



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

## Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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  
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Kathleen Moore, PhD  
President of the Senate Appointee

Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD  
Governor Appointee

Larry Rein  
Governor Appointee

Chief Judge Mark Mahon  
Governor Appointee

Melissa Larkin-Skinner  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Lee Fox  
President of the Senate Appointee

Shawn Salamida  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Secretary Shevaun L. Harris  
Department of Children and  
Families

Secretary Jason Weida  
Agency for Health Care  
Administration

Uma Suryadevara, MD  
Speaker of the House Appointee

Richard Duggan  
President of the Senate

Richard Weisberg, CRPS  
President of the Senate  
Appointee

### Welcome/Call to Order:

Dr. Jay Reeve, Chairperson, opened the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Commission) meeting after a brief delay caused by technology issues.

Dr. Reeve asked Aaron Platt, Staff Liaison, to carry the rollcall.

### The following members or designees were in attendance:

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

Representative Christine Hunschofsky (Speaker of the House Appointee)

Senator Darryl Rouson (President of the Senate Appointee)

Clara Reynolds, LCSW, MBA (Governor Appointee: Crisis Center of Tampa Bay)

Ann Berner (Speaker of the House Appointee: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc.)

Sheriff William Prummell (Governor Appointee: Charlotte County Sheriff's Office)

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

Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD (Governor Appointee: UF College of Medicine)

Larry Rein (Governor Appointee: ChildNet)

Chief Judge Mark Mahon (Governor Appointee: Fourth Circuit Court)

Lee Fox (President of the Senate Appointee: David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health)

Shawn Salamida (Speaker of the House Appointee: Lakeview Center)

Secretary Shevaun Harris (Department of Children and Families)

Austin Noll for Secretary Jason Weida (Agency for Health Care Administration)

Uma Suryadevara, MD (Speaker of the House Appointee: University of Florida)

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 November 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

A motion was entered to approve the November 29, 2023, minutes. The motion was carried, in all favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

### 1. Opening Remarks:

Chair Reeve thanked all commissioners for their work on the commission and interim report. Informed Commission the 2<sup>nd</sup> interim report has been submitted to the legislature and he is awaiting guidance on when it will be released to the public. Commissioner Leonardo and Commissioner Evans rotated off the Commission. The Chair will coordinate with the DCF to provide an update to the Commission on report recommendations after the conclusion of this year's Legislative session. Chair Reeve reviewed the Commissions 2024 subcommittees, areas of focus, and committee structure.



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### **2. Non-Law Enforcement Baker Act Transports, Presentation #1:**

Commissioner Reynolds presented on non-law enforcement baker act transports provided by the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, TransCare Medical Transportation division. Reviewed the history of the medical transport division, training, transportation model and cost.

### **3. Workforce Issues in Behavioral Health:**

Natalie Kelly (Florida Association of Managing Entities) and Nickie Zenn (University of South Florida) presented on the current landscape of Florida's behavioral healthcare workforce. The presentation provided information on attracting the incoming workforce, retaining the current workforce and developing professional management and leadership within Florida's behavioral healthcare workforce.

### **4. Preview of Legislative Bills Affecting the Commission:**

Erica Floyd Thomas (Assistant Secretary, DCF Substance Abuse and Mental Health) reviewed several bills that may affect the Commission and/or substance abuse and mental health services in the State of Florida.

*Note: DCF to send the list reviewed by Assistant Secretary Erica Floyd Thomas to all Commissioners.*

### **5. Public Comment:**

Amy McClellan (Family member and board member of the Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition): Wanted to ensure the presence of a commissioner with lived experience since the departure of Commissioner Evans. Chair Reeve recognized Commissioner Lee Fox as the Commissioner with lived experience.

Barb Clark (Families Rising): Requested the Commission afford some effort on fetal alcohol syndrome.

### **5. Closing Remarks:**

Dr. Reeve expressed his gratitude to the commission and presenters.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.