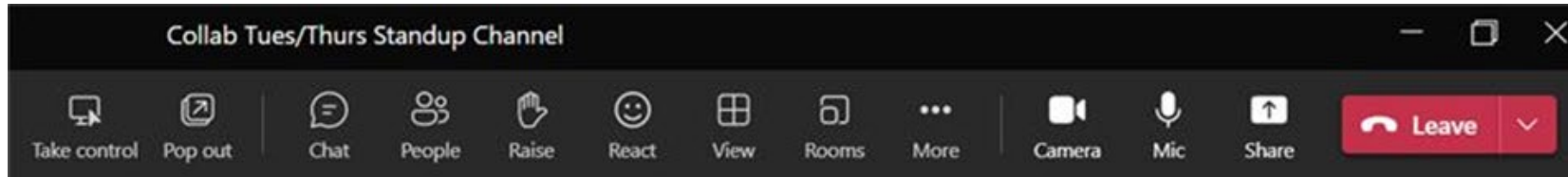




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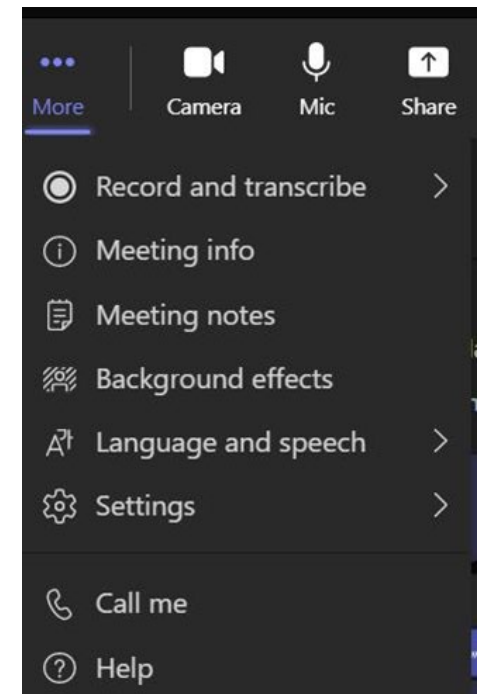
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Note: meeting transcript is being recorded to assist with note-taking

Welcome meeting observers

- **Thank you** for your interest in the work of the Holistic and Effective Responses to Illicit Drug Use Task Force.
- In accordance with Minnesota's Open Meeting Laws, we will try to hold time at the end for members of the public who would like to comment.
- You are also welcome to share your comments via email, officeofaddictionandrecovery.mmb@state.mn.us
- The **meeting summary** will be posted on the task force website along with other materials: <https://mn.gov/mmb/oar/task-force/>

1. Review agenda
2. Roll call
3. Adoption of previous meeting summaries
4. Initial conversation about June meeting

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Task Force business
3. Remaining debrief/discussion on April presentations
4. In-depth discussion of recommendations
5. Conversation with Dr. Del Pozo
6. June meeting and next steps
7. Public comment (time permitting)
8. Closing comments and adjourn

Roll call and meeting summaries

- Roll call
- Adoption of March and April meeting summaries

Initial conversation about June meeting

- Consider approach to voting
- Option: vote during June meeting, instead of prior approach (online form between meetings)
- Allows additional discussion after conversation with Dr. Del Pozo, before voting
- Will revisit at end of today's meeting

Debrief/discussion on April presentations

Points made as the April meeting ended

- Our individual experiences often differ from what we see when we research things...in Oregon it was right after the pandemic, it's when fentanyl showed up, and the same thing was happening to us, a lot of patients died.
- Arrests with no downstream care: a model that doesn't work.
- Need to focus on destigmatizing addiction. We're not trying to normalize substance use
- High risk for overdose: people leaving hospitals or detention facilities, tolerance is reduced, without medication [for opioid use disorder]
- If we don't have treatment in place, we run the risk of repeating the same harms
- One of the keys, in recommendation 132, says remove criminal and civil penalties for the personal and social use and possession of illicit drugs by adults after investing in health, harm reduction, and social supports.

In-depth discussion of recommendations

- *Mural*

Break (10 minutes)

Conversation with Dr. Del Pozo

June meeting and next steps

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- Meeting agreements
 - Respect and appreciate diversity of thought
 - Assume good intent but acknowledge harm
 - If you disagree, disagree respectfully
- Logistics
 - Time limits – please try to limit your comments to three minutes
 - Raise hand to speak, or use chat
 - Turn on your camera if possible
 - Please introduce yourself before your comment/question

Wrap up/adjourn

Thank you