



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Health and Human Needs Committee - Opioid Settlement Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, March 31, 2025

5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County Building in Room 357; attend virtually via Zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

A. Call To Order

CHAIR ROSE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:03 PM

Other Staff Present: Amanda Vernia

Present: 5 - RICK ROSE, APRIL KIGEYA, JOSEPH GALEY, HEIDI WEGLEITNER and ELIZABETH SALISBURY-AFSHAR

Absent: 2 - TODD CAMPBELL and AURIELLE SMITH

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by KIGEYA, seconded by GALEY, that the minutes be approved, the motion carried by a voice vote (5-0)

[2024](#)
[MIN-576](#)

MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2025

Attachments: [17-Mar-2025 HHN Opioid Settlement Subcommittee Minutes](#)

C. Fund Transfers

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024 RES-370](#) RECOMMENDATION TO RESTORE ADDITIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR CREATION OF A CENTRALIZED HARM REDUCTION AND PREVENTION DROP-IN CENTER

Sponsors: KIGEYA, POSTLER, BLAZEWICZ, RITT, ROSE, YANG and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-370](#)
[2024 RES-370 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion made by GALEY that the Resolution be recommended for Approval on restoring the \$331,200 into the budget for the drop-in center. The motion carried by a voice vote of 5-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Resolution 370 Update
2. Items for public meeting on 4/28/2025
3. Updates on items funded so far in 2025

Chair Rose presented on 2025 designated spending for Opioid Settlement Funding. Supervisor Wegleitner made a standing objection on the record to using opioid settlement funds to fund positions in the sheriff's office.

4. Grant opportunity for Dane County from Vital Strategies for drug checking

Adrienne Hurst from Vital Strategies explained the grant's intent and requirements. The grant is \$400,000 for drug checking equipment and provide real-time data. Funding available until September 2026; urgency to implement before Vital Strategies exits the state. Remedy Alliance will do the on-site training for additional costs.

WEGLEITNER moves to make a motion that the subcommittee communicate its support of Dane County pursuing this funding for a drug checking initiative through Vital Strategies and delegating to the co chairs the role of communicating our support to the Dane County Executive, the Dane County Board, the Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Public Health Department. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote 5-0

5. Federal Government Update/SAMHSA Status

Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar provided an overview of potential federal funding cuts affecting SAMHSA and related programs. Proposed cuts: 10,000 jobs and \$1.8 billion. Potential impacts on Suicide and Crisis Lifelines, Community Behavioral Health Clinics, and other grant-funded programs. Increased vulnerability for non-Medicaid expansion states such as Wisconsin due to reliance on block grants for uninsured populations.

F. Presentations

1. Tarah Strangler from Outreach Madison will be presenting on 2025 funding update and results.

Tarah Strangler reported on 2025 funding and community needs. Increased demand for peer support and substance use services within the LGBTQ community. Increased workload and extended hours for staff to meet community needs.

G. Reports to Committee

1. [2024 RPT-435](#) 2025 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Attachments: [2025 Opioid Settlement Funds - Budgeted](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by KIGEYA that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelsi Gullickson and Amanda Vernia, pending Commission approval.