



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

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Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 p.m. by Secretary Shevaun Harris,
Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

Present:

Secretary Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair, Commissioner
Austin Noll for Secretary Jason Weida, Commissioner

Uma Suryadevara, Commissioner

Melissa Larkin-Skinner, Commissioner

Lynne Daw for Director Taylor Hatch

Secretary Eric Hall

Melissa Larkin-Skinner

Melanie Brown-Woofter

Mike Watkins

Mary Mayhew

Charlene Zein

Nancy Dauphinais

Nicole Sharbono

Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair

1. Approval of the August 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

- The meeting minutes were approved.

2. Interim Legislative Report

- Subcommittee members were provided with a draft template of the subcommittee's work thus far, to be used to complete the interim legislative report.
- Dr. Jay Reeve asked that the draft specify that behavioral providers and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) are at the table for recommendations 1-3.
- Austin Noll recommended including the Department Health as a key partner for recommendation number 4 in part due to their behavioral health collaborative.
- Mr. Noll also shared that AHCA is charged with working with DCF to establish a process for CCBHC certifications. AHCA intends to submit a request for federal authority by January of 2024.
- Mary Mayhew asked to indicate priority on identifying federal funding to help support health information technology.
- Dr. Reeve provided a recap of the August Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.

3. Gap Analysis Report Out

- Lynne Daw presented on the Northwest region. Their workgroup has drafted an action plan and will assign parties to tasks and prioritize timelines.



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4. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Workgroup Report Out

- No report out

5. Mental Health First Aid

Marc Hopin, Jewish Family Services and April Lott, Directions for Living

- Marc Hopin and April Lott presented on the topic of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).
- Mental Health First Aid is a suite of internationally acclaimed and evidence-based training to equip individuals with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support a friend, family member, or co-worker. This training is not meant for clinical professionals.
- Melanie Brown-Woofter stated that MHFA is one of the options under the Marjorie Stoneman Douglass funding. It is also often available in non-profits and churches.
- Ms. Lott shared that there is a gap in law enforcement training on MHFA.
- The presenters put forth a recommendation that would establish MHFA as the statewide mental health and substance use disorder training program for law enforcement.

6. Open Call for Ideas

- Secretary Harris brought forth recommendations and topics from the Suicide Prevention subcommittee that could fall under the charge of the System of Care subcommittee.
- Recommendations included:
 - Mobile Response Team (MRT) distributions throughout rural and urban spaces, which is already being addressed within the subcommittee.
 - Reviewing gaps in levels of care and service delivery related to Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU).
 - Reviewing transportation plans for MRTs and CSUs and the interplay with 9-8-8.
- Nancy Dauphinais, who sits on both subcommittees, added that discussion also centered around 9-8-8 as an entry point for the system of care.
- Dr. Reeve shared that there is an opportunity to better connect the 9-8-8 call centers to the CSUs and system of care for a more seamless transaction for patients.
- Melissa Larkin-Skinner highlighted the elderly population as an opportunity population at high risk of suicide.

7. Public Comment

- Natalie Kelly, Florida Association of Managing Entities, echoed the need to focus on seniors.
- Dr. Uma Suryadevara noted that elders are often getting stuck between systems and could benefit from specialized care units.
- Ms. Mayhew stated that she will perform outreach on providers with geriatric psychiatric beds.

8. Closing Remarks

Secretary Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair

- Adjourn.