



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Dual Diagnosis Treatment Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2025

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt. Quorum was met.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair
Mark Mahon (Governor Appointee)

Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Melissa Larkin-Skinner, (Speaker of the House Appointee)

Lee Fox, (President of the Senate Appointee)

Karin Bailey for Pamela Hull, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Heather Allman, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Andrew Weatherill for Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert

Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Theresa Rulien, Subject Matter Expert

Patrick Heidemann, Subject Matter Expert

Julie Smythe, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of June 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve informed the subcommittee that both legislative bills related to the Commission have been signed into law by Governor Desantis. Chair Reeve also provided information on the upcoming in-person meeting in Orlando at the Florida Children and Families Summit on September 2, 2025. Chair Reeve also informed the subcommittee of an additional in-person meeting that will occur in Tallahassee in late March or early April 2026 to finalize recommendations for the next Commission Report due September 2026.

Review of Programs for Outcome and Capacity

Julie Smythe, Vice President, Child Welfare Programs at Sunshine Health presented on evidenced-based programs of the state's Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA), which serve to strengthen family relationships, build resiliency in children and parents, and prevent child abuse and neglect. The FFPSA covers nine evidence-based programs. Evidence program implementation and capacity building was addressed during discussion.



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Review of Subject Matter Expert Draft Recommendations

Commissioner Melissa Larkin-Skinner, Commissioner Lee Fox and Subject Matter Expert Patrick Heidemann each reviewed proposed recommendations for the subcommittee to explore. Recommendations focused on substance use and mental health treatment, aftercare services, housing, services to seniors, and care coordination.

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky requested the Department of Children and Families provide Commissioner Larkin-Skinner data regarding addiction receiving facility utilization.

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky request that Commissioner Larkin-Skinner assume primary responsibility for presenting the proposed recommendations to the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder at the September 2, 2025 in-person meeting.

Open Discussion

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky discussed the need to support Florida's senior population.

Public Comment

Sharyn Dodrill, Clinical Program Director, Carisk Partners asks SME Julie Smythe if all Managed Care Organizations are funding the nine evidenced-based practices in her presentation or just Sunshine? SME Julie Smythe replied that all Managed Care Organizations are supporting the nine EBP's.

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:06 am.