

Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Access to Care Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2024 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Subcommittee Chair Clara Reynolds.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Clara Reynolds, Subcommittee Chair
Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
William Prummell, (Governor Appointee)
Lee Fox, (President of the Senate Appointee)
Austin Noll, Subject Matter Expert
Alexandra Martinez, Subject Matter expert
Kenneth Gibson, Subject Matter Expert
John Mikula, Subject Matter Expert
Gayle Giese, Subject Matter Expert
Trinity Schwab, Subject Matter Expert
Michael Martin, Subject Matter Expert
Melissa Leslie, Subject Matter Expert

Remarks from Subcommittee Chair

Final recommendations must be reviewed by this subcommittee by July 23rd to submit to Aaron by August 6th in preparation for the in-person commission meeting on August 20th. Only two or three recommendations will emerge from each subcommittee. Subcommittee chair Reynolds stressed the importance of the work occurring within the workgroups and the gravity of workgroup diligence in crafting actionable items that can support the behavioral health system of care.

Review Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the April 23, 2024, minutes. The motion was carried, in all favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

Remarks From Commission Chair

Chair Reeve expresses his support of the remarks from subcommittee chair Reynolds, stressing the importance of recommending actionable items.

SME Bucket/Subgroup Report Outs

Commissioner Reynolds ask each subgroup subject matter expert to report on the results of their workgroup meetings.

• Subgroup 1 – Barriers to Utilization: Subgroup subject matter expert Gayle Giese reviewed the workgroups three draft recommendations; one, increased state support of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline system; two, provide expansive public education on local systems of care and; three, train providers on the use of destignatizing person first language and behaviors.



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Chair Reeve suggests the workgroup focus efforts on public relations, inclusive language and stigma reduction.

- Subgroup 2 Solutions to Barriers: Subgroup Champion Kenneth Gibson discussed
 "circles of influence"; the different groups of people who have access to the individual's
 experiencing difficulty. New recommendations are focused on creating opportunities for
 physical health care physicians, faith leaders, public service workers, etc., to receive
 behavioral health training. Chair Reeve suggests the group identify what partners would
 be needed to actionize the recommendation. Austin Noll suggest consideration of
 partnering with Florida Healthy Kids because of their already established statewide
 marketing campaigns.
- Subgroup 3 Acute Care Transportation Options: Subgroup subject matter expert John Mikula updated the subcommittee. Preliminary research indicates there is a lack of transportation services in not just the smaller counties but, some of the larger counties are having issues as well. Commissioner Reynolds recommends the group focus on information/fact gathering to identify opportunities in the short-term and focusing on recommendations at a later point.

Public Comment

No public comment

Closing Remarks

In an effort to afford workgroups additional time to focus on their work, the Next meeting of this subcommittee will be the July 23, 2024 meeting (June 25 meeting is cancelled).

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:52 pm.