



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder System of Care Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Secretary Shevaun Harris, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

The following members or designees were in attendance

Secretary Shevaun Harris, DCF, Subcommittee Chair
Austin Noll for Secretary Jason Weida, Agency for Healthcare Administration
Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD (Governor Appointee)
Uma Suryadevara, MD (Speaker of the House Appointee)
Judge Mark Mahan (Governor Appointee)
Melissa Larkin-Skinner (Speaker of the House Appointee)
Lee Fox, (President of the Senate Appointee)
Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)
Heather Jackson for Secretary Eric Hall, Subject Matter Expert
Lynne Daw for Director Taylor Hatch, Subject Matter Expert
Melanie Brown-Woofter, Subject Matter Expert
Gail Ryder, Subject Matter Expert
Nicole Sharbono, Subject Matter Expert
Mike Watkins, Subject Matter Expert
Nancy Dauphinais, Subject Matter Expert
Suzonne Kline, Subject Matter Expert

Guest Presenters

Dr. Jennifer Lyons, Advent Health
Dr. Gregory Sullivan, University of South Florida

Approval of the September 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the September 22, 2023, minutes. The motion was carried, in all favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

Geriatric Psychiatric Unit

Jennifer Lyons provided an overview of Geriatric Psychiatry and challenges encountered when working with the inpatient population in geriatric psych units. Emphasis on the Milieu Therapy approach (safe, structured, group treatment method for mental health issues) in geriatric psych units. Stressed the importance of separating geriatric psych units from involuntary geriatric psych units (Baker Acts). Recommends focusing/identifying the needs of the geriatric patient as soon as possible through screenings, primary care and outpatient care.

Secretary Harris issued an invite to the Agency of Healthcare Administration to discuss data and information collected by the agency regarding this population.



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Baker Acts in the Elderly Populations

Dr. Gregory Sullivan provided information on the needs that exist in the geriatric care and how legislative changes (HB 7097 in 2016) in the Florida Mental Health Act as they apply to dementia have affected the care provided to this population. Reviewed data on involuntary examinations of the geriatric population before the legislation and post legislative changes. Potential opportunities to respond and enhance the care of older adults, which include, reintroduction of dementia care to the Florida Mental Health Act, development of statutory guidance and authority, broader mandates for electronic BA52 (form that must be completed to initiate an involuntary examination) and reporting.

Commissioner Suryadevara provided additional perspectives on opportunities for improvement.

Suicide Prevention Subcommittee Crossover Recommendations

Commissioner Clara Reynolds provided an overview of the Suicide Prevention Subcommittee and its position relative to accomplishing the duties outlined in the commission's statutory charge. Reviewed gaps identified by the suicide prevention subcommittee and how to address those gaps. Subject Matter Expert Nancy Dauphinais added, suicide prevention interacts with the entire crisis response system, which includes, baker acts, crisis stabilization and mobile response teams and applied the work completed by the Suicide subcommittee into a document that presents a broad overview of potential actions for the subcommittee. Overlap has emerged with regards to baker acts, crisis stabilization and mobile response. Commissioner Reynolds proposes either turning those charges over to the System of Care subcommittee and the System of Care leaving them with the Suicide subcommittee.

Mike Watkins sent the central regional gap analysis to Aaron Platt to be shared and put into record.

Justine Hicks shared that Kiki Greg sent out a poll to set up a meeting within November or December.

Open Call for Ideas and Recommendations

There were no ideas or recommendations shared.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.