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WINONA COUNTY IS
SEEKING COMMUNITY
MEMBERS FOR THE
OPIOID ADVISORY
WORKGROUP

Winona County is inviting community members, people with lived experience, family members, substance use professionals, and local providers to participate in the Opioid Advisory Workgroup. Opioid settlement funds are intended to support prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and other services that respond to the impact of the opioid crisis. The Opioid Advisory Workgroup helps ensure these funds are informed by people most impacted by opioid use, overdose, substance use, recovery, and related service gaps in Winona County. The purpose of the Workgroup is to provide community input, review

service ideas, and make recommendations about how opioid settlement funds can be used to strengthen sustainability of local services.

Who should consider participating?

Winona County is hoping to hear from people who have experience with or knowledge of opioid use, overdose prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, or related community needs. This may include:

- People with lived experience related to opioid use, overdose, substance use, or recovery
- Family members or loved ones of people impacted by opioid use, overdose, substance use, or recovery
- Substance use, behavioral health, treatment, recovery, or harm reduction professionals
- Community providers or partner organizations serving people impacted by opioid use or substance use

· Winona County community members who are interested in strengthening local opioid response, prevention, treatment, recovery, or harm reduction services

What would Workgroup members do?

Opioid Advisory Workgroup members would:

- Meet quarterly, either virtually or in person
- Review service concepts or project ideas related to opioid settlement funds
- Provide feedback on whether proposed services align with community needs
- Share input about gaps, barriers, and needs related to opioid use, overdose prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction in Winona County
- Assist with compiling ideas for further consideration to help guide local opioid settlement planning

The advisory Workgroup provides feedback and ideas to enhance sustainable opioid related local services. Final funding decisions are made by the

Winona County Board.

Meeting dates

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the following months at 5 p.m., with virtual and in-person options available:

- August 5, 2026
- November 4, 2026
- February 3, 2027
- May 5, 2027

Interested in participating? Interested community members and providers can contact:

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Winona County looks forward to partnering with people with lived experience, families, providers, and community members to better understand local needs and strengthen services for people impacted by opioid use, overdose, substance use, and recovery.
