

Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee Meeting
October 3, 2022
Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Offices, 1335 H Street, Lincoln, NE
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 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 14 voting members present. There are 23 voting members, therefore, quorum would be 13 members present.

Voting Members

Members in Attendance: Ann Anderson-Berry, Susanna Batterman (virtual), Kevin Borchert (virtual), Mary Ann Borgeson, Yohance Christie (virtual) (late arrival), Sara Howard, Brandon Kelliher, Christopher Kratochvil, Paul Lambert (virtual), Dana Miller (virtual), Marcia Mueting (proxy by Amy Holman), Amy Reynoldson, Cory Schmidt, Jason Scott, Kevin Spencer (virtual), Todd Stull.

Members Absent: Jerome Kramer, Charity Menefee, Neil Miller, Brandon Pete, Deb Schorr, Helen Stockman, Bill Tielke.

Non-Voting Attendees

Members in Attendance: Sheri Dawson (virtual), Jeri Keller-Heuke, L. Lynn Rex (virtual), Joshua Shasserre (late arrival).

3. Opening Remarks/Announcements:

Chair Stull stated that any public attendees would be able to make comments during the allotted period at 10:30 p.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.

Documents pertaining to these meetings, including agendas, past meeting minutes and virtual attendance links, can be found on the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) 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>.

Chair Stull noted that there were no staff from the Attorney General's office present at today's meeting, therefore agenda item #6: *Follow-Up Questions to September Discussion on Opioid Litigation Settlements and Update* will be deferred until the next scheduled meeting.

4. Approval of September meeting minutes:

Chair Stull presented the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes for review and confirmed that voting members had reviewed these. Chair Stull asked if there were any corrections or comments. Chair Stull stated that he had been informed by Joshua Shasserre, Nebraska Attorney General Chief of Staff, that there was an error in the flow chart on page 4. Box "A" should be "Regional" instead of "State", and box "B" should be "State" instead of

“Regional”. Chair Stull asked for a motion to accept the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes, to include this change. Motion was made and seconded to accept the September 12, 2022 minutes. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5. Conflicts of Interest Disclosures:

Co-Chair Brandon Kelliher reminded any committee members who have not yet completed a *Conflict of Interest Disclosure* form to do so and return to Jeri Keller-Heuke at DHHS Division of Behavioral Health. Committee members who have not yet completed a form will be reminded via email to submit a form.

6. Follow-Up Questions to September Discussion on Opioid Litigation Settlements and Update:

Due to the absence of Joshua Shasserre, Nebraska Attorney General Chief of Staff, this agenda item will be covered at the November meeting.

Public Comment Period:

Samantha Collins, Nebraska City Public Schools, discussed some issues that schools are experiencing with obtaining Naloxone. Prescriptions intended for school use typically require a specific person/employee to be named on it, but some employees are expressing concern over potential issues surrounding this practice.

Kim Engel, Panhandle Public Health, stated that their department recently sent out a survey to stakeholders regarding current and needed opioid response strategies. Expanding wraparound programs and Naloxone education and availability were some of the biggest needs identified. Ms. Engel will forward this information to the committee. Panhandle Public Health’s assessments are updated every three (3) years.

L. Lynn Rex, League of Nebraska Municipalities, reminded the committee of the importance of adhering to the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Rex suggested that agendas be more descriptive, and that the committee review the current use of virtual or hybrid meetings instead of in-person meetings.

Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, discussed the current use of surveys by many health departments in the state. Some areas of the state are already implementing strategic plans related to opioids. While some municipalities and counties have begun receiving funds directly from the settlements, Ms. Lopez urged the committee to work diligently to get state funds distributed in a timely manner. Lancaster County’s assessments are updated every three (3) years.

Lindsey Huse, Douglas County Health Department, reiterated the importance of the data collection process by the committee. Douglas County has conducted several surveys and data collection projects recently. Ms. Huse highlighted some of the work that is currently being done in Douglas County. Douglas County’s assessments are updated every three (3) years.

There was no additional public comment. Chair Stull welcomed the public to continue giving the committee any information to consider in executing their duties.

7. Subcommittee Updates/Reports:

- Data/Needs Assessment Subcommittee—Dr. Ann Anderson-Berry reported that the Data/Needs Assessment Subcommittee met on September 29, 2022 to discuss how data would be collected. Time frames have not yet been set to accomplish this. The subcommittee may need to ask for a limited budget of \$150,000 to accomplish gathering and collating existing data, and collecting new data for any identified gaps. Identified methods of gathering data are in line with other states’ processes. Discussion of

the Request for Proposals (RFP) process focused on the potentially short time frame that may be involved. Members of this subcommittee are Ann Anderson-Berry, Amy Reynoldson and Susanna Batterman.

- Disbursement Criteria Subcommittee—Mary Ann Borgeson reported that the Disbursement Criteria Subcommittee will be meeting in October. Members of this subcommittee are Mary Ann Borgeson, Brandon Kelliher, Deb Schorr and Chris Kratochvil.
- Outcomes Measurements Subcommittee—Sara Howard reported that the Outcomes Measurements Subcommittee has not met. This subcommittee would welcome anyone else interested in joining. Mary Ann Borgeson indicated interest in joining this subcommittee as well. Members of this subcommittee are Sara Howard, Amy Reynoldson, Kevin Borchert, Chris Kratochvil and Ann Anderson-Berry.

8. Full Day Meeting:

Committee members discussed the possibility of a future full-day meeting to accommodate the amount of discussion pertaining to the Needs Assessment. It was suggested that the location be moved to a venue closer to the middle of the state, so that more committee members can attend in person. This meeting could also provide an opportunity for outside parties, such as local health departments and Behavioral Health Regional Administrators, to give relevant presentations. A portion of the day would be allotted for breakout sessions for the three subcommittees. A tentative date of Monday, March 6, 2023 was selected, with the location tentatively being in Kearney.

9. New Business:

There was no new business identified for today's meeting.

10. Next Steps/Action Items:

No action items were identified.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Offices, 1335 H Street, Lincoln, NE. This meeting be three hours in length. It was agreed that the earlier time slot for Public Comment seemed more efficient.

November agenda items to include:

Follow-Up Questions to September Discussion on Opioid Litigation Settlements and Update
Needs Assessment Proposal and Request for Proposals (RFP) Vote

If there are additional suggestion for agenda items, please inform Chair Stull at least ten (10) days prior to the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting agenda having been completed, the committee voted by acclamation to adjourn. Chair Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.