



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Strategy and Planning Subcommittee

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Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Commissioner Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Secretary Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair

Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)

Richard Duggan, LCSW, MBA (President of the Senate Appointee)

Devona Pickle, Subject Matter Expert Lead

William Hardin, Subject Matter Expert Lead

Melanie Brown Woofter, Subject Matter Expert

Nicole Sharbono, Subject Matter Expert

Nancy Dauphinais, Subject Matter Expert

Rachelle Burns, Subject Matter Expert

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Dana Gryniuk, Subject Matter Expert

Review and Approval of April 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the April 30, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief Commission update. The in-person Commission meeting will be held on September 2, 2025, at the JW Marriot Grande Lakes in Orlando at the DCF Summit. The Commission will not vote on recommendations at this meeting. This subcommittee will develop a sustainable, post-commission model for continued interagency collaboration.

Presentation: Agency for Healthcare Administration

Devona Pickle, Health Care Policy Program Director at the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) presented on interagency collaboration with other state agencies. The presentation highlighted several interagency agreements in place with other Florida government agencies, regional behavioral health collaboratives and data sharing agreements. Ms. Pickle recommends expanding awareness of the crisis continuum of care and in some areas, expanding crisis care altogether. Another recommendation is the continuation of interagency collaboratives.

Commissioner Secretary Harris asked the group to begin considering avenues for elevating themes that arise out of the regional collaboratives once the Commission sunsets.



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Presentation: Department of Education

Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor of Strategic Improvement and Dr Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director of Student Services with the Florida Department of Education (DOE) provided information on the Mental Health Assistance Program, Resiliency Florida, student mental health training and, HOPE Florida. The Department of Education constantly coordinates with other state agencies and all school districts and host routine webinars and meeting with district specialists.

Secretary Harris explored the idea of a collaborative/multi-agency forum comprised of high-level leadership to address some of the difficult issues.

Presentation: Department of Juvenile Justice

Dr. Tracy Shelby, Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Joy Bennink, Deputy Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Rosealee Williamson, Statewide Mental Health Consultant for Probation at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) coordinated to present on the mental health and substance abuse services offered through DJJ's continuum of care through prevention, detention, probation and residential services. Services include therapy, evaluations, crisis care and psychiatric care. DJJ engages in cross agency collaborations through interagency agreements.

Other Issues for Discussion

Secretary Harris introduced the Recommendation Tracker for subcommittee members to utilize for cataloging insights, gaps or emerging recommendations emerging from presentations presented to the subcommittee.

Chair Reeve and Secretary Harris are in agreement that there should be opportunities to form larger structured collaborations to address behavioral health issues on a statewide level.

Commissioner Duggan highlighted the need to focus attention on the transition from childhood to adult mental health services.

Public Comment

Laurie Ansley Gerhard, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, shared her perspective on mental health services for the adult population.

Closing Remarks

Commissioner Harris, Subcommittee Chair provided closing remarks.