



**Commission on Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Members**

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Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – Call to Order and Welcome

Jay Reeve, Chair

Roll Call

Attendance Summary:

Chair Jay Reeve
Commissioner William Prummell
Commissioner Wes Evans
Commissioner Ann Berner
Commissioner Doug Leonardo
Commissioner Kathleen Moore
Commissioner Gray Eurom
Commissioner Larry Rein
Commissioner Judge Mark Mahon
Commissioner Larkin Skinner
Commissioner Shawn Salamida
Commissioner Shevaun Harris
Austin Noll serving as delegate for Commissioner Jason Weida
Commissioner Uma Suryadevara
Commissioner Judge Ronald Ficarrotta
Representative Christine Hunschofsky

1. Approval of February 15, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Jay Reeve

Approved by: Commissioner Prummell Second By: Commissioner Mahon

2. Legislative Update/Recommendations for Future Presentations/Timeline for Next Interim Report

Chair Jay Reeve provided a Legislative update. House Bill 655 and Senate Bill 914 have both passed. The Commission will continue to meet for another three years.

Recommendations for future presentations:

- Clear guidance and direction for each subcommittee and how each subcommittee does its work.

- Planning an in-person meeting to align with the August Florida Behavioral Health Associations Meeting in Orlando.
- Revisit Managing Entities role.

3. **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics**

Chuck Ingoglia, President and CEO, National Council for Mental Wellbeing, provided a presentation on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).

Commissioner Shevaun Harris asked Melanie if she could send any specific data associated with improved outcomes with the 23 centers that is specific to Florida and the impact, the model is having?

- Melanie will send the data Florida Behavioral Health Association has compiled on outcomes from the grantees in Florida.

Commissioner Shevaun Harris extended an invitation to the National Council for Mental Wellbeing to meet with the members of the Subcommittee to see how this model in particular could help further advance the overall goals of our state.

4. **Review of Sunshine Law**

John Jackson, DCF Deputy General Council

John Jackson provided a presentation about the Florida Sunshine Law, open meetings and the public records aspects of the law.

5. **Role of Subcommittees and Identification of New Subcommittee Membership**

Chair Jay Reeve

- The members of the Commission are only those who were appointed by the Governor's office, president of the Senate and Speaker of the House to serve as commissioners.
- Only commissioners have a vote and are counted in the quorum.
- Subject Matter Experts will be called from time to time, either on a one-time, limited term or as long-term basis for each subcommittee. Expect the subcommittees to function in some ways similar to the way they have in the past. There is a clear distinction between subject matter experts and commissioners.
- The Criminal Justice Subcommittee and the Business Operations Subcommittee have both sunset.
- Some topics covered under the Business Operations Subcommittee will go to the System of Care Subcommittee.
- Commissioner Representative Hunschofsky has agreed to Chair our New Children and Youth Subcommittee.
- New subcommittees will have its own DCF staff lead.
- Chairs are to select their subcommittees. Individuals that are interested in being on a subcommittee should contact Aaron Platt.

6. **Children and Youth Subcommittee** - Commissioner Representative Hunschofsky went over the subcommittee statutory duties. Stated that we should make sure we are accessing federal dollars as best we can and not foregoing federal dollars to take state dollars.

- Ray Gadd, Larry Rein, and Ronald Ficarrota have been assigned as Commissioners.

7. **Systems of Care Subcommittee** – Chair Secretary Shevaun Harris

- Commissioner Weida and Commissioner Larkin-Skinner have been assigned as Commissioners.
- Provided an overview of the scope of work for the subcommittee.
- The DCF staff person assigned is Erica Floyd-Thomas.

8. **Existing Subcommittee Status Reports**

- Finance - Commissioner Shawn Salamida provided an update.
- Data Analysis – Commissioner Kathleen Moore provided an update.

9. **Public Comments**

Mr. Jack Wood

- The importance of getting the word early intervention into all of our discussions because that's really where the money is and that's really where we save people's lives and that's where we save a lot of unbelievable pain and suffering for people with severe mental illness.
- Subcommittee for 988 Suicide – Don't fully understand. He prefers to see it expanded to early intervention, not just suicide, because of school shootings, your major crashes of people with psychotic breakdowns.
- Chair Jay Reeves responded regarding the legislation.
- Offered to be a Subject Matter Expert on all of the subcommittees.

Ms. Good also offered to be a Subject Matter Expert

10. **Closing Remarks**

Chair Jay Reeve closed the meeting.