

# Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC)

## Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2022

**Meeting Location:** virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Representative Dave Baker – Chair, Kathryn Nevins - Vice Chair, Dr. Heather Bell, MD, Sarah Grosshuesch, Alicia House, Katrina Howard, Esther Muturi, Toni Napier, Darin Prescott, Dr. Anne Pylkas, Peter Carlson, Senator Mary Kunesch, *Jolene Rebertus, Dana Farley*

**Members not present:**

Nicole Anderson, Joe Clubb, Tiffany Irvin, Representative Erin Koegel, Senator Mark Koran, Corey Wahwassuck, *Jennifer Yang*

**DHS & MMB (MAD) staff and support present** (guest presenters noted later):

Alexia Reed Holtum, Sam Nord, Stacy Sjogren

### Call to order

After a guest welcome, review of ground rules, introductions, and roll call, Chair Baker called the meeting to order.

### Business items

Darren Prescott moved to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Senator Kunesch. Minutes are accepted as corrected.

### Presentation: MDH 2021 Overdose Death Report

Presenter: Mary DeLaquil, MDH Drug Overdose Epidemiologist.

Subject detail: Overdose Mortality with Preliminary 2021 Data

Follow up note: Kathryn Nevins requested that non-fatal data be presented at the next meeting, if possible. Dave Baker supported planning a “part two” of this presentation particularly pertaining to non-fatal data.

## **Updates: Opioid Settlement**

Presenter: Evan Romanoff, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison

Subject detail: Major distributor/manufacturer settlement updates, Mallinckrodt estate payments, and Purdue bankruptcy appeal. New Minnesota state law enabling state, cities, and counties to access settlement resources.

Presenters: Amanda Calmbacher, CSA Behavioral Health Director and Dwayne Green, Interim Supervisor, Grants and Contracts Section – Community Supports Administration at DHS

Subject detail: Review of settlement funds RFP process via Minnesota Management and Budget.

## **Presentation: OERAC Federal Block Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) Timeline**

Presenter: Alexia Reed Holtum, OERAC Program Director, Department of Human Services

Subject detail: Review and progress update of current RFP process.

Follow-up note: Dave Baker requests that council members with no conflict of interest in a category in which they would be reviewing, be involved in the review process.

## **Legislative Update**

Presenter: Representative Dave Baker

Subject detail: Pending legislative deadline, challenges of bonding bill, importance of pharma lawsuit settlement.

## **Term Expirations**

Presenter: Alexia Reed Holtum

Subject detail: Initial term ending on September 30, 2022, appointed and non-HES appointed seats opening, process for appointments.

Follow-up note: For those with appointed seats and an interest in reapplying, visit Secretary of State's website in July or August for process details.

## **Council Member Attendance & Bylaws**

Presenter: Kathryn Nevis and Dave Baker

Subject detail: The Council discussed an expressed desire to comply with meeting attendance according to by-laws.

## **Public Comment**

Guests: Five public commentors

Follow-up note: Comments that lend themselves to potential OERAC website FAQs will begin to be collected and processed on an on-going basis.

The minutes draft was emailed to OERAC members on June 30, 2022

## **Council Education**

Facilitator: Stacy Sjogren, MAD facilitator

Subject detail: The Council discussed and generated future topics of possible education.

Follow-up note: Some members requested a thorough review and compilation of past, similar idea generation sessions.

## **Adjourn**

The OERAC meeting was adjourned by Dave Baker.