



Northeast Regional Behavioral Health Interagency Collaboration

May 22, 2025, 11:00am

Northeast Region Office, 5920 Arlington Expressway Jacksonville FL 32211

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: **AHCA** - DD Pickle, **Angel Kids Pediatrics and Behavioral Health** - Sarah Markman Sayar, Cassandra Hert, Dr. Ashraf Affan, **Baker County School District** - Brynne Volner, **Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville** - Edward Gorak, **CBHC** - Tina Swathwood, Patti Hall, **CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services** - Philip Kabler, **Child Guidance Center** - Theresa Rulien, **Children's Home Society of Florida** - Kimberly Stratton, **Clay Behavioral Health Center** - Jordynn Cannon, Irene Toto, **Community Coalition Alliance, Inc** - Elizabeth Nettles, Kathleen Roberts, **Community Partnership for Kids** - Danielle Antoine, Rochelle Cure, **DCF** - Christy Gillis, Diera Woddard, Courtney Horton, Idris Gaines, Matt Sparling, Asta Trinh, Cara Thomas-Bryant, Donna Johnson, Lita Amin, **DOE** - Julie Barrow, **Duval County Public Schools** - Katrina Taylor, Dr. Christopher Bernier, Taervina Thompson, **Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.** - Deborah Richmond, Carol Gardiner, **Exchange Club Family Center** - Sue Watson, **Family Integrity Program** - Jessica Gossett, **Family Support Services** - Kasia Ford, **FDJJ** - Alison Fulford, **Flagler County Sheriff's Office** - Jennifer Nawrocki, Teresa Shaw, **Flagler OARS** - Justin Sweat, Brock Birtolo, Pam Birtolo, **Floridians for Recovery** - Joe Dmitrovic, **FSSNF** - Liz Goodman, Megan Taylor, **Gateway Community Services, Inc.** - AJ Penix, Candace Hodgknis, Rico Bodin, Curtivia Collier, **Humana** - Debbie Hicks, Lisa Baird, **LSFHS** - Shelley Katz, Dr. Christine Cauffield, **Marion Senior Services** - Briana Kelley, **Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville – HCA** - Melissa Camp, **Mental Health Resource Center, Inc.** - Amy Cooper, **Meridan** - Ashley Brooks, Lauren Cohn, **MHRC** - Shayla Green Flanders, Deb Oneal, **NAMI Jacksonville** - Cheryl Virta, Suzanne Mailloux, **Northwest Florida Health Network** - Charles McDonald, **Ocala Fire** - Jesse Blaire, **Optum/UHC** - Tara Bryant, Chelsey Jones, **Partnerships for Strong Families** - Justen Ostreicher, **Putnam County School** - Sally Reed, Sandra Hurst, Hannah Silcox, Brandon Willingham, Cynthia David, **Rebel Recovery Jax** - Nikki Medina Rodriguez, **SAYS** - Dennis Manejo, **SMA Healthcare** - Salvatore Gintoli, **St Johns County School District** - Leslie Couden Dileo, **St. Augustine Youth Services, Inc.** - Schuyler Seifker, **Thaise Program** - Teresa Clove - **The Nehemiah Project** - Melissa Rea, **TSI Health Jax** - Blaire Taylor, **Volusia Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless** - Harry Cole, **Volusia Recovery Alliance** - Karen Chrapek, Kayla Oakley-Senn

I. CALL TO ORDER

Northeast Regional Collaboration Coordinator Matt Sparling called the meeting to order at 11:05am.



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II. WELCOME

Northeast Regional Operations Manager Idris Gaines welcomed everyone. Idris encouraged the group to work together, as a community, to find practical solutions moving forward with purpose and a spirit of collaboration.

III. PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF SAMH

Matt Sparling presented an overview of the Department of Children and Families and the SAMH Program Office

- a) DCF Mission
 - b) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office
 - c) Managing Entities
 - d) Mental Health and Substance Use Service Array
 - e) Coordinated Opioid Recovery Network
 - f) SAMH Program Office Duties
 - g) Baker Act Data Overview
 - h) SAMH Funding Sources
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IV. PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF AHCA

Bureau Chief, AHCA Devona Pickle presented an overview of the Agency for Health Care Administration

- a) Overview of Florida Medicaid Program
 - b) Fee-for-service “Traditional Medicaid”
 - c) Florida Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) plans
 - d) SMMC 3.0
 - e) Enhanced and Alternative Benefit Packages
 - f) Medicaid Covered Services
 - g) Medically Necessary Services for Children (EPSDT)
 - h) Recipient and Provider Assistance
 - i) Filing a Complaint and How to Stay Informed
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V. REVIEW OF SURVEY DATA

Matt Sparling presented the results of survey data taken as a result of the February 2025 Kick-Off meetings.

- a) Future Statewide Topic Ideas
 - b) Northeast Region Top 3 Identified Needs
 - c) Areas for Collective Action
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VI. GROUP DISCUSSION

Inquiry to ACHA by Dr. Ashraf Affan to AHCA on changes to managed care plans and reimbursement rates with a desire to strengthen community collaboration.

Partnerships

- a) Karen Chrapek – overdose taskforce. 176 people referred to Volusia County Overdose
- b) Kathy Rebris – with more partnerships we will have better needs assessments
- c) Briana Kelly - Senior Services cooperate with law enforcement
- d) Shiela Flynn – JSO co-responder program

What could we change

- a) Karen Chrapek – data sharing. Stronger connection between public safety and public health
- b) Shelly Katz – recommendation to settle on 3 action items/outcomes of regional collaboration. Flexibility from DCF to manage services.
- c) Karen Chrapek – background check system need to be in sync (DCF, DOH, DOE)
- d) Niki Medina – Maximize prevention services to enhance the crisis care continuum.

What we could copy for other areas

- a) Teresa Shaw – Polk County co-responder program that assists with 3 days of medications.
- b) Eckerd Connects – Second Chances Program for girls in Citrus County. Therapeutic, educational outdoor adventure services for girls 12-18.
- c) Karen Chrapek – Freedom to Change re-entry program
- d) Statewide RCO's – 25 existing RCO's.

Funding



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- a) Shelly Katz – funding flexibility. How do we use funds flexibly if a program or provider meets the intent of the guidance but not the specifics of the guidance?
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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

an opportunity was provided for public comment.

There was no public comment.

V. CLOSING REMARKS

Asta Trinh and Idris Gaines made a few closing remarks. Idris reminded the group why we are here: to expand person-centered care improve access and quality, address gaps, promote prevention, and build a strong continuum of care for all Floridians.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Matt Sparling adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Matt Sparling