



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Children and Youth Sub-Committee

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## Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

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

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair

Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)

Larry Rein, (Governor Appointee)

Richard Duggan, (President of the Senate Appointee)

Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert

Austin Noll, Subject Matter Expert

Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert

Steven Ronik, Subject Matter Expert

Theresa Rulien, Subject Matter Expert

Leslie Lynch, Subject Matter Expert

Shila Salem, Subject Matter Expert

Brooke Bass, Subject Matter Expert

Julie Smythe, Subject Matter Expert

### Review and Approval of June 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the June 3, 2024 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

### Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief Commission update. The subcommittee should have recommendations submitted to Aaron Platt by August 6, 2024. Chair Reeve provided a synopsis of the agenda for the August 20, 2024 in-person Commission meeting.

### Workgroup Report Outs

#### • Behavioral Health Outcomes Workgroup

Leslie Lynch, Alan Davidson, and Theresa Rulien updated the subcommittee on the workgroup's efforts to evaluate and enhance the effectiveness of behavioral health outcome measures for children and youth. The workgroup's recommendations include statewide implementation of the Daily Living Activities-20 (DLA-20), a state sponsored training program on administering the DLA-20, including the DLA-20 in all new state contracts, and increasing the Medicaid fiscal year limit for administering limited functional assessments.



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- Behavioral Health Funding Mechanisms for Schools Workgroup  
Peggy Aune, Andrew Weatherill and Austin Noll shared information on Youth Mental Health Awareness Training, the Mental Health Assistance Program, and the Department of Education (DOE) Medicaid Reimbursement to Public Schools and Revenue maximization. The workgroup recommends continued technical assistance and training to all districts and encouraging participation in the Medicaid in Schools Program, continued collaboration with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to support maximization of Medicaid reimbursement, and to continue to educate and encourage districts to maximize federal reimbursement prior to spending state-allocated funds. Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky suggested changing the reimbursement methodology be added to the recommendations.
- Family Access and Entry Workgroup  
Commissioner Rein and Julie Smythe provided the update for Family Access and entry Workgroup. The workgroup discovered several models that have potential for facilitating access to services. The workgroup focused on three key touch points for entry: Primary care, Schools, and information and referral services. The workgroup developed three recommendations; to increase behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care through expansion of the behavioral health hubs, to assess and expand access through school-based telehealth and, to expand and pilot collaborations for information and referral services between state and local funders that develop and implement family-centered navigation models.

Commission Chair Reeve cautioned against making recommendations that endorse a specific company or vendor for any of the recommendations.

### Public Comment

Karen Thomas, Leon County Schools, offered support for the recommendation to move payment methodology to cost settlement. She also recommended updating policy to include billing for services that occur outside of an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Dineen Gorassini, Hillsborough County Schools commented that she would like to go to the cost reconciliation model because of the amount of reimbursement. Reports cannot be pulled to show how many kids are receiving Medicaid funded substance abuse services. She advocates for a reliable way to show what behavioral health activities are occurring within school districts.

### Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky moved the August 14<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting to August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9am-11am, est.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:12 am.