

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 25, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 10:26 a.m. CT

Committee members in attendance:

- Major Thomas Iverson, North Dakota Highway Patrol
- Mary Korsmo, North Dakota State Association of City and County Health Officials
Executive Director, Association of Counties
- Jonathan Holth, Commissioner of Recovery & Reentry
- Pamela Sagness, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Division, North Dakota
Department of Health and Human Services
- Stephanie Dassinger Engebretson, Deputy Director and Attorney at Law, North Dakota
League of Cities
- Aaron Birst, Executive Director, North Dakota Association of Counties

Committee members absent:

- None

Welcome and call to order:

Christopher Joseph, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am CT.

3/18/2025 meeting minutes review

Jonathan Holth moved to approve the meeting minutes. Pamela Sagness seconded the motion. 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Opioid Settlement Updates

Elin Alm with the ND Attorney General's office provided updates. The state has received \$26.5 million in settlement payments to date. The settlement with Purdue has been finalized. Subdivisions will have the opportunity to sign on to the Purdue settlement and the settlement with a second round of manufacturers. Elin clarified that the state should now expect to receive an estimated \$70 million over the course of 18 years versus the \$60 million previously estimated.

Behavioral Health Division updates

Amy Lies, Opioid Addiction Administrator with the ND Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division provided information regarding funding in the Opioid Settlement Fund, investment of funds, use of funds during the 2023-2025 biennium, and use of funds during the 2025-2027 biennium.

Committee Discussion

The committee discussed reaching out to the 2025-2027 Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) grantees and have them present at upcoming meetings. The committee highlighted the importance of hearing from as many as possible before budget building and hearing from grantees implementing prevention in schools.

Pamela Sagness highlighted the 2025 Behavioral Health and Children & Family Services Conference in Bismarck October 20th – 23rd.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment: Having completed the agenda items and hearing no further comments from Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee members or the public, Christopher Joseph, Committee Chair, adjourned at 10:26 CT.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Amy Lies, Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, Administrator