



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Funding Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Jay Reeve, Commission Chair in the place of Subcommittee Chair Darryl Rouson.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Senator Darryl Rouson, Subcommittee Chair
Shevaun Harris, (Secretary, Agency for Healthcare Administration)
Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Ann Berner, (Speaker of the House Appointee)
Richard Weisberg, (President of the Senate Appointee)
Taylor Hatch, (Secretary, Department of Children and Families)
Matt Cooper, Subject Matter Expert Lead
Nickie Zenn, Subject Matter Expert
Alan Davidson, Subject Matter Expert
Carali McLean, Subject Matter Expert
Tara Martinson, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of February 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the February 27, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief update on bills related to the Commission that are currently moving through the Legislature. The live in-person Commission meeting will be held at the Florida Children and Families Summit in Orlando on September 2nd. The Commission will convene another in-person Commission meeting in late March or early April 2026 to vote on Commission recommendations. This meeting will likely be held in Tallahassee.

Presentation: How Members Qualify for SMI Specialty Product Services Under the New Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Contracts

Matt Cooper, Assistant Deputy Secretary Finance and Analytics for the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) presented on SMI Specialty Product Services under the new Medicaid Managed Care contract. Mr. Cooper explained the case-finding algorithm for identifying individuals with serious mental illnesses. Expanded benefits offered by the Plans and ongoing data collection efforts to assess outcomes was also discussed.



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Presentation: Mental Health Service Delivery in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Contracts

Devona Pickle, Chief of Medicaid Policy for the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) outlined the Medicaid behavioral health service array including outpatient, inpatient and residential services. Florida has two Medicaid delivery systems, Fee-for-Service and Statewide Medicaid Managed Care. Ms. Pickle described the processes for accessing specialized care coordination in the new managed care contracts. Also discussed were the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Health alternative In Lieu of Services and expanded benefit comparisons.

Commissioner Berner requested the subcommittee examine opportunities to liquidate damages to be reinvested instead of reverting back to the general revenue fund.

Presentation: How AHCA Funds Programs with Local Provider Participation Funds

Jefferey Mistich, Ph. D, the Financial Administrator for AHCA's Bureau of Medicaid Program Finance provided an overview of Local Provider Participation Funds for Florida Medicaid. Local Provider Participation Funds are non-state public funds contributed by local government entities or government-owned providers to help finance the state share of Medicaid expenditures. Mr. Mistich emphasized the importance of these funds in sustaining behavioral health and other care.

Other Issues for Discussion

Subject Matter Expert Natalie Kelly requested an overview of the state and federal budget. Subcommittee Chair Rouson will consider it.

Chair Reeve requested all agencies present granular level details on their behavioral health funding model. Chair Reeve also requested another presentation from the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Rouson provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.