



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Strategy and Planning Subcommittee

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Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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)

Clara Reynolds, LCSW, MBA (Governor Appointee: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay)

Sheriff William Prummell, Commissioner (Governor Appointee)

Devona Pickle, Subject Matter Expert Lead

William Hardin, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Melanie Brown Woofert, Subject Matter Expert

Nancy Dauphinais, Subject Matter Expert

Carali McClean, Subject Matter Expert

Commission Update

Secretary Harris welcomed new subject experts (SME), thanked previous SMEs and introduced the SME Leads and the subcommittee Co-Chair. Secretary Harris applauded the Commission and subject matter experts for deepening partnerships with other state agencies that provide behavioral health services and for solidifying the regional collaborative structure which is designed to continue the behavioral health system of care maintenance. Secretary Harris also introduced the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) subject matter expert leads Bill Hardin (DCF) and Devona Pickle (AHCA).

Chair Reeve provided background on the formation of the Strategy and Planning subcommittee. This subcommittee is partially tasked with creating a structure that would maintain an avenue for stakeholder and leadership input well after the Commission sunsets. Chair Reeve briefly discussed three bills moving through the Legislature that contain recommendations which stemmed from the Commission (Senate Bill 168, Senate Bill 1620, and House Bill 1439). He also informed the subcommittee of the upcoming in-person full Commission meeting at the DCF Summit in Orlando on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Review and Approval of March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the March 5, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.



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Agency for Healthcare Administration Presentation

Devona Pickle, Bureau Chief for Medicaid Policy provided an overview of covered outpatient and inpatient behavioral health services. Ms. Pickle also discussed Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP), mobile crisis response teams, case management recovery supports and therapy services. There was information provided to clarify service distinctions, pre-authorization variances by plan, service eligibility and duration. Ms. Pickle reviewed expanded benefits and “in lieu of” services unique to managed care plans and highlighted interagency collaboration and forthcoming 1115 demonstration waiver opportunities for IMD’s (Institution for Mental Disease).

Commissioner Reynolds requested that the subcommittee revisit this topic/presentation to do a “deeper dive” into the information provided and the way the system is funded. Secretary Harris agreed to revisit the topic on the next meeting agenda.

Secretary Harris touched on local staffings that are mainly focused on youth to discuss difficult cases. There is an opportunity to utilize data that result from the staffings to identify trends and close gaps. The subcommittee will explore the recommendation to utilize the data resulting from the collaborative staffings to examine the regional and statewide systems of care. She requested that DCF present on local staffings and the collaboration that occurs between DCF and other entities to identify trends.

Other Issues for Discussion

Chair Reeve reiterated the overarching issue of continuing the Commission’s work post sunset. He requested that members think about which viewpoints should be represented in discussions, how to structure it, what are the deliverables, where does it live, and which agency/department will be responsible for staffing.

Public Comment

No public comments received.

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Harris, Subcommittee Chair provided closing remarks.