

Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Meeting Location:

4052 Bald Cypress Way, Conference Room 301
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Welcome/Introductions

Shay Chapman, BSN, MBA, State Surgeon General Designee, opened the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting. Ms. