



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Data Analysis Subcommittee

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## Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

In-Person Meeting

FSU University Center, Miller Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
403 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32304

### Welcome/Call to Order

Commissioner Kathleen Moore, Subcommittee Chair called to order the Data Analysis Subcommittee at 9:00 AM. Dr. Moore asked that Aaron Platt, Staff Liaison, proceed with roll call.

### The following members or designees were in attendance

Kathleen Moore, PhD (President of the Senate Appointee: University of South Florida)

Larry Rein (Governor Appointee: ChildNet)

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

Suzette Flieshman (Florida Department of Children and Families)

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Heather Flynn, PhD (Department of Behavioral Sciences and Social Medicine, FSU)

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Paul Stiles, JD, PhD (Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF)

Laura Diaz De Arce (Mental Health America of Southeast Florida)

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### Welcome Introductions and Purpose of Planning Session

Dr. Jim Clark opened the commission with a warm welcome. The opening remarks, shared by Dr. Jay Reeves, presented the strong commitment of the Commission to produce results and improve the system, and communicated with the state legislature to take recommendations when they are politically actionable.

### Review of Goals/Objectives of Behavioral Health Data Repository

The aims for the Behavioral Health Data Repository were to: formalize a stakeholder coalition to determine optimal sources, uses and outcomes of data, create a Florida behavioral health data repository, and to provide on information availability and adequacy of behavioral health data sources in Florida for high-risk individuals served either through Medicaid or DCF and evaluate key questions related to cost, access, quality, and outcomes. Additional objectives include: implementing a mixed methods approach, implementing innovative technology, identifying community resource strengths, creating a Behavioral Health Network of Resources, and identifying additional analysis points and information that are not being collected that should be collected for outcomes.



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### **Experiences of Subject Matter Experts Outside and Within Florida**

#### Jessie Tenenbaum

Dr. Tenenbaum presented the three data repositories from North Carolina that she had taken part in. These data repository systems regarded COVID, Whole Person Health Approach and Carolina's Longitudinal Data System. She recommended linking data systems and partnering with organizations to integrate data together between individuals in the system. She also recommended involving legal counsel from the start, offering opt-out options for people that do not want their data accessed, doing agreements early, and getting stakeholder buy in.

#### Cass Dorius

Dr. Dorius presented a human centered approach to health information systems, and where to start creating an integrated data system. They had used a human design principle with the following steps: empathize, define, ideate, prototype and test.

The question of where to start was brought up, to which Dr. Tenenbaum proposed to start thinking with a specific use case question in mind and build it with people in mind and to later expand on that question. Dr. Dorius suggested to link the commission with actual intelligence to social policy and to bring legal counseling in last. There have been additional comments to pay attention to lessons learned and to include the voices of those served as well as stakeholders.

### **Review Florida BH Data Integration and Assets**

Expert opinions shared informative research, data and ideas with The Commission. The Departments, DCF and AHCA, have also been asked to discuss their prior works in data integration and moving forward. Greater communication was highlighted between the agencies as to address what may be working well and the challenges that may exist to be overcome. Dr. Jay stated one of The Commission's recommendations will be creating cross agency data ware, which involves university data input.

### **Development of Initial Florida Behavioral Healthcare Data Repository Plan**

The Data Subcommittee was to be included in the next meeting. Fiscal analysis would be done for each recommendation. The members also discussed involving graduate students that want to be engaged in different projects for the next meeting. They have stated interest in using the mix-methods approach as part of their recommendations. A report would be put together discussing connection piece, engagement, implementation, mission and vision, inclusion of key stakeholders, and expanded upon with the inclusion of data members.

### **Public Comments**

The appropriation of federal funds was inquired, and the leverage of state funding along with no restriction of federal funding was recommended. There was further emphasis about community engagement as one of the next steps.

### **Adjournment**

The motion was entered to adjourn. Motion carried with no opposition.