



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Children and Youth Sub-Committee

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## Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

### The following members or designees were in attendance

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair

Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)

Larry Rein, (Governor Appointee)

Richard Duggan, (President of the Senate Appointee)

Andrew Weatherill for Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert

Austin Noll, Subject Matter Expert

Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert

Steven Ronik, Subject Matter Expert

Sue Gallagher, Subject Matter Expert

Leslie Lynch, Subject Matter Expert

Brooke Bass, Subject Matter Expert

### Review and Approval of March 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was entered to approve the March 15, 2024, minutes. The motion was carried. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

### Commission Update

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief Commission update. The full commission in-person meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024, in Orlando. The subcommittee should have recommendations developed to be presented. The recommendations should be finalized at the July subcommittee meeting.

### Department of Education Updates

Dr. Andrew Weatherill provided an update in response to the request for more information on interns working within the schools and on the implementation of the required five hours of instruction. Dr. Weatherill reported that district policies determine how interns are allowed to work in schools. Districts also determine how the five hours of instruction are implemented and are required to report twice a year on how and when instruction occurred. The reported information is available to the public.

Austin Noll, Deputy Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration provided an overview of Medicaid's school-based services program.

Follow up:

Austin Noll to provide a breakdown of Medicaid billings shared during the presentation by school systems. The breakdown will include administrative



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claims, service claims, medical claims and behavioral health claims if the data are available. Additional follow-up will include data on which districts are accessing mental health dollars from the Department of Education and/or Medicaid dollars.

The Subcommittee will follow-up on the use of outside professionals in schools when school professionals are available and are already working with the students.

Sunshine Health representative Julie Smythe will identify and share billed cost comparing medical and behavioral health services for Sunshine Health and will attempt to provide the costs by school location code.

### **Making a Connection: Working in Partnership to Bring Virtual Intensive Programming to Adolescents to Florida**

A team from Bradley Hospital (pediatric psychiatric care hospital) led by Henry Sachs III MD, President, provided a presentation to the subcommittee on their programs that provide intensive, team-based virtual treatment to adolescents. Presenters discussed Bradley's continuum of psychiatric care from hospitalization to outpatient care, and outcome data. The Bradley REACH partial hospital program partners with the Apalachee center to provide virtual services in Florida.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

### **Closing Remarks**

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky provided closing remarks.

The next meeting will include discussions/presentations on measuring behavioral health outcomes and how children in need access behavioral health services. The focus will include a look at the points of entry to access services and how care coordination is achieved from the point of entry. Julie Smythe, Sylvia Quintana, Steven Ronik, and Commissioner Rein responded to the call for volunteers to map out the entry points for children, youth and families entering the behavioral health system.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.