



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

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## In-Person Meeting Agenda

August 20, 2024

Signia By Hilton, Waterside Ballroom,  
14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Ln, Orlando, Florida 32821

8:00 – 8:30

Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, and Meeting Information  
*Jay Reeve, Commission Chair*

8:30 – 8:45

Opening Remarks  
**First Lady Casey DeSantis**  
Executive Office of the Governor  
**Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate**  
Florida Senate

8:45 – 9:25

System of Care Subcommittee Report Out and Discussion  
Including Recommendations for Interim Report  
*Commissioner Secretary Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair*

9:25 – 10:05

Children and Youth Subcommittee Report Out and Discussion  
Including Recommendations for Interim Report  
*Commissioner Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair*

10:05 – 10:15

*Break*

10:15 – 10:55

Finance and Workforce Subcommittee Report Out and Discussion  
Including Recommendations for Interim Report  
*Commissioner Senator Darryl Rouson, Subcommittee Chair*

10:55 – 11:35

Access to Care Subcommittee Report Out and Discussion Including  
Recommendations for Interim Report  
*Commissioner Clara Reynolds, Subcommittee Chair*

11:35 – 12:15

Data Analysis Subcommittee Report Out and Discussion Including  
Recommendations for Interim Report  
*Commissioner Kathleen Moore, Subcommittee Chair*

12:15 – 12:20

*Commission Vote on Interim report*

12:20 – 1:30

**Lunch**

1:30 – 1:45

2024 Substance use and Mental Health Legislative Highlights  
*Amanda Regis, DCF Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Initiatives Advisor*

1:45 – 2:15

Florida's Behavioral Health Landscape, An Interactive Conversation  
*Julie Serovich, Dean, USF College of Behavioral and Community Sciences*

2:15 – 2:25

*Break*

2:25 – 3:25

Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement Update  
*Dennis Lemma, Seminole County Sheriff*

3:25 – 3:40

Interim Report Outline and Discussion  
*Jay Reeve, Commission Chair*

3:40 – 3:55

Public Comment

3:55 – 4:00

Next Steps, Timeline, and Closing Remarks  
*Jay Reeve, Commission Chair*



# **Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder**

## **Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder – August 20, 2024 In-Person Full Commission Meeting - Proposed Subcommittee Recommendations**

### ***Children and Youth Subcommittee***

#### **Behavioral Health Funding Mechanisms in Schools Workgroup Recommendations**

- Provide technical assistance to all districts and encourage participation in the Medicaid in Schools Program
- Continue multi-agency collaboration to efficiently utilize State and Federal resources
- Review and update school-based Medicaid payment methodology for direct services delivered in the school setting

#### **Behavioral Health Outcomes Workgroup Recommendations**

- Statewide implementation of the DLA-20 functional assessment tool to identify areas of need and measure progress over the course of care
- State sponsored training program (perhaps the MMA plans) leading to a sustainable train the trainer model
- Recommended increasing the allowable limit of the number of Functional Assessments annually
- Include the DLA-20 in all new state contracts
- Evaluate the DLA 20 for continued relevance every 2 years
- Evaluate the marketplace for new or emerging tools every 2 years

#### **Family Access and Entry Workgroup**

- Increase Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) through expansion of the Florida Pediatric Mental Health Collaborative (FPMHC) Behavioral Health Hubs.
- Assess and expand Florida school districts' implementation of school-based behavioral health access through Telehealth.
- Expand and pilot collaborations between state and local funders of behavioral health care services (Managing Entity's, Children's Services Councils) and local and state information and referral services (211, Hope Florida) that develop and implement family-centered Navigation models

### ***Finance and Workforce Subcommittee***

#### **Workforce Workgroup**

- Establish college mentors for middle- and high-school students interested in the behavioral health field
- Increase the number of students admitted in public and private colleges and universities, and increase faculty instructional positions for the behavioral health field
- Support professional associations to work with undergraduate programs and create practicums with school districts
- Stipends, compensation and/or support for clinical supervisors and/or employers, students, and registered interns
- Local community and statewide incentives to attract and recruit behavioral healthcare professionals
- Conduct a workforce compensation study (conducted by the Florida Center for Behavioral Health Workforce)
- Conduct analysis of health plan panels for mental health and substance use services.



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- Integrate primary care and behavioral health
- Identify and promote cross-provider learning opportunities that support networking and collaboration across the continuum of care (crisis, inpatient, outpatient, community and institutional)
- Create Behavioral Health Leadership Academy to develop future leaders and provide mentorship.
- Develop graduate-level Behavioral Health Leadership and Management certification program with input from today's leaders

### *System of Care Subcommittee*

#### Deep-End Services Workgroup

- Develop new care coordination teams that use the Critical Time Intervention (CTI) model for individuals who meet the high utilization threshold
- Increase the number of Florida Assertive Community Treatment teams and Forensic Multi-disciplinary Teams statewide
- Increase Short-term Residential Treatment facility capacity for adults and children
- Increase use of Long Acting Injectables prior to discharge from State Mental Health Treatment Facilities
- Increase capacity for residential level treatment facilities

#### Individuals With Unique Needs Workgroup

- Increase crisis response teams focused on seniors to divert older adults from deeper end services (e.g., emergency rooms, crisis stabilization units, etc.) and provide follow-up to ensure continued stabilization
- Increase emergency and respite housing options that will provide enough time for evaluation of longer term more appropriate services, including permanent housing options

#### Skills Based Training

- Develop a comprehensive directory of statewide behavioral health training resources
- Develop a plan to disseminate the statewide behavioral health training resources directory
- Conduct an annual review to update the directory with new resources

### *Access to Care Subcommittee*

#### Barriers to Utilization Workgroup Recommendations

- Increase awareness and knowledge of Local Behavioral health Systems
- Increase funding to expand capacity of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline System
- Share Best Practices on the use of de-stigmatizing person-first language and trauma-responsive care to improve patient experience and engagement in treatment

#### Solutions to Barriers Workgroup Recommendations

- Mass media and advertising campaigns
- Awareness campaign – Direct messaging to individuals and family members
- Circle of influence engagement campaign – Tailored training to empower community involvement

#### Acute Care Transport workgroup Recommendation

- Continue to evaluate county and circuit transportation plans for best practices



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### *Data Analysis Subcommittee*

- Create Statewide Coalition – defining key stakeholders
  - Conduct gap analysis to identify expertise needed when identifying key stakeholders for the statewide coalition
- Secure administrative authority and commitment from stakeholders/agencies to establish the state-wide Florida Behavioral Healthcare Data Repository (FBHDR)
- Determine structure of repository (centralized, federated, etc.) as well as protocols for data standardization, security and access
  - Establish FBHDR oversight steering committee that will identify appropriate behavioral health data sources and prioritize analytic direction and initiatives
  - Budget appropriate cost for initiative including fiscal analysis of elements/components of establishing and maintaining repository and possible addition of a qualitative component and analysis
- Implement Pilot between AHCA and DCF or another relevant dataset to create a roadmap for an analytic plan before expanding statewide