



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder System of Care Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

The following members or designees were in attendance

Secretary Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair
Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Austin Noll for Commissioner Jason Weida
Judge Mark Mahon, (Governor Appointee)
Melissa Larkin-Skinner (Speaker of the House Appointee)
Lee Fox, (President of the Senate Appointee)
Rita Castor for Director Taylor Hatch, Subject Matter Expert
Melanie Brown-Woofter, Subject Matter Expert
Gail Ryder, Subject Matter Expert
Mary Mayhew, Subject Matter Expert
Nichole Sharbono, Subject Matter Expert
Nancy Dauphinais, Subject Matter Expert
Suzonne Kline, Subject Matter Expert
Maggie Agerton, Subject Matter Expert
Amanda Regis, Subject Matter Expert

Approval of the January 31, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the January 31, 2024, minutes. The motion was carried, in all favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief update on the full commission and subcommittees. Each subcommittee should have recommendations to present at the live in-person full commission meeting in August 2024. During this past Legislative session, at least five pieces of legislation were influenced by the commission.

Subcommittee Recap and Looking Ahead

Subcommittee Chair Harris praised the subcommittee on its diligence and continual resolve to accomplish its statutory charge. Highlighted several bills that made it through this year's legislative session that were impacted by recommendations from the System of Care subcommittee (The Live Healthy Act and HB 7021). Reviewed opportunities for continual development. Subcommittee created three workgroups that will focus on specific system of care areas: Skills-Based Training, Individuals With Unique Needs and, Deep-End Services.



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Presentation – Tampa Bay Thrives: A Public/Private Partnership

Carrie Zeisse, President and CEO of Tampa Bay Thrives and Gail Ryder, Vice President, BayCare Behavioral Health, provided an overview of Tampa Bay Thrives and the impetus behind its formation, to mobilize community partners to strengthen behavioral health outcomes. The top five priority areas identified by the organization were awareness, information/guidance, ongoing care, acute care, and youth mental health/education systems and public safety.

Presentation – The Mental Health Council of the Big Bend

Nancy O'Farrell, Executive Director, NAMI Tallahassee, Professor Heather Flynn, Florida State University and Jay Reeve, President and CEO, Apalachee Center discussed the formation of the Mental Health Council of the Big Bend (MHC) and its aim to foster an evidence-based approach to determine needs and solutions to behavioral health and provide a "think tank" for stakeholders in the region. The MHC based its strategic plan on the findings of a community survey. Primary components involve careful stakeholder selection, shared values, data-driven, scientific approach, communication, dissemination, coordination, and leveraging resources and partnerships.

Housing Options Post State Hospitals

In the absence of Roaya Tyson, Tracy Smith, Chief Clinical Officer, Gracepoint Wellness presented on Gracepoint's continuum of care for adult patients. Topics included inpatient care, community-based care including diversion efforts and Gracepoint's Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team. Current barriers to success and recommended changes to reduce barriers were discussed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

Aaron Platt to send clarification/additional information regarding the "Individuals with Unique Needs" workgroup.

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:40 am.