



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

## Children and Youth Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 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

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Speaker of the House Appointee

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President of the Senate Appointee

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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

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 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)  
Representative Christine Hunschofsky (Speaker of the House Appointee)  
Larry Rein (Governor Appointee)  
William Prummell (Governor Appointee)  
Andrew Weatherill for Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert  
Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert

### Interim Report Discussion

#### Specialized Therapeutic Group Care Recommendation

Commissioner Rein provided an overview of specialized therapeutic group care and the subcommittee's related recommendations. Confusion surrounding the multitude of agencies involved in this level of care, an issue with no single state agency identified as the responsible party for regulating this level of care, reimbursements remaining stagnant and, no system changes in past 25 years.

Chair Reeve recommends the loss of capacity and agency collaboratives amongst the agencies and stakeholders to ensure the system is adequate.

#### School Recommendation

Subcommittee Chair reviewed appropriations bill language that passed this legislative session that is in-line with the subcommittee's draft recommendations (Lines 1279 through 1401 of HB 5101).

Recommendation aims to establish school and community behavioral health collaboration by creating a model memorandum of understanding that would be utilized statewide.

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky stressed the importance of not only reporting students who receive screenings and referral but also measuring student outcomes.

MOU should include a workgroup/convening group and consider models already in place across the state, outcomes and performance should be included in the MOU and change date of final plan to September 1<sup>st</sup> and include equitable funding requirement for additional utilization management activities.

Subcommittee Chair proposes timeline for completed MOU by end of March or April 2024.



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### Looking forward/potential areas of Interest in future meetings

Transportation

Outcome Measures

Mental Health Literacy

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky discussed the possibility of conducting remote/video hearings on involuntary patient placement. Chair Reeve suggest this is a discussion for a different subcommittee.

### **Public Comments**

Sharyn Dodrill (Carisk Partners): Asked for clarification of language related to the school mental health recommendation.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.