



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee

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Agenda

May 31, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9:00 A.M. – Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Chair

Roll Call

Attendance Summary

Commissioner Hunschofsky

Commissioner Rein

Commissioner Ficarrotta

Peggy Aune

Patricia Medlock

1. Review of Key Funders Lists Developed by Each SME

All

Commissioner Rein listed Agency for Healthcare Administration (Florida Medicaid), Department of Children and Families (DCF) Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH), Managing Entities, Children's Services Councils/Juvenile Welfare Boards, County Board of County Commissioners and their County Human Services Departments, and local foundations - particularly United Ways. Deputy Assistant Secretary walked Chair Hunschofsky through how funding sources interact, per her request. Stating, related to Medicaid, DCF's Substance Abuse and Mental Health program office funds individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, which is a separate clientele than those eligible for Medicaid. For example, we have Substance Abuse and Mental Health Office (SAMH), Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency (ESS), and Office of Child Welfare Office (Child Welfare). ESS receives and processes applications for individuals to access Medicaid Services. It is administered by AHCA, The Agency for Health Care Administration, but they apply through DCF. Individuals who would have Medicaid, or other forms of insurance, would not be funded through some of the resources that we receive here at SAMH. For the Managing Entities (ME's), we of course at DCF have a contract with the seven ME's across the state. Last year we received over \$126 million dollars to support models in the community to make sure that community behavioral health services were accessible within all communities through a teaming dispatch type model. The other thing is that we have our substance abuse block grant. We also receive over \$100 million dollars in opioid response funding. Also, there is mental health block grant funding. Then we have supplemental funding that we get through the federal funders as well. Chair Reeve added he feels Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) should also be included. He also recommends we invite Department of Education (DOE), The Florida Association of Health Plan (FAHP), MEs, Child Welfare, and AHCA to speak.

2. **Interim Report Discussion – Assignments**

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair

Chair Hunschofsky asked if we are working on an interim report what is happening with the previous draft report? Chair Reeve answered the will of the committee was to look at the effect that there be a greater integration between the services provided to the kids brought through DOE funding through the ME's funding types. Also, the development of parallel systems of care in the schools and in the community and how those could be brought together for greater efficiencies.

3. **Future Meeting Schedule**

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair

Chair Hunschofsky would like to discuss funding details and map at the next meeting. School/community integration and Baler Act will be discussed at the 2nd upcoming meeting. At the next upcoming 3rd meeting she would like to discuss measuring outcomes, what's being integrated, and best practices on how family support is included to help the child. This information will then be given to the Data Analysis Subcommittee. At the upcoming 4th meeting, she would like to talk about how to gain access. How does someone realize they need services, who decides that, and how do they get them. Additionally, who falls off the systems' grid and why, and how do we get them back if needed. Chair Hunschofsky would like to have a draft/compilation of all meetings had prior to the full commission meeting in August, showing recommendations this subcommittee is looking at making. The next subcommittee meeting dates are as follows:

June 15th, 2023, 9am-12pm

June 28th, 2023, 9am-12pm

July 12th, 2023, 9am-12pm

July 26th, 2023, 9am-12pm

August 9th, 2023, 9am-12pm

4. **Public Comment - None**

5. **Closing Remarks**

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair

- Deputy Assistant Secretary to reach out to DJJ, DOE, FAHP, MEs, Child Welfare, AHCA, Linda McKinnon, and Sylvia Quintana to invite to the next meeting. Items to be discussed are as follows:
 - Clarification needed on who can adjust Medicaid reimbursement rates.
 - Define what services are reimbursable?
 - What flexibilities are available to create new reimbursable services?
 - How are we defining what's effective?
 - How are we measuring what's a possible outcome?
 - Discuss actual dollar amounts they provide towards children's mental health and substance abuse.
 - Discuss number of clients served.
 - Discuss the 5-hour mental health class that's now required and what the requirements are.
 - Do we have some best practices of how to integrate the caregivers and parents?