



Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) Overview

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- In 2019, Governor Walz signed the Opiate Epidemic Response bill into law (HF 400). The bill authorized:
 - the collection of fees from prescribers, drug manufacturers and distributors to fight the opioid crisis;
 - Required that opioid litigation settlement funds be held in an account; and
 - Created the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council (OERAC) to make funding recommendations.

[Sec. 256.042 MN Statutes](#)



Purpose of the council

OERAC Duties

- Review of local, state, and federal activities related to education, prevention, treatment and services for people impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD)
- Establish priorities to address the state's opioid epidemic
- Recommend specific projects and initiatives to be funded
- Ensure available funding is allocated to align with other state and federal funding to achieve the greatest impact and ensure a coordinated state effort
- Collaborate with DHS, MDH, & MMB to develop measurable outcomes to determine the effectiveness of funds allocated

Council Membership

The council includes 19 voting members and three non-voting members

- Legislators from both bodies
- Tribal nations
- State agency representatives
- Providers
- Advocates
- Individuals personally impacted by the opioid crisis,
- Law enforcement, social service agencies, and the judicial branch

Where do the funds come from?

- Funds are derived from registration and license fees assessed by the Board of Pharmacy and the proceeds from the national opioid settlements. Funds are deposited into the opiate epidemic response fund.
- OERAC makes recommendations to DHS on grant awards, using a competitive request for proposals process.
 - This process includes Minnesotans from across the state who review, score the proposals, and make award recommendations.

OERAC RFP Focuses

- **Prevention and education:** public education and awareness for adults and youth, prescriber education, and financial support to local agencies for opiate antagonist programs
- **Treatment Training on opioid addiction:** use of opioid addiction medications, detoxification, relapse prevention, assessment, treatment planning, counseling, and recovery supports
- **Enhancing the continuum of care:** primary prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery, and aftercare services
- **Safe use of opioid medications:** development of measures to assess and protect the ability of people with chronic pain or at the end of life, who legitimately need prescription pain medications to maintain their quality of life

Grant Award Outcomes

Grant Award Overview

- Total award amount: \$15,250,619
- Total number of grantees: 52
- Percent of total award amount to Evidence-based: 83% (\$12,646,929)

Grant Award Geographic Area Distribution

- Statewide: \$4,641,546
- Metro: \$5,981,918
- Greater MN: \$2,888,898
- Tribes and Tribal Reservations: \$1,058,257
- (Unspecified) \$680,000

Grants Awarded by Category

- Harm Reduction: \$77,864
- Narcan/Naloxone & education: \$2,966,899
- Continuum of Care: \$242,492
- Pain Management: \$257,220
- Primary or Secondary Prevention: \$1,962,961
- Recovery & Aftercare: \$1,070,500
- Treatment: \$4,620,782
- Workforce Development: \$4,051,901

Thank you!

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