



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Dual Diagnosis Treatment Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt. Quorum was met.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair
Mark Mahon (Governor Appointee)

Dr. Jay Reeve Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Melissa Larkin-Skinner (Speaker of the House Appointee)

Lee Fox, (President of the Senate Appointee)

Karin Bailey for Pamela Hull, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Heather Allman, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Andrew Weatherill for Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert

Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Patrick Heidemann, Subject Matter Expert

Julie Smythe, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of August 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief update to the subcommittee. The next full commission meeting will be held in November 2025 and another full commission meeting will be held in January 2026. The Commission will vote on final recommendations at the next in-person full Commission meeting in early April 2026.

Review of Expanded Subject Matter Expert Draft Recommendations

Subject Matter Expert Heather Allman led a review of draft recommendations with input from Commissioner Larkin-Skinner and other subcommittee members. The review focused on refining recommendations for individuals with developmental disabilities, seniors with mental health needs, central receiving facilities, short-term residential treatment, and Community Action Teams. The review also included discussion on creating actionable steps and data needs.

Chair Reeve will invite the Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), Bob Asztalos to be a part of the Dual Diagnosis Treatment subcommittee.



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Commissioner Larkin-Skinner suggested a presentation on Community Paramedicine. She will reach out to the Manatee County Community Paramedicine Team to provide a presentation at the next Dual Diagnosis subcommittee meeting in early December 2025.

Commissioner Fox shared a recent personal experience with a family member and emergency room hospital staff. As a result of the experience, she recommends ensuring that hospital staff, emergency room staff specifically, are included in trainings to educate medical staff.

Subject Matter Expert Patrick Heidemann presented draft recommendations on eligibility requirements for IDD and mental health waivers, provider payments, training and education and 988 viability.

Open Discussion

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky stressed the importance of a clear path forward on the recommendations and adhering to the established timeline for finalizing subcommittee recommendations.

Public Comment

Laurie Gerhard stressed the importance of education and training for behavioral health professionals.

Kay Frazier, Caring About Living Individuals (C.A.L.I.) Project. The C.A.L.I Project provides services for the IDD population and community members who need behavioral health services. According to Ms. Frazier, she consistently attends Commission meetings and shares needs and resources identified by the Commission with other community organizations.

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.