



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Dual Diagnosis Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2025
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.
Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair
Chief Judge Mark Mahon, (Governor Appointee)
Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Melissa Larkin-Skinner, (Speaker of the House Appointee)
Lee Fox, (President of the Senate Appointee)
Leslie Lynch, Subject Matter Expert
Julie Smythe, Subject Matter Expert
Heather Allman, Subject Matter Expert

Review of Subcommittee Charge

Subcommittee Chair Representative Christine Hunschofsky reviewed the charge of the Dual Diagnosis subcommittee.

2025 Subcommittee Structure – Chair/Co-Chair/SME Lead Duties

Commission Chair Jay Reeve outlined the subcommittee structure and duties and the responsibilities of the co-chair and subject matter experts. Additionally, Chair Reeve briefly discussed the parameters of Florida's Sunshine Law and its applicability to the Commission and subcommittees. This year's in-person Commission meeting will occur in early September 2025.

Addictions Receiving Facilities: Supporting Integrated Care and Recovery

Rick Hankey, President/CEO, LifeStream Behavioral Center and Shannon Robinson, CIO, Aspire Health Partners co-presented on Addictions Receiving Facilities (ARF) and providing services to the co-occurring population. The presentation provided information on the types of ARFs, license requirements, staffing, ARF services, benefits of ARFs, benefits of integrated (co-occurring) treatment, and challenges with treating the co-occurring population.

Dual Diagnosis: Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Co-Occurring Mental Health Needs

Rita Castor, Regional Operations Manager for the Southeast Region- Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) presented an overview of the population served by APD, estimated prevalence rates of individuals with developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health illnesses. Ms. Castor also



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discussed the Mobile Response Team Dual Diagnosis Pilot Project, a collaborative pilot project between APD, DCF and local mental health partners.

Caring for Individuals with Unique Needs

Dr. Christine Cauffield, CEO, Lutheran Services Florida presented on providing behavioral health services to seniors. Dr. Cauffield provided detailed information on behavioral health statistics related to seniors including common diseases and diagnoses. Dr. Cauffield also discussed the Marion Senior Services, Senior Crisis Mobile Response Team, a pilot program between emergency services (EMS) and Marion Senior Service Care Team responding to emergency calls regarding seniors experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Representative Hunschofsky provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 pm.