



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

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Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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
Bill Hardin for Taylor Hatch, (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)
Stephanie Scanlon for Matt Cooper, Subject Matter Expert Lead
Chad Barrett, Subject Matter Expert Lead
Natalie Kelly, Subject Matter Expert
Nickie Zenn, Subject Matter Expert
Alan Davidson, Subject Matter Expert
Carali McLean, Subject Matter Expert
Ivan Cosimi, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of June 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the June 12, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief update. The live in-person Commission meeting will be held at the Florida Children and Families Summit in Orlando on September 2nd from 9am to 4pm. Final recommendations are not required as the Commission will convene another in-person Commission meeting in late March or early April 2026 to vote on subcommittee recommendations.

DCF Substance Abuse and Mental Health Budget Presentation

Chad Barrett, Department of Children and Families (DCF), Assistant Secretary for Administration provided a high-level overview of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health program (SAMH) budget for the department as of July 1, 2025. Jeff Cece, SAMH Supervisor of Applied Research and Nikki Wortherspoon, SAMH Services Unit Supervisor provided an overview of the combined Mental Health and Substance Use Block Grant, the State Opioid Response Grant and the limitations and funding restrictions for the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.



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Other Issues for Discussion/Future Presentations

Subcommittee Chair Rouson requested that subject matter experts come up with ideas for future presentations and forward all ideas to Aaron Platt.

Chair Reeve requested that subject matter experts begin proposing recommendations for the subcommittee to explore regarding how behavioral health is publicly funded in Florida.

Public Comment

Paul Bebee, Florida Association of Managing Entities asked if the opioid settlement funding in DCF's budget is recurring or non-recurring. Chad Barrett responded that the funds are non-recurring.

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Rouson provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.