussion and Vote

DHS Staff, Laura Farlow, provided an overview of the timeline and response rate of the 2025 OERAC RFP.

- The RFP was published on June 20, 2025 and closed on August 7th, 2025. 164 proposals were submitted and then reviewed by 63 community members. Both the council and the community reviewers received Conflict of Interest training. A subcommittee of OERAC gathered on September 5th and September 12th to review the proposals and make a recommendation for funding.
- An explanation of the voting process was provided. Each proposal the subcommittee recommended will be voted on individually.

Grant award decisions were made in the following categories:

Category A: Primary prevention and education, 5 awards

Category B: Harm reduction services, 4 awards

Category C: Workforce development and training on treatment of opioid related SUD, 3 awards Category D: Expansion and enhancement of continuum of care for opioid related SUD, 5 awards

Category E: Chronic pain and alternative treatments, 1 award

See voting log for conflict-of-interest declarations for each category.

The final list of 2025 grantees will be provided once all contracts are signed.

Adjourn

OERAC Chair Joe Clubb adjourned the September 2025 meeting.

Next meeting: October 24th, 10AM – 3:30PM in Duluth, MN.

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Roll Call and July 18th minutes approval

Motion by Charles Reznikoff to approve July meeting minutes. Seconded by Kristi Schoen.

Member	Attendance status	Minutes approval	Conflict of Interest
Joe Clubb	Р	Υ	Category A, C
Sarah Grosshuesch	Р	Υ	Category D
Dr. Kathy Nevins	R	Υ	Category D
Rep. Dave Baker	P	Υ	Category D
Dr. Heather Bell	R	Υ	Category C, D
Rep. Robert Bierman	R	Υ	
Sadie Broekemeier	R	Υ	Category A, B, C
Peter Carlson	R	ABSTAIN	
Dr. Ashwin George	R	Υ	
Curtis Jackson	R	ABSTAIN	
Senator Bill Lieske	A	А	
Jack Martin	Р	Υ	Category B, D
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A	А	
Brock Reed	R	Υ	
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	Р	Υ	Category A, B, C, D, E
Kristi Schoen	Р	Υ	Category B, D
Judge Nicole Starr	A	А	
Dr. Antony Stately	R	ABSTAIN	Category D
Abdirahman Warsame	Р	Υ	Category C
Deepa McGriff	Р	-	
Jolene Rebertus	Р	-	
Jen Sather (proxy for Teresa Steinmetz)	Р	-	
	19 Present	Approved	

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Category A: Organization 1

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	COI
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	Y
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	Υ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	А
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	Y
	13 eligible to vote/ 13 yes
	Approved

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Category A: Organization 2

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	COI
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Т
Rep. Dave Baker	Υ
Dr. Heather Bell	Υ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	СОІ
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	Α
Jack Martin	Т
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Υ
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	А
Dr. Antony Stately	Т
Abdirahman Warsame	Т
	13 eligible to vote/ 9 yes
	Approved

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Category A: Organization 3

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	COI
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	Y
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	Υ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	А
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	Y
	13 eligible to vote/ 13 yes
	Approved

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Category A: Organization 4

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	СОІ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	Υ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	соі
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	Υ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	соі
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	А
	12 eligible to vote/ 12 yes
	Approved

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Category A: Organization 5

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	COI
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Υ
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	Υ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	СОІ
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	Υ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	А
	12 eligible to vote/ 12 yes
	Approved

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Category B: Organization 1

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	А
Dr. Heather Bell	Υ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	СОІ
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	COI
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	COI
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	Y
	11 eligible to vote/ 11 yes
	Approved

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Category B: Organization 2

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Т
Sarah Grosshuesch	Т
Dr. Kathy Nevins	N
Rep. Dave Baker	N
Dr. Heather Bell	А
Rep. Robert Bierman	N
Sadie Broekemeier	СОІ
Peter Carlson	N
Dr. Ashwin George	N
Curtis Jackson	N
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	N
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	Α
Dr. Antony Stately	Rec
Abdirahman Warsame	Т
	12 eligible to vote/ 0 yes
	Denied

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Category B: Organization 3

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	N
Rep. Dave Baker	N
Dr. Heather Bell	N
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	СОІ
Peter Carlson	N
Dr. Ashwin George	N
Curtis Jackson	N
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	N
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	N
Abdirahman Warsame	Y
	12 eligible to vote/ 4 yes
	Denied

