

Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee Meeting
May 2, 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 10:04 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 17 voting members present. There are 24 initial voting members, therefore quorum would be 13 members present.

Voting Members

Members in Attendance: Ann Anderson-Berry, Susanna Batterman, Kevin Borchert, Mary Ann Borgeson, Sara Howard, Christopher Kratochvil, Paul Lambert, Dana Miller, Neil Miller, Marcia Mueeting, Brandon Pete, Amy Reynoldson, Cory Schmidt, Deb Schorr, Todd Stull, Bill Tielke, Davidson Wissing.

Members Absent: Sam Augustine, Yohance Christie, Brandon Kelliher, Jerome Kramer, Jason Scott, Kevin Spencer, Helen Stockman.

Non-Voting Attendees

Members in Attendance: Christy Abraham, Jon Cannon, Sheri Dawson, Suzanne Gage, Jeri Keller-Heuke, Doug Peterson, L. Lynn Rex, 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. Review of the April 4 meeting minutes will occur at the June 6 meeting.

4. Introduction of Committee Members:

All voting members and non-voting attendees (in person and virtually) introduced themselves.

5. Overview: Opioid Litigation Settlements:

Joshua Shasserre, Nebraska Attorney General Chief of Staff, presented the Opioid Litigation Settlements overview. This presentation gave a basic overview of the history of the litigation settlements and how these will be applied to Nebraska. The discussion focused on fund distribution guidelines and the committee's role in following these guidelines. Exhibits E, G and M were identified as containing specific information in guiding Nebraska's work on handling funds. The Distributor Settlement Agreement and all exhibits can be found at https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Final_Distributor_Settlement_Agreement_3.25.22_Final.pdf. This document is available to the public as well.

6. Conflicts of Interest Disclosures:

Chair Stull stated that Vice-Chair Brandon Kelliher has taken the lead on creating a Conflict of Interest Disclosure for committee members, which is still being drafted. Committee members who may have a conflict of interest were reminded that any conflicts would need to be acknowledged, and that this may require the respective member to abstain from any relevant voting. Vice-Chair Kelliher was unable to be at today's meeting, so this topic will be addressed at a future meeting.

7. Subcommittee Reports & Input:

- Data/Needs Assessment Subcommittee—Ann Anderson-Berry and Amy Reynolds reported that the first subcommittee meeting was recently held to establish the subcommittee's broad priorities, what data currently exists, and what data is still needed. Law enforcement and corrections data were identified as a need. No definitive recommendations were formulated during this first meeting. The subcommittee's next meeting will be coming up in about two weeks; additional subcommittee members would be welcome.
- Disbursement Criteria Subcommittee—Mary Ann Borgeson reported that their first subcommittee meeting was recently held to review the settlement agreements. The next subcommittee meeting will focus on clearly outlining the requirements for disbursing funds. This meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- Outcome Measurement Subcommittee—Chair Stull reminded committee members that this group has not yet been formed, per previous discussion during the April 4th meeting.

Public Comment Period

There were no public attendees identified to make comments.

8. Continuation of Previous Agenda Items

It was suggested that the Overview: Opioid Litigation Settlements presentation be shared with the Behavioral Health Regional Administrators because of the impact these settlements will have on behavioral health services across the state.

Chair Stull thanked the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Health and Human Services for working together on carrying out the duties associated with the settlements.

9. New Business

Attorney General Doug Peterson reminded committee members to speak with Jeri Keller-Heuke if they wish to submit for travel-related expenses to be reimbursed. AG Peterson thanked Chair Stull for his work as the committee's chairperson.

DHHS Division of Behavioral Health Director Sheri Dawson encouraged committee members to focus on educating the citizens of Nebraska on these settlements and what they mean for the state.

John Cannon, Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, was thanked for his support and hospitality in hosting the meeting.

Joshua Shasserre stated that he is willing to attend meetings and training sessions to present the Opioid Litigation Settlements overview to interested parties.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., with the location to be determined. Committee members will be notified once a location has been secured.

Agenda items for the June 6 meeting to include:

- Approval of the April 4 and May 2 minutes.
- Establishment of Subcommittee for Outcome Measurement.

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.