



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025

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

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

Richard Duggan
President of the Senate

Richard Weisberg, CRPS
President of the Senate
Appointee

Welcome/Call to Order:

Dr. Jay Reeve, Chairperson, opened the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Commission) meeting. Dr. Reeve requested that DCF Staff Liaison Aaron Platt take roll.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Jay Reeve, PhD, Chairperson (Governor Appointee: Apalachee Center)
Senator Darryl Rouson (President of the Senate Appointee)
Clara Reynolds, LCSW, MBA (Governor Appointee: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay)
Ann Berner (Speaker of the House Appointee: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc.)
Sheriff William Prummell (Governor Appointee: Charlotte County Sheriff's Office)
Kathleen Moore, PhD (President of the Senate Appointee: University of South Florida)
Larry Rein (Governor Appointee: ChildNet)
Chief Judge Mark Mahon (Governor Appointee: Fourth Circuit Court)
Lee Fox (President of the Senate Appointee: All Points North)
Richard Duggan (President of the Senate Appointee: Collier County Public Schools)
Amanda Regis for Shevaun Harris (Speaker of the House Appointee: Department of Children and Families)
Brian Meyer for Secretary Jason Weida (Agency for Health Care Administration)
Richard Weisberg, CRPS (President of the Senate Appointee: Weisberg Wealth Management)

Review and Approval of the November 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

A motion was entered to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Review of 2025 Subcommittee Areas of Focus:

Chair Reeve informed the Commission of Commissioner Shawn Salamida's resignation effective immediately. The Commission will meet through September 2026, when the final Commission report is due to the Legislature. The cadence of commission meetings will be less intensive given the amount of time the Commission has to prepare the final report. Chair Reeve reviewed the new commission structure unveiled during the previous commission meeting.

Subcommittee SME Lead Appointments:

Representatives from applicable agencies will serve in the Subject Matter Expert Lead positions. Subcommittee Chairs have the authority to appoint subject matter experts on their committee. Chair Reeve detailed the role of the Subject Matter Experts and Subject Matter Expert Leads.



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Regional Collaboratives Update:

Asta Trinh, Director of Regional Operations and Initiatives, with the DCF-Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, provided an update on the development of regional collaboratives to strengthen community networks and cross-agency collaboration. House Bill 7021 created section 394.90826, F.S., requiring the DCF and the Agency for Healthcare Administration to establish Behavioral Health Interagency Collaboratives throughout the State. All six regional collaboratives have been established and meetings will begin in February 2025.

Update on Legislative Action on 2025 Commission Recommendations:

Senator Darryl Rouson provided an update on his drafting of a bill that incorporates several recommendations contained within the January 1, 2025 Annual Interim Commission Report. Representative Christine Hunschofsky will sponsor the House version of the Bill.

Public Comment:

Carali McLean, NAMI Florida- Ms. McLean requested that NAMI Florida be given the opportunity to participate on the Strategy and Planning Subcommittee and the Funding Subcommittee.

Closing Remarks:

Chair Reeve thanked everyone for their hard work and contributions.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30am.