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**Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder  
Children and Youth Subcommittee**

**Meeting Minutes**

July 26, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Welcome/Call to Order**

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair, opened the Children and Youth subcommittee meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioner Hunschofsky asked Aaron Platt, DCF Staff Liaison, to proceed with roll call.

**The following members or designees were in attendance**

Representative Christine Hunschofsky (Speaker of the House Appointee)  
Jay Reeve, Chairperson (Governor Appointee)  
Larry Rein (Governor Appointee)  
Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert  
Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert

**Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2023**

Approval of Minutes tabled until next meeting.

**Review and Planning Ahead and Interim Report Discussion**

Subcommittee discussed possible recommendations to present to the full commission at the upcoming in-person meeting. Commissioner Rein is leading a sub-team examining therapeutic group homes, reimbursement rates and related treatment options.

Other possible recommendations may address behavioral health work force issues and possible collaboration with universities, incentives for collaboration with schools and encouraging best practices for collaboration between community providers and school districts, awareness, and navigation of the behavioral health care system.

*Commissioner Hunschofsky recommends inviting USF and, Sue Gallagher to August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to present. USF will present on work they have been doing in the behavioral health workforce space and, Sue Gallagher on behavioral health care data project in Broward County that involves measuring outcomes for children and youth.*

Chair Reeve informs the subcommittee reimbursements rates have been held flat and has caused issues, but System of Care and Finance are examining that issue and, the Data subcommittee is charged with examining outcome and performance measures. Suggest inviting the Data subcommittee to discuss outcomes and performance measurement.

*Chair Hunschofsky requests draft of recommendations for August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**Future Meeting Schedule**

Chair Hunschofsky: August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Baker Act and FHA

August 9<sup>th</sup> - Workforce

Post August 15<sup>th</sup> - Early Learning Coalition, baker act prevention on emergency care side

*Commissioner Rein requests presentation regarding behavioral health funding from the Agency for Healthcare Administration.*

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 am.