



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Dual Diagnosis Treatment Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt. Quorum was met.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair
Dr. Jay Reeve Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Judge Mark Mahon (Governor Appointee)
Melissa Larkin-Skinner (Speaker of the House Appointee)
Lee Fox (President of the Senate Appointee)
Heather Allman, Subject Matter Expert Lead
Patricia Strickland for Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert
Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert
Patrick Heidemann, Subject Matter Expert
Kristin Korinko, Subject Matter Expert
Julie Smythe, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of December 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the December 5, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided an update to the subcommittee. The next full commission meeting will be held at 9am on January 14, 2026, and the next in-person commission meeting will be held April 9, 2026 in Tallahassee at the Florida Senate Office Building, Room 110. The Commission will vote on final recommendations at the next in-person full Commission meeting.

Review of Proposed Subcommittee Recommendations

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky began with a review of the streamlined recommendations that were developed from the latest draft subcommittee recommendations. Commissioner Larkin-Skinner reviewed five separate recommendations focused on training and treatment. The recommendations are listed below.

1. Enhance training for MRT staff to include knowledge regarding developmental disabilities and seniors: This would be general exposure training not a requirement to hire behavioral analysts. Kristin Korinko, Senior Behavior Analysts with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities indicates the APD has seen early success with the Mobile Response Team Dual Diagnosis Pilot Training Project. This pilot serves those who have both an intellectual/developmental disability and a co-occurring mental health issue. As



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a result, APD is in full support of streamlining and branching out this training across the State of Florida.

2. Increase availability of supportive housing services for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health/dually diagnosis disabilities: This recommendation is focused on supportive housing services to help people who are housed remain housed.
3. Replicate successful community integrated health teams to address the dual diagnosis needs of seniors with mental health disabilities or other with complex co-morbidities: This recommendation is focused on community integrated health teams or Federally Qualified Health Centers and not a specific model. Examples of successful community integrated health teams will be provided by Commissioner Larkin-Skinner, and subject matter experts Maria Bledsoe, Julie Smythe and Heather Allman.
4. Expand central receiving facilities/systems for “no wrong door” access, including both mental health and substance use: The goal is to have a central receiving facility in every area of the state.
5. Continue to increase availability of short-term residential (non-crisis stabilization unit) treatment programs for youth: The subcommittee will provide three examples of short-term residential programs.

Public Comment

Gayle Giese: Ms. Giese would like to see the Managing entities coordinate more closely with the Central Receiving Centers to increase no wrong door access. Also suggested increase collaboration from law enforcement regarding drop offs at the Broward central receiving facility.

Laurie Gerhard: Ms. Gerhard thanked the Commission for their work. She suggested using the public health department for behavioral health care and increased training and education for behavioral health care staff.

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.