



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Finance and Workforce Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by subcommittee chair Darryl Rouson.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Darryl Rouson, Subcommittee Chair, President of the Senate Appointee

Jay Reeve, Commission Chair, Governor Appointee

Richard Weisberg, President of the Senate Appointee

Mercedes Bosque, Subject Matter Expert

Tom Wallace, Subject Matter Expert

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Natalie Kelly, Subject Matter Expert

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Ivan Cosimi, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of June 6, 2024 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the June 6, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief update. The full in-person commission meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024 in Orlando at the Florida Behavioral Health Conference. All subcommittee recommendations should be forwarded to Aaron Platt by August 6th. Chair Reeve strongly encourages the subcommittee to only consider actionable recommendations.

Workgroup Report Outs

- Opioid Settlement Workgroup: Natalie Kelly provided the update by reviewing the five recommendations developed by the workgroup. The recommendations include establishing an opioid workgroup comprised of peers, family members, people with lived experience, providers, etc., to work in tandem with the already established Opioid Abatement Council; creating a template to track opioid funding; establishing a website for all city and county opioid abatement plans; developing policies and standards to ensure accessible housing; and coordinating a semi-annual meeting of all opioid settlement funding municipal stakeholders.

Chair Reeve stated housing will likely fall into a larger Commission recommendation. The Chair also suggest the workgroup receive feedback and buy-in from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Office of the Attorney General on the proposed recommendations.



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- Workforce Workgroup: Melanie Brown-Woofter informed the subcommittee of the workgroups approach to the workforce issue with the lens of attracting new individuals, retaining the current workforce, and developing leadership within the profession. The workgroup developed seven recommendations in total. The recommendations are to establish a statewide advertising and marketing campaign to increase the number of behavioral health professionals; to develop a “STEM” like model to attract students to behavioral health professions; to provide stipends for clinical supervisors and grants for registered interns; to increase the number of faculty to support the increase in students; to provide housing incentive programs and loan forgiveness; to commission a study to evaluate compensation and health care plans, licensure certification and education level policies and rules; to integrate primary and behavioral health; to provide cross provider learning opportunities; and to develop a leadership academy.

Commission Chair Reeve requested, given the huge fiscal requirements, that the subcommittee give thought to how the recommendations would be operationalized.

Public Comment

Tara Martinson, Lee County Human and Veteran Services

Ms. Martinson is over the opioid abatement programs for Lee County and requests that she be granted the opportunity to become more involved with the subcommittee. Subcommittee Chair Rouson requested that Ms. Martinson send her contact information to Aaron Platt.

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Rouson provided closing remarks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.