

Draft Meeting Minutes

Details

Date: 12/6/2023

Location:

Virtual meeting

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

- Room 2360, Elmer Andersen Building, 540 Cedar Street
- Jennifer Blanchard
- Council member Farhia Budul

Online: Beth Elstad, Colin Cash, Kyle Christianson, John Donovan, Wendy Jones, Jeffrey Lind, Pamela Lanhart, Kimberly Stokes, Bill Messinger, Anderson Saint Georges, Arden Two Bears, LaTricia Tate, and Trave Winship.

Absent: Autumn Dillie Autumn Dillie, Fiyyaz Karim, and Bobby Marines

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

Welcome

Members and guests were welcomed, and Beth Elstad and Jeremy Drucker 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 October 2023 meeting minutes.

Public comment

No public comment

General council updates

- Introduced new staff, provided an overview of their roles, and invited each to share some of their background and what drew them to this opportunity.

- Jose Phipps, Youth Program and Public Engagement Manager
- Cat Rohde, Program and Project Management Coordinator

- Council appointments: Nine council member appointments end January 1, 2024. Members had a truncated appointment and are encouraged to reapply. There are currently 26 applicants and include members who have chosen to reapply. Appointments will be made by the Governor's Office in January 2024.

- Community engagement event scheduled on Friday, December 8 hosted by Twin Cities Recovery Project and Advisory Council member LaTricia Tate.

Update from the subcabinet

Jeremy Drucker, Assistant Commissioner and chair of the subcabinet, provided an overview of the November 3 meeting which, included:

- Review and approval of the OAR public engagement framework and [One Minnesota goal](#) framework for substance use disorder.

Discuss and approve Advisory Council's 2023 recommendations to the subcabinet

In preparation for the meeting, council members reviewed and provided feedback on a draft set of recommendations to the subcabinet, governor, legislature, and counties. Given the strong association between substance use disorder and incarceration, the Council focused its attention on recommendations primarily in that area. More particularly, the Council found a tremendous opportunity with increasing access to medicines for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in jails and prisons and background studies reform. While the Council's recommendations focused on those areas, additional recommendations outside those foci were also deemed critical, such as creating more flexible, culturally responsive, and permanent funding, strengthening the treatment component of the SUD continuum of care, and others. During the meeting, the council members reviewed, made edits, and voted to approve the recommendations. The Council will present the recommendations in a yearend report to the subcabinet in early January 2024.

Council reflections 2023

Council members were asked to reflect on their progress to date, what they found helpful to better understand and fulfill their advisory responsibilities over the past year, and other reflections when looking back on the advisory council's inaugural year. Reflections will be summarized and used to guide planning for 2024.

Next meeting and adjourn

The Advisory Council meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually, with one council member, on-site with OAR staff.