



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2025

9:30 am – 11:00 am

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

Jay Reeve, Commission Chair, opened the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Commission) meeting. Chair Reeve requested that DCF Staff Liaison Amanda Regis take roll.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Jay Reeve, PhD, Chairperson (Governor Appointee: Apalachee Center)

Clara Reynolds (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)

Lee Fox (President of the Senate Appointee: All Points North)

Taylor Hatch (Secretary, Department of Children and Families)

Shevaun Harris (Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration)

Richard Duggan (President of the Senate Appointee: Collier County Public Schools)

Richard Weisberg, CRPS (President of the Senate Appointee: Weisberg Wealth Management)

Review and Approval of the September 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the September 2, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Chair Reeve began the update by informing commissioners that the 2026 meeting schedule is under development. Meetings have been tentatively scheduled in January, April and June thus far. The April meeting will be in-person in Tallahassee.

Recommendations from the subcommittees should be finalized by February or March and will receive a final vote and review from the full Commission at the April in-person meeting. The final Commission report is due September 1, 2026. Chair Reeve discussed continuing the work of the Commission after September 2026 through a recommendation, submitted by the Strategy and Planning subcommittee, to bring together stakeholders and leaders across the state to examine behavioral health questions that may arise.

Strategy and Planning Subcommittee Report Out

Strategy and Planning subcommittee Chair Secretary Harris provided a brief synopsis of the recommendations that were voted on and approved by the Commission.

Subcommittee Chair Harris reviewed past recommendations presented by Strategy and Planning co-chair Commissioner Reynolds from the former Access to Care subcommittee that may be revisited. The next subcommittee meeting will include a presentation from Heather Flynn, PhD, Florida State University on the integration of primary and behavioral healthcare.



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A motion was entered to advance the Strategy and Planning subcommittees' recommendation number two, "Convene a meeting of Health and Human Services' State Agency leaders and other identified stakeholders annually to elevate and address system wide/systemic issues...", to the legislature for consideration during the upcoming Legislative Session. Commissioner Sheriff Prummell requested that "Key Partners" include Law Enforcement. Chair Reeve requested to add "at least annually" for the meeting occurrence. The motion passed with no opposition.

Dual Diagnosis Treatment Subcommittee Report Out

Commissioner Lee Fox provided the report out for the Dual Diagnosis Treatment subcommittee by reviewing the five focus areas of the subcommittee: Individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health needs, seniors with mental health needs, Addiction Receiving Facilities-supporting integrated care and recovery, children and adolescents integrated continuum of behavioral health services and treating complexity through community-based care.

Data Subcommittee Report Out

Data subcommittee Chair Kathleen Moore and Subject Matter Experts Rick Burnett and Heather Flynn reviewed the charge of the Data subcommittee and provided updates on the three subcommittee Aims, along with the potential impacts of the Data Repository. Key stakeholders have been identified and will serve as the initial behavioral health core data subcommittee advisory group. The Florida Behavioral Health Data Repository will be established within the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC). The NWRDC is developing the governance structure and has also hired and onboarded a project manager for the Data Repository. The first report which will include a developed plan and proposed budget, is due to the Legislature and Governor's Office on December 1, 2025.

Funding Subcommittee Report Out

Chair Reeve provided a brief update for the Funding subcommittee. Chair Reeve reported on the informational presentations provided to the Funding subcommittee and shared that draft recommendations from the subcommittee are anticipated over the next several months.

Public Comment

Joseph Moia (Opioid and Addiction Task Force): Mr. Moia shared concerns regarding confidentiality and stakeholder access to data that will be housed within the Florida Behavioral Health Data Repository. Members of the Data Analysis subcommittee informed Mr. Moia that data will be deidentified to remove individual level data.

Gayle Giese (Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition-FMHAC): Ms. Giese commended the Commission on the inclusion of family members and peers on the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder and its subcommittees.

Rachelle Burns: Ms. Burns recommended 50% of Commission members be screened and qualified subject matter experts with lived experience. She also suggested that the membership include 25% family members and 25% peers. Ms. Burns volunteered the FMHAC and other advocacy organizations to enlist and screen applicants to sit on the Commission.



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Mary Ellen Barkman (Medicaid Coordinator for Pinellas County Schools)-Ms. Barkman wants to ensure that schools are incorporated in the conversations. She provided statistics on the prevalence of behavioral health in children attending schools.

Secretary Hatch reiterated the importance of including family members and peers as well as engaging with schools.

Carali McLean (National Alliance on Mental Illness Florida)- Ms. McLean further echoed the importance of individuals with lived experience being a part of this process. She also suggested engaging the business community.

Deneen Gorassini- Ms. Gorassini expressed her concerns regarding school-based Medicaid services.

Gena Richardson: Ms. Richardson withdrew her request to comment based on information provided by Commissioner Harris addressing school-based Medicaid services.

Closing Remarks

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided closing remarks.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:01am.