

Finance and Workforce Committee Statutory Duties:

1. Conducting a review and evaluation of the financial management and funding of the existing publicly supported mental health and substance use disorder abuse systems and services in the Department of Children and Families, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and all other departments which administer mental health and substance use disorder abuse services. Such review shall include, at a minimum, a review of purchasing, contracting, financing, local government funding responsibility, and accountability mechanisms.
2. Addressing financing of emergency behavioral health care services.
3. Identifying available mental health block grant funds that can be used to support the NSPL, Florida's 211 Network and crisis response infrastructure within this state, including any available funding through opioid settlements or through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2; the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136; or other federal legislation.
4. In consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, identifying sources of funding available through the Medicaid program specifically for crisis response services, including funding that may be available by seeking approval of a Section 1115 waiver submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
5. WORKFORCE: This Subcommittee will, as directed by statute "review and make recommendations regarding the mission and objectives of state-supported mental health and substance use disorder abuse services and ...the staffing mechanisms which will best foster the recommended mission". This Subcommittee will review the current behavioral health workforce in Florida and make recommendations for optimizing that workforce.