

# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Suicide Prevention Subcommittee

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# **Minutes of the Meeting**

July 25, 2023 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST

## 2:00 P.M. - Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner Clara Reynolds, Chair

### Roll Call – quorum established

# **Attendance Summary**

Commissioner Dr. Jay Reeve Commissioner Clara Reynolds Commissioner Wes Evans Alexandra Martinez Kenneth Gibson Nancy Dauphinais Sheila Smith Anna Sever Amy McClellan

Thank you to all guests in attendance for this meeting. In subsequent meetings, guests who list their name and affiliation in the meeting's chat feature will be recognized in the meeting's minutes.

# 1. Introductions/ Review Meeting Minutes

June's meeting minutes will be reviewed during August's meeting.

## 2. Remarks from Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair

- The next full commission meeting will convene in-person on August 15th at the Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Resort's grand ballroom in Orlando, Florida from 8:45am-5pm EST.
  - o It is expected that the subcommittee will report on the progress-to-date during this in-person meeting.
- The interim report recommendations must be submitted in mid-September to Mr. Aaron Platt

# 3. Discussion/Updates from Sheila Smith, Ali Martinez, Nancy Dauphinais, Ken Gibson

• Each subject-matter expert reported back on their findings for the "floor" recommendations. Each of these drafted documents can be viewed at <a href="https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/samh/commission-on-mental-health-and-substance-abuse-subcommittee-meetings">https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/samh/commission-on-mental-health-and-substance-abuse-subcommittee-meetings</a>



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- Chair Reeve requested that an Appendix is generated in the interim report that highlights the operational and granular issues discussed in the subcommittee's information gathering pursuits.
- Anna Sever provided a high-level overview of the forthcoming suicide prevention plan in development, and the template for generating action items across overarching goals of awareness, prevention, treatment, and postvention.
  - o Clara inquired if any subject-matter experts had high-level ideas for the plan. The following lists ideas to explore further:
    - Support MOU partnerships, especially along the crisis response continuum
    - Raise awareness of the suicide prevention annual conference's (hosted by the Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition) role and benefit to the state
    - Provide technical assistance on privacy and HIPAA as it relates to suicide coordination care and rescue
    - Expand caring contacts to have a more robust roadmap, especially for 48-hour postvention
    - Develop a more comprehensive suicide prevention marketing plan, with interagency involvement for a unified suicide prevention messaging across Florida
  - Chair Reeve requested that the collaboration between this subcommittee and the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council be documented in the interim report.

#### 4. Public Comment

• John Newcomer, the CEO for Thriving Mind South Florida, discussed his experience implementing crisis response services in Miami-Dade county. He emphasized the importance of refining data variables to track nuances to crisis response operations (i.e., were responses made in-person or via telehealth; how do response times differ when contacts are made in-person versus via telehealth?).

#### 5. Closing Remarks

Motion to adjourn made by Wes Evans, seconded by Chair Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm EST.

Next subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 2-4pm EST To access additional meeting information, visit: <a href="https://myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings">https://myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings</a>