



Palm Beach County  
Board of County Commissioners



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

Date: 10/12/2023 | Time: 2:15pm

### Members/Staff Present

Rae Whitely, William Freeman, Brent Schillinger, MD., Barbara Shafer, Charles Coyle, Patrick McNamara., Daniel Oria, Sandy Sisson; Lissa Franklin, Natalie Kenton, Angela Burns, Al Johnson, Esq.

Staff: John Hulick, Ellen Jones, Helene Hvizd, James Green, Brunia Beaubrum, Elizabeth Harfmann

### Members Absent

Maureen Kielian, John Makris, Belma Andric, MD, Austin Wright, Sharon Burns-Carter, Ariana Ciancio

### Public Members Present

Dr. Precious Usei, Heather Howard, Alita Faber, Frank Whiting, Micah Robbins, Tess Moody,

#### Call to Order

Pastor Rae Whitely (Vice Chair) called meeting to order at 2:15 pm. Members and staff were introduced.

### Quorum

Yes

### Agenda Approval

*Motion to approve the agenda by Patrick McNamara. Second by William Freeman. No additions, deletions, substitutions. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Additions – Daniel O. requested that Committee add a discussion on the Annual report/Response Plan update to Regular Business -Item E.*

*Motion by Daniel to add Item E and accept the Agenda as amended. Motion to Vote on Motion to approve Agenda –made by Daniel and seconded by William Freeman. Vote- was unanimous.*

### Regular Business

- A. **Adoption of Regular Committee Meeting Minutes** – *Motion to approve by; Pat McNamara; Second by William Freeman – Motion passed unanimously.*
- B. John presented overview on subcommittee progress
- C. Dr. Heather Howard – Dr. Precious Skinner-Osea – joining in with Heather on the Collaboration Survey – encouraged everyone to please take the Collaboration Survey and discussed the importance of having data that will support research on how the Advisory Committee is working.
- D. Dr. Messer presented on the Syringe Access Program (SAP).
- E. Plan Update discussion – Daniel read through salient parts of the Resolution requiring an annual report to BCC by Oct. 1. Concern about meeting time and if we are going to do it. Response from John – working through the subcommittees has been the process – more concerned about getting it right – than getting it done by Oct. 1. Clarification that the Oct. 1 date is not hard and fast. Working to develop a

template for the annual updates. Continuing to work through that process. James added that there are processes in place that allow regular updates to the BCC throughout the year, so less concerned about meeting Oct 1 deadline.

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## Other Business

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### A. Staff Updates:

1. Participation in the subcommittee meetings is important as it is where bi-directional communication starts.
2. Facing the Crisis – Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at Riviera Beach
3. Overdose Awareness Day – Aug 31 HUB Delray
4. Lake Worth Hub- Ribbon Cutting (September 14, 2023)
5. Resiliency Index Campaign to launch during National Recovery Month in September 2023.
4. Surveys will be sent out to Advisory Committee members to begin data collection using the Collaboration Factors Tool.

### B. Member Updates on Non-Agenda Items – None.

- ### C. Public Comments:
- Tessa from Rebel – gratitude for Dr. Messer’s presentation – happy to hear more about barriers and how to resolve – change “stigma” associated with the SAP

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## Adjournment

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*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Patrick McNamara; Second by Austin Wright. Motion passed unanimously.* Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023 | Time: 2:00pm | Location: Mandala Healing Center, Community Room - 5408 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL. 33407