



Palm Beach County  
Board of County Commissioners



## PBC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS - MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/09/2023 | Time: 2:00pm

### Members/Staff Present

Sharon Burns-Carter, Ariana Ciancio, William Freeman, John Makris, Brent Schillinger, MD., Barbara Shafer, Rae Whitely, Austin Wright, Lissa Franklin, Charles Coyle, Maureen Kielian and Patrick McNamara. Al Johnson, Esq.; Daniel Oria; Staff: John Hulick, Jill Singer, and Taruna Malhotra

### Members Absent

Natalie Kenton; Sandra Sisson; Russ Mager

### Public Members Present

Weston Probst, Ian Stone, Allen Schwartz, Kim Hilliard, Nancy McConnell, Staci Katz, Jay Flicker, Mary Beth Creighton, Lisa Cover, Marji Chapman, Jon Van Arnam, Patricia Schroeder, Mackenzie Halley, Kristen Guerrise, Jennifer Pulido, Mary Lanigan, Gaynelle Gosselin, Larry Rein, Shannon Braverman, Sheila Gaines, Marsha Martino, Raven Green, Henry Mercy, Hilda Alexander

### Call to Order

Maureen Kielian called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Members and staff were introduced. Roll call taken and a quorum was established.

### Agenda Approval

Maureen announced she was assuming the role as chair until after the Nominations Committee report. *Motion to approve the agenda* by Sharon Burns-Carter. Seconded by William Freeman. *Motion passed.* With no additions, deletions, or substitutions.

### Regular Business

- A. **Nominations Committee Report**- Barbara Shafer reported committee met on February 2, 2023 to review resumes that were submitted for Chair and Co-chair. One resume for Chair and one resume for Co-chair were received and reviewed. Committee recommended Maureen Kielian for Chair and Rae Whitely for Co-Chair. William Freeman moved to approve the Committee recommendation, seconded by Brent Schillinger. Floor opened for additional nominations, being none vote on original motion. **Motion passed.**
- B. **Adoption of Inaugural Committee Meeting Minutes** –Lissa Franklin moved to adopt the Minutes of January 12, 2023, seconded by John Makris. **Motion passed.**
- C. **Presentation by David Whitesock on the Recovery Capital Index** John Hulick provided brief background on the work that was started prior to his appointment that led to the 2017 Opioid Response Plan and the work that the County has been doing since. Pivotal is the ability to measure recovery wellness through a validated instrument that provides a holistic view of overall wellness that is substance neutral. John Hulick introduced David Whitesock who presented on the Recovery Capital Index (RCI) . He discussed several data points from the COSSAP federal grant project on Dr. Heather Howard’s behalf.

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## Other Business

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- A. **Staff Updates:** OBHSUD is adding a new staff member on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – Dr. Ellen Jones, who will bring a health policy and public health perspective to the County and to the Advisory Committee. Also, information will be forth-coming on the restart of the subcommittees. The activities will be very focused and intentional utilizing a facilitated approach. All meetings will be open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate and share with others who may have expertise in the areas of any subcommittee. Members are encouraged to join (as are members of the public) and notices will be sent to Advisory Committee members and the public regarding chairs and co-chairs of the subcommittees. The ASU subcommittee will also be re-launched. The Health Care District and a presentation on the Opioid Settlement Agreement will be on the April 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda.
- B. **Member Updates on Non-Agenda Items:** William Freeman introduced a friend whom he invited, Gilda Alexander, who was in FL to work on legislation shared the critical need for public facing data so it can be viewed and used to shape policy and legislation. Ms. Alexander was a data analyst for the Department of Labor in Washington, DC. Lissa Franklin noted that a new type of court process was being tested in NY, where hearings are taking place in hospitals rather than court rooms for individuals in need of care; the theory is that it would do away with Marchman and Baker Act hearings and judges would go to where the individuals are in a more empathetic setting that is more focused on the person's needs and less scary than a stark courtroom.
- C. **Public Comments:** *Patrice Schroeder (211)* shared they have a significant amount of data that is available on their website. *Mary Beth Creighton, (parent who lost her son to fentanyl)* was going to Tallahassee to advocate for fentanyl test strips. *Al Johnson (State Attorney's Office)* noted that legislation is being worked on that would prevent marijuana from being used for substance use treatment. He also mentioned that although there is legislation that allows for fines for violations related to individual safety while seeking treatment there have not been any regulations written to allow for levying or implementing the statutorily created fines. State Attorney's website has its hotline number on it for anyone wishing to make a criminal report. Anyone can audit (listen in) to the State Attorney Addiction Recovery Task Force meeting by emailing Mary Ann Senatore ([msenatore@sa15.org](mailto:mсенatore@sa15.org)) and she will add you to the list. 15th Circuit State Attorney's office website: <http://www.sa15.state.fl.us/stateattorney/>. *Dr. Andric (Health Care District)* mentioned that only 2 of 19 ERs in the County have access to Fentanyl testing (as does the ASU).

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## Adjournment

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*Motion to adjourn the meeting* by John Makris, seconded by Rae Whitely. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023 | Time: 2:00pm | Location: Mandala Healing Center, Community Room - 5408 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL. 33407