

# OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

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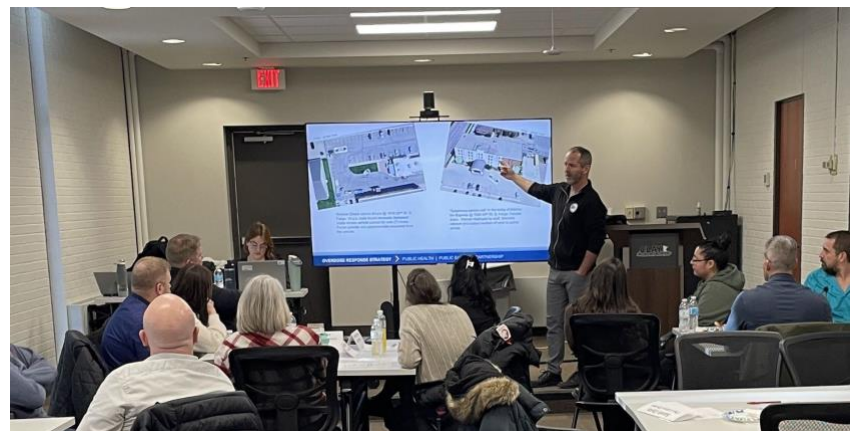


## Minnesota ORS Team Highlights

### Minnesota ORS Team Hosts First Spike Response Tabletop Exercise in the State

January 2026

In January, the Minnesota Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) team and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) led an overdose spike response tabletop exercise in Moorhead, Minnesota, in collaboration with Clay County Public Health and Fargo Cass Public Health. More than 30 community partners from multiple sectors across Cass and Clay counties participated in the Minnesota Overdose Alert, Local Engagement, Response and Tracking System (MN-ODALERTS) tabletop exercise. MN-OD-ALERTS is a system developed by MDH and the MN ORS team to detect unusual trends in drug overdose activity and support coordinated responses between state and local public health agencies. During the exercise, participants worked through mock overdose spike scenarios designed to strengthen preparedness, communication and cross-sector coordination. Following the session, participants reported an increased confidence in their ability to respond to overdose spikes and identify gaps in existing response efforts.



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