



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

## Meeting Minutes

March 12, 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

Judge Mark Mahon  
Governor Appointee

Melissa Larkin-Skinner  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Lee Fox  
President of the Senate Appointee

Secretary Taylor Hatch  
Department of Children and  
Families

Secretary Shevaun L. Harris  
Agency for Health Care  
Administration

Richard Duggan  
President of the Senate

Richard Weisberg, CRPS  
President of the Senate  
Appointee

### Welcome/Call to Order:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Commission Co-Chair, opened the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Commission) meeting in Chair Reeve's absence. Co-chair Hunschofsky requested that DCF Staff Liaison Aaron Platt take roll.

### The following members or designees were in attendance:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky (Speaker of the House Appointee)  
Senator Darryl Rouson (President of the Senate Appointee)  
Clara Reynolds, LCSW, MBA (Governor Appointee: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay)  
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)  
Melissa Larkin-Skinner (Speaker of the House Appointee: Community Assisted & Supported Living, Inc.)  
Richard Duggan (President of the Senate Appointee: Collier County Public Schools)  
Taylor Hatch (Secretary, Department of Children and Families)  
Shevaun Harris (Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration)  
Richard Weisberg, CRPS (President of the Senate Appointee: Weisberg Wealth Management)

### Review and Approval of the January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

A motion was entered to approve the January 15, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

### Senate Bill 1620 and HB 1439 Update:

Senator Darryl Rouson informed the Commission that he is sponsoring Senate Bill 1620 that adopts eleven of the thirty recommendations from the January 1, 2025 Commission report. Senate Bill 1620 has been referred to 3 committees: Children, Families and Elder Affairs, Appropriations Health and Human Services, and finally Fiscal Policy. Representative Christine Hunschofsky is sponsoring companion bill HB 1439.

### Senate Bill 168 – Tristan Murphy Act Update:

Sheriff William Prummell provided a brief update on the Tristan Murphy Act which passed unanimously in the Senate Criminal Justice committee last week. The act should go to the Appropriations committee next week and there are three committees in the House that will hear the bill.



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## Subcommittee Report Outs:

- **Data Analysis:** Subcommittee Chair Moore provided a brief update. The first subcommittee of the year, held in February 2025, discussed the subcommittee structure, the data repository update, and next steps for recommendations with a focus on governance structure. The subcommittee also discussed possibly inviting subject matter experts from Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP). This organization does a lot of work around data organizing, data structure and data governance. Commissioner Moore discussed possible presenters for future meetings. Subject Matter Expert Heather Flynn provided high-level information on Senate Bill 168 that will contain provisions for the Behavioral Health Data Repository.
- **Dual Diagnosis and Treatment:** Subcommittee Chair Commissioner Representative Hunschofsky provided a brief update. The last subcommittee meeting included a presentation from Lifestream Behavioral Center on addictions receiving facilities supporting integrated care and recovery. There also was a presentation from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities titled, Dual Diagnosis: Serving individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Co-Occurring Mental Health Needs. The third and final presentation was from Lutheran Services Florida on caring for individuals with unique needs.
- **Strategy and Planning:** Subcommittee Co-Chair Reynolds provided the update for this subcommittee. The last subcommittee meeting included a presentation from the Department of Children and Families on the Behavioral Health Gap Analysis. The gap analysis was a recommendation from 2024 Interim Commission report and was codified in Senate Bill 330. The final gap analysis was published in January 2025. Upcoming subcommittee meetings will include presentations from other state agencies who will share their behavioral health strategic priorities as well as their plans to strengthen behavioral health treatment.
- **Funding:** Subcommittee Chair Senator Rouson had a scheduling conflict that prevented him from providing an update on the Funding subcommittee.

## Public Comment:

No members from the public provided comment.

## Closing Remarks:

Commissioner Rein requested a document that tracks all the Commission recommendations. Co-Chair Hunschofsky thanked everyone for their hard work and contributions. The next full Commission meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30am.