



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

## Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### Members

Jay Reeve, PhD  
Chairperson

Representative Christine  
Hunschofsky, Co-Chair  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Senator Darryl Rouson  
President of the Senate Appointee

Clara Reynolds, LCSW, MBA  
Governor Appointee

Ann Berner  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Doug Leonardo  
President of the Senate

Sheriff William Prummell  
Governor Appointee

Kathleen Moore, PhD  
President of the Senate Appointee

Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD  
Governor Appointee

Larry Rein  
Governor Appointee

Chief Judge Mark Mahon  
Governor Appointee

Melissa Larkin-Skinner  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Lee Fox  
President of the Senate Appointee

Shawn Salamida  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Secretary Shevaun L. Harris  
Department of Children and  
Families

Secretary Jason Weida  
Agency for Health Care  
Administration

Uma Suryadevara, MD  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Wesley Evans  
President of the Senate  
Appointee

Richard Weisberg, CRPS  
President of the Senate  
Appointee

### Welcome/Call to Order:

Jay Reeve, PhD, Chairperson, opened the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Commission) meeting. Dr. Reeve thanked all members of the Commission, delegated appointees, and other participants for the continued collaboration and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Dr. Reeve asked that Aaron Platt, Staff Liaison, proceed with roll call.

### The following members or designees were in attendance:

Jay Reeve, PhD, Chairperson (Governor Appointee: Apalachee Center)  
Ann Berner (Speaker of the House Appointee: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc.)  
Wesley Evans (President of the Senate Appointee: Department of Children and Families)  
Lee Fox (President of the Senate Appointee: David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health)  
Secretary Shevaun Harris (Department of Children and Families)  
Representative Christine Hunschofsky (Speaker of the House Appointee)  
Chief Judge Mark Mahon (Governor Appointee: Fourth Circuit Court)  
Kathleen Moore, PhD (President of the Senate Appointee: University of South Florida)  
Austin Noll for Secretary Jason Weida (Agency for Health Care Administration)  
Sheriff William Prummell (Governor Appointee: Charlotte County Sheriff's Office)  
Larry Rein (Governor Appointee: ChildNet)  
Clara Reynolds, LCSW, MBA (Governor Appointee: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay)  
Shawn Salamida (Speaker of the House Appointee: Lakeview Center)  
Uma Suryadevara, MD (Speaker of the House Appointee: University of Florida)  
Richard Weisberg, CRPS (President of the Senate Appointee: Weisberg Wealth Management)

### Business

#### 1. Review and Approval of the August 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

A motion was entered to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried, all in favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

#### 2. Commission Updates:

Dr. Reeve provided an update to the Commission including that the December 2023 meeting will review priorities for next year and may include amending of subcommittee structure.

#### 3. Subcommittee Updates:

##### Suicide Prevention Subcommittee

The members have been working to interface with the System of Care Subcommittee. The members have examined the 988 Florida Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and mobile response crisis systems of care and recognized there are some



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overlaps. Subcommittee will pause until further direction provided from the Commission.

### Children and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee

The members provided two recommendations that involved therapeutic group care and development of a model memorandum of understanding to encourage school districts to work with community partners. The members requested to further examine where breakdowns may occur between the two systems.

### System of Care Subcommittee

The members confirmed submission of interim report recommendations. The members continue work on gap analysis and a certified community behavioral health clinic model, as well as ongoing discussions regarding mental health first aid advancement. The members are examining the suicide prevention subcommittee recommendations to identify possible overlaps and will update the Commission at a later date for input.

### Finance Subcommittee

The members have initiated a second request to state agencies, inquiring specifically about needs assessments, funding adequacy, timelines for funding allocation, contract execution, methods of payment, and assessing performance. Large variances between agencies have been identified and recommendations center on centralizing/aligning these processes and metrics. Proposed partnering with the Data Analysis Subcommittee to determine three to four outcome metrics.

*A motion to advance the Finance Subcommittee's recommendations to include within interim report was entered. Motion carried with no opposition.*

### Data Analysis Subcommittee

The members held a full day in-person meeting in August and invited subject matter experts from across the country to discuss the creation of a statewide behavioral health data repository for Florida. Several Florida public agency representatives attended to discuss challenges and opportunities. A recommendation for a statewide data repository has been initiated by several states and the Commission needs to ensure buy-in from all agencies involved.

### **4. Interim Report Update:**

Dr. Reeve updated the Commission that a draft of the interim report underway and will be shared with members in the coming weeks. All edits or updates should be submitted to Staff Liaison Aaron Platt. Dr. Reeve reminded members that approval of recommendations during meetings acts as final approval for inclusion in the interim report.

*An opposition was entered by Commissioner Prummell on members not convening to review and approve the draft interim report.*

### **5. Subcommittee Structure for 2024:**

The Commission has completed a substantial amount of work by engaging small, fact-finding groups of subject matter experts to compile information and present to subcommittees. Dr. Reeve projects this format will continue moving forward as the model has been supported by several members.



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The members discussed opportunities to rethink utilization of the behavioral health workforce, i.e., student interns and high school students, and the opportunity to rethink requirements for certain positions in the workforce. Areas for discussion in 2024 include youth and peer supports completed in high school, the offering of college credits, and dual enrollments programs.

### **6. Public Comments:**

Natalie Kelly, of the Florida Association of Managing Entities, expressed support for ongoing conversations regarding the workforce improvement.

### **7. Adjournment:**

For closing, Dr. Reeve noted that the Commission is well positioned to move into next phase.

The date for the next Commission meeting is November 29, 2023.

A motion was entered to adjourn. Motion carried with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.