

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date: 10.01.2024

Location: DHS, Elmer L. Anderson Building, Room 2380. 540 Cedar Street

Open meeting law in-person location, staffing, and council member in attendance:

Council members in attendance:

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| 1. Gavin Bart | 7. Anderson Saint Georges |
| 2. Colin Cash | 8. Kimberly Stokes |
| 3. Autumn Dillie | 9. LaTricia Tate |
| 4. Wendy Jones | 10. Fiyyaz Karim |
| 5. Pamela Lanhart | 11. Travis Winship |
| 6. William "Bill" Messinger | 12. Lynn Redleaf |

Absent: Brandy Brink, Farhia Budul, John Donovan, Beth Elstad, Jeffrey Lind, Suzanne Nash

Office of Addiction and Recovery (OAR), Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) Department of Human Services (DHS), and staff: Jeremy Drucker, Jennifer Blanchard, Jose Phipps, and Stacy Sjogren

Welcome and Roll Call

- **Members and guests were welcomed:** Colin Cash – Co-Chair, provided opening remarks.
- **Roll call and introductions:** Roll call was taken, and introductions were made.
- **Review of agenda:** Agenda and objective for the meeting were reviewed.
- **Approve minutes:** Members voted to approve August 2024 meeting minutes.

Public comment

- No public comment.

Council time with the Office of Addiction and Recovery (OAR)

Jeremy Drucker, Director and Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Addiction and Recovery, provided an update on agency initiatives and the Governor's Subcabinet on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction.

- The MOUDs in Jails task force is established and convened. Jim Stewart from the Sheriff's Association and Tyler Winkelman, Dr. Bart's colleague at Hennepin Healthcare, co-chair the task force.
- The 1115 reentry waiver planning has begun. Jeremy emphasizes that this is just phase one of a system-wide transformation that will take years to accomplish. This will require a state-wide implementation to fundamentally change how care is delivered within carceral settings.
- Review of the two companion pieces to the 1115 waiver. The MOUD in Jails Workgroup has been meeting this summer. The group is tasked with identifying barriers to providing care within facilities, especially in rural Minnesota. A preliminary report should be available in December.
- The other piece is the DOC 2911 Rewrite. The goal of these efforts is to ensure that incarcerated individuals have access to MOUDs.
- OAR kicked off a legislatively mandated task force on holistic and effective responses to illicit drug use. The task force will review recommendations from Rise Research, a contracted agency commissioned to produce a report on best practices to address SUD.
- MDH has been tasked with administering funding for the Adult Use Cannabis Bill and is developing RFPs, which could be out by the end of 2024. This funding will focus on preventive interventions in local public health, tribes, youth education, and prevention efforts for breastfeeding individuals.
- The Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council will review and vote on proposals at their October 2024 meeting.
- OAR has begun developing a fiscal map of the SUD continuum of care to create a public-facing dashboard.
- On September 30th, Twin City Recovery Project, in partnership with OAR, held a youth-driven panel listening session.

2025 Legislative session preview- "What's coming down the pike?"

An overview of state agency 2025 ideas for consideration, including DHS, MDH, OAR, and Tribal Summit recommendations.

- The subcabinet was presented with an update on legislative recommendations from the American Indian Council on the American Indian SUD Summit.
- Tribal SUD support – provide funding to Tribal Nations for withdrawal management initiatives and other SUD services.
- MDH is working on grants for community violence prevention and gun violence prevention through community-led strategic planning to continue prevention efforts.
- MARRCH is working on its legislative agenda.
- Legislative priorities for the Office of Addiction and Recovery (OAR) include:
 - Responsibility for establishing a State Substance Use Plan will move from DHS to OAR
 - Naloxone Data availability improvements
 - Emergency medical services overdose data linkage

- Recommendations from the SUD Tribal Summit Report include:
 - Increased funding for American Indian SUD programs
 - Increase access of naloxone to American Indian programs
 - Provide support for the Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addictive Disorders Certification (UMICAD)
 - Increase funding for the Minnesota American Indian Institute on Alcohol and Drug Studies (MAIIADS)
 - Increase development of harm reduction programming
 - Increase funding for traditional healing interventions

MARRCH Conference

The Council voted to have a table at the MAARCH conference. They will continue to discuss how many council members will staff the table, what data and other educational information will be needed, and what materials to hand out.

Development of the Council's legislative agenda

The Council participated in an activity to help develop a legislative agenda. Council members reviewed their 2023-2024 priorities and identified additional recommendations for the 2025 legislative session. Council priorities included recommendations for supporting justice-involved individuals and background studies reform. Additionally, the Council workshopped recommendations focused on expanding funding for traditional healing throughout the substance use disorder continuum of care, addressing youth substance misuse, and reducing barriers that limit their access to services. A draft legislative agenda will be developed and voted on at the December meeting.

Next meeting and adjourn

The Advisory Council meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 and will be a fully virtual meeting.