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Agenda
September 24, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Constructing Care: Building Foundations for Maternal, Youth, and Workplace Suicide Prevention.

1. **1:00 p.m. – Call to Order/Welcome**
   Jessica Felts, Chair

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of June 23, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes**
   Jessica Felts, Chair

4. **Opening Remarks**
   Amanda VanLaningham, Assistant Secretary, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Children and Families

5. **Self-Injury and Suicide Death Data**
   Daniela Santos, Suicide Prevention Specialist

6. **988 Florida Lifeline Program**
   Javy Passalacqua, 988 Coordinator

7. **Guest Speaker**
   Supporting Veteran Suicide Prevention through The Florida Governor's Challenge Program
   Al Carter, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

8. **Guest Speaker**
   Supporting Postpartum Women Veterans Through Community-Based Services
   Carson Pennypacker-Kendall and Heather Stephens, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

9. **Guest Speaker**
   Advancing Suicide Prevention Efforts Across the Construction Industry
   Alan Mednick, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

10. **Guest Speaker**
    School-Based Approaches to Prevention
    Daliana Goins, Monroe County School District

11. **Public Comment**

12. **Closing Remarks**
    Jessica Felts, Chair

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