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Category B: Organization 4

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	Υ
Dr. Heather Bell	Y
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	COI
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	COI
Judge Nicole Starr	А
Dr. Antony Stately	Rec
Abdirahman Warsame	Y
	12 eligible to vote/ 11 yes
	Approved

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Category B: Organization 5

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	N
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Υ
Rep. Dave Baker	A
Dr. Heather Bell	N
Rep. Robert Bierman	N
Sadie Broekemeier	соі
Peter Carlson	N
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	N
	11 eligible to vote/ 6 yes
	Approved

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Category B: Organization 6

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	A
Dr. Heather Bell	Y
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	COI
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Rec
Abdirahman Warsame	Y
	11 eligible to vote/ 10 yes
	Approved

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Category C: Organization 1

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	COI
Sarah Grosshuesch	Υ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	COI
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	Α
Jack Martin	Υ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Υ
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	Υ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	СОІ
	11 eligible to vote/ 11 yes
	Approved

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Category C: Organization 2

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	COI
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	N
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	COI
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	Y
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	СОІ
	11 eligible to vote/ 10 yes
	Approved

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Category C: Organization 3

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	СОІ
Sarah Grosshuesch	N
Dr. Kathy Nevins	N
Rep. Dave Baker	А
Dr. Heather Bell	COI
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	COI
Peter Carlson	N
Dr. Ashwin George	N
Curtis Jackson	N
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	N
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	N
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	N
Judge Nicole Starr	А
Dr. Antony Stately	N
Abdirahman Warsame	COI
	10 eligible to vote/ 1 yes
	Denied

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Category C: Organization 4

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	СОІ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	A
Dr. Heather Bell	СОІ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	СОІ
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	Α
Jack Martin	Y
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	СОІ
	10 eligible to vote/ 10 yes
	Approved

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Category D: Organization 1

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	СОІ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	СОІ
Rep. Dave Baker	СОІ
Dr. Heather Bell	СОІ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	Y
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	соі
Abdirahman Warsame	А
	7 eligible to vote/ 7 yes
	Approved

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Category D: Organization 2

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	соі
Dr. Kathy Nevins	соі
Rep. Dave Baker	СОІ
Dr. Heather Bell	СОІ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	Y
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	Α
Jack Martin	COI
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	Α
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	COI
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	Α
Dr. Antony Stately	СОІ
Abdirahman Warsame	А
	7 eligible to vote/ 7 yes
	Approved

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Category D: Organization 3

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	COI
Dr. Kathy Nevins	СОІ
Rep. Dave Baker	СОІ
Dr. Heather Bell	СОІ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Υ
Sadie Broekemeier	Υ
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Υ
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	СОІ
Abdirahman Warsame	A
	7 eligible to vote/ 7 yes
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Category D: Organization 4

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	СОІ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	СОІ
Rep. Dave Baker	СОІ
Dr. Heather Bell	СОІ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	Y
Peter Carlson	Υ
Dr. Ashwin George	Υ
Curtis Jackson	Υ
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	СОІ
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	соі
Abdirahman Warsame	А
	7 eligible to vote/ 7 yes
	Approved

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Category D: Organization 5

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Y
Sarah Grosshuesch	СОІ
Dr. Kathy Nevins	COI
Rep. Dave Baker	СОІ
Dr. Heather Bell	СОІ
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	Y
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	A
Jack Martin	СОІ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	A
Brock Reed	Y
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	COI
Judge Nicole Starr	A
Dr. Antony Stately	СОІ
Abdirahman Warsame	A
	7 eligible to vote/ 7 yes
	Approved

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Category E: Organization 1

Conflicts prohibiting voting: Reznikoff

Member	Vote
Joe Clubb	Υ
Sarah Grosshuesch	Y
Dr. Kathy Nevins	Y
Rep. Dave Baker	Y
Dr. Heather Bell	Y
Rep. Robert Bierman	Y
Sadie Broekemeier	Y
Peter Carlson	Y
Dr. Ashwin George	Y
Curtis Jackson	Y
Senator Bill Lieske	А
Jack Martin	Υ
Senator Zaynab Mohamed	А
Brock Reed	Υ
Dr. Charlie Reznikoff	СОІ
Kristi Schoen	Y
Judge Nicole Starr	А
Dr. Antony Stately	Y
Abdirahman Warsame	Υ
	15 eligible to vote/ 15 yes
	Approved