



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Suicide Prevention Subcommittee

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Minutes of the Meeting

June 20, 2023

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST

2:00 P.M. – Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner Clara Reynolds, Chair

Roll Call – quorum established

Attendance Summary

Commissioner Dr. Jay Reeve
Commissioner Clara Reynolds
Commissioner Wes Evans
Commissioner Sheriff Prummell
Alexandra Martinez
Kenneth Gibson
Nancy Dauphinais
Sheila Smith
Anna Sever
Trinity Schwab
Gayle Giese

Thank you to all guests in attendance for this meeting. In subsequent meetings, guests who list their name and affiliation in the meeting's chat feature will be recognized in the meeting's minutes.

1. Introductions/ Review Meeting Minutes

- Minutes Approved By: Kenneth Gibson Seconded By: Wes Evans & Sheila Smith
- Trinity Schwab, the CEO of Managing Entity Central Florida Cares introduced herself. She has joined the subcommittee as an official member.

2. Remarks from Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair

- Chair Reeve reviewed key upcoming dates:
 - Wednesday, June 21st at 9am EST is the next full Commission meeting.
 - The meeting agenda will primarily include updates from each of the subcommittees.
 - The next full commission meeting will convene in-person on August 15th at the Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Resort's grand ballroom in Orlando, Florida from 8:45am-5pm EST.



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- The Governor signed into law Senate Bill 914, effective July 1st, 2023. A provision of this bill extends the Commission's charge into 2026 and officially revises the duties of the commission to assess the state's suicide prevention infrastructure.
- The Commission's next interim report is due January 1st, 2024. To meet this deadline, bulleted recommendations from the subcommittee will need to be sent to Mr. Aaron Platt by mid-September.

3. Discussion

- Chair Reynolds reviewed an information gathering template (view this template in Appendix A of this document). She tasked each of four subject-matter experts to convene workgroups on 988, 988 and MRT, 988 and CSU, and 988 and marketing respectively. Accompanying this ask, she requested that each subject-matter expert report back on the workgroup's findings during the next subcommittee meeting on July 25th from 2-4pm EST.
- Anna Sever gave a high-level overview of the Florida Suicide Prevention Office, the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council (the state's 32-member suicide prevention advisory committee), and the forthcoming iteration of the state's suicide prevention strategic plan. To learn more about Florida suicide prevention and to review recent legislative reports, visit:
www.myflfamilies.com/suicideprevention
- Chair Reynolds and Gayle Giese facilitated a discussion to brainstorm "ceiling" recommendations. Coined as ceiling recommendations, these recommendations refer to additional, identified opportunities to further enhance Florida's suicide prevention infrastructure and serve as an adjunct to the statutorily required charge of the subcommittee (view the notes from this brainstorm in Appendix B of this document). Please see below for a resource shared during this discussion:
 - What is 988? A simplified explanation of the vision for 988: [Promise of 988: Crisis Care for Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time - Ep 7 | BehavioralHealthLink.com - YouTube](#)



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4. Public Comment

- Sharyn L. Dodrill was recognized during public comment.
 - She requested updates to the Commission’s website be posted. DCF SAMH staff is working diligently to expand the content on the DCF website to reflect the expansion and evolution of the Commission’s subcommittees. These updates are forthcoming soon.
 - In response to a discussion earlier in the meeting, she emphasized the importance of recognizing all individuals participating in data gathering activities as one means to ensure compliance with Florida’s Sunshine law.

5. Closing Remarks

- Chair Reynolds thanked everyone for their time and expertise. She reminded all that subcommittee meetings will convene the 4th Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm EST through September. Following September, there may be a different meeting cadence.
- Meeting adjourned 3:59pm EST.

Next subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, July 25th, 2023 2-4pm EST

To access additional meeting information, visit:

<https://myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings>



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Appendix A

Template for “floor” recommendations. These floor recommendations refer to the minimum requirements mandated by statute to assess the suicide prevention infrastructure in Florida.

Statutory Requirement	Conducting an overview of the current infrastructure of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline system	Providing recommendations on how behavioral health managing entities may fulfill their purpose of promoting service continuity and work with community stakeholders throughout this state in furtherance of supporting the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline system and other crisis response services.	Evaluating and making recommendations to improve linkages between the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline infrastructure and crisis response services within this state.
988: Sheila			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit specific action items for the Suicide Prevention Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awareness ○ Prevention ○ Treatment ○ Postvention
Mobile Response Team: Ali			
Crisis Stabilization: Nancy			
Marketing and Dissemination: Ken			

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Appendix B

Brainstorming notes regarding the “ceiling” – what do we want to make sure gets in front of the legislature and Governor office? The “ceiling” recommendations further detail the potential of the crisis continuum in Florida. These are thoughtful recommendations provided by experts. They are referred to as “ceiling” recommendations as they surpass the provisions of the crisis infrastructure analysis mandated by statute.

988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMI’s top priority • Complicated system, but 988 is easy access point (front door) • Least restrictive/least costly care – connect to the right door the first time • Data/data dashboard to include – Nikki Wotherspoon is addressing these bullets - Standardization is in process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Solaris” system in Arizona and Utah has a dashboard ○ Why are people calling? ○ What resources are missing? ○ What happens during and after the call? • Training of call takers – do they know the resources and connected to them. • Keeping in mind Vibrant’s goals – training hours as an example • Be mindful that Vibrant plays a strong role, but the State may not have control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unified platform as an example of a complication • Aware of the trauma regarding crisis, law enforcement and the system – Trauma Informed, cultural competency • Geolocation of calls – continued issue via FCC • Clarity around funding – federal share, state share, local share.... – need for long term sustainable plan for 988 – equivalent to 988 system with sustainable funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Here is what the system looks like now... ○ Here is where the system should be... ○ How do we translate to a fiscal package? DCF responsible ○ Comparison with 911 which is also underfunded! • 911 connectivity and success happening??? ○ Diverted calls – what type of follow up occurs? Are they getting the help they need? How much of a gap in time from call to getting into care? Policies in place for the system? ○ There will be policies regarding 911 and 988 interaction and connectivity. A document is being drafted at the
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	<p style="text-align: center;">national level to direct 911 centers in this area. Ali has been on the committee at the national level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 988 center coverage – is it adequate??? Nikki and Javvy have many conversations on this issue and thinking about it specifically backup for the state • Include text and chat in the conversation – not in the state yet but handled by the national backup network • Submit specific action items for the Suicide Prevention Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awareness ○ Prevention ○ Treatment ○ Post-vention • Specific marketing tactics • Safety plan
MRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware of the trauma regarding crisis, law enforcement and the system – Trauma Informed, cultural competency • Standardization of MRTs across the state and differentiate from other models like the law enforcement co-responder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCF vision of MRT has changed across the state over time ○ Dovetail with SOC Subcommittee
Crisis Stabilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware of the trauma regarding crisis, law enforcement and the system – Trauma Informed, cultural competency messaging
Marketing and Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information about existing services – First Psychosis programs • 988 specific – consistency in messaging and look/image about 988 across the state – DCF/Nikki is working on this area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fear of 988 – misunderstanding of 988 – ensure a safe conversation and experience • Aware of the trauma regarding crisis, law enforcement and the system – Trauma Informed, cultural competency messaging