

**Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**June 6, 2022**  
**Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Offices, 1335 H Street, Lincoln, NE**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Open Meetings Act Statements:**

Chairperson Todd Stull called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Chair Stull informed attendees that the meeting follows the **Open Meetings Act**, which was posted at the front sign-in table, and can be found at <https://ago.nebraska.gov/open-meetings>.

**2. Establishment of a Quorum/Member Roll Call:**

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was determined to exist, with 18 voting members present. There are 24 initial voting members, therefore quorum would be 13 members present.

Voting Members

Members in Attendance: Susanna Batterman, Kevin Borchert, Mary Ann Borgeson, Yohance Christie, Sara Howard, Brandon Kelliher, Christopher Kratochvil, Paul Lambert, Dana Miller, Neil Miller, Marcia Mueting (proxy Jenny Minchow), Amy Reynoldson, Cory Schmidt, Jason Scott, Kevin Spencer, Todd Stull, Bill Tielke, Davidson Wissing.

Members Absent: Ann Anderson-Berry, Sam Augustine, Jerome Kramer, Brandon Pete, Deb Schorr, Helen Stockman.

Non-Voting Attendees

Members in Attendance: Christy Abraham, Sheri Dawson, Suzanne Gage, Jeri Keller-Heuke, Doug Peterson, Joshua Shasserre.

**3. Opening Remarks/Announcements:**

Chair Stull stated that any public attendees would be able to make comments during the allotted time period at 11:00 a.m. Public attendees were reminded to sign in at the front if they wished to make comments, or if attending virtually, to let the moderator know via the virtual chat box.

Attendees were reminded that documents pertaining to these meetings, including agendas, past meeting minutes and virtual attendance links, can be found on the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>. Upcoming meeting information can also be found on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar at <https://www.nebraska.gov/calendar/index.cgi>.

**4. Approval of April and May meeting minutes:**

Chair Stull presented the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes for review and confirmed that voting members had reviewed these. Chair Stull asked if there were any corrections or comments. Hearing none, Chair Stull asked for a motion to accept the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion was made and seconded to accept the April 4, 2022 minutes as written. Motion was approved by roll call vote, with 16 ayes and 2 abstains.

Chair Stull presented the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes for review and confirmed that voting members had reviewed these. Chair Stull asked if there were any corrections or comments. Hearing none, Chair Stull asked for a motion to accept the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2, 2022 minutes as written. Motion was approved by roll call vote, with 14 ayes and 4 abstains.

## **5. Conflicts of Interest Disclosures:**

Vice-Chair Brandon Kelliher has created a draft Conflict of Interest Disclosure for committee members, which is currently being reviewed by the North Platte City Attorney. Committee members who may have a conflict of interest were reminded that any conflicts would need to be acknowledged in order to avoid biases. Vice-Chair Kelliher stated that he should have the final version completed by the July meeting. Once this final version is completed, it will be forwarded to Jeri Keller-Heuke to be distributed to all committee members along with the July meeting materials. No further discussion was identified.

## **6. Establishment of Outcome Measurements Subcommittee:**

Discussion was held on the creation of the suggested Outcome Measurements subcommittee. The formation of this subcommittee had been postponed from the initial meeting on April 4, 2022. Volunteers for this subcommittee are Sara Howard-Chairperson, Amy Reynoldson, Kevin Borchert, Davidson Wissing, Chris Kratochvil and Ann Anderson-Berry. A motion was made and seconded to approve the establishment of the Outcome Measurements Subcommittee. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

## **7. Subcommittee Updates/Reports-with timelines for work:**

- Data/Needs Assessment Subcommittee—Amy Reynoldson reported that the subcommittee has held three meetings to date. Members found the Opioid Litigation Settlements overview from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to be helpful in creating a baseline for their work. Members are determining how much data is needed and how to gather data. The subcommittee would like to meet with DHHS Division of Behavioral Health Director Sheri Dawson to review the division's data collection processes and existing needs assessments that may be beneficial to this subcommittee's work. The state of Wisconsin is noted to have identified several areas of need from listening sessions held around the state. Discussion was held on the possibility of also holding similar listening sessions in Nebraska in order to garner input from the public. It was agreed that creating too narrow of focus may result in unattainable criteria for fund disbursement.
- Disbursement Criteria Subcommittee—Mary Ann Borgeson reported that their next subcommittee meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members feel that the committee may benefit in having public education aimed at specific audiences and Nebraska citizens as a whole. Discussion also centered on what relevant data currently exists and what gaps there may be in the data. All committee members are encouraged to send any relevant data sets to Amy Reynoldson, especially from varied realms such as law enforcement, corrections, health care, etc.
- Chair Stull informed all attendees that if anyone is interested in serving on any subcommittee, they may contact him or the respective subcommittee chairperson.

## **Public Comment Period**

There were no public attendees identified to make comments.

## **8. Review/Overview of Current Work/Projects in Nebraska related to OUD**

Chair Stull facilitated discussion on various projects centering on Opiate Use Disorder, including Project ECHO, recovery housing and training for providers.

## **9. New Business**

DBH Director Sheri Dawson has been requested to provide an overview of the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant at the next meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., with the location to be determined. This meeting is being moved back one week due to Independence Day occurring on July 4<sup>th</sup> (the first Monday of the month). Committee members will be notified once a location has been secured.

July agenda items to include:

- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant overview
- Presentation on current data

## **Adjourn**

The meeting agenda having been completed, the committee voted by acclamation to adjourn. Chair Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.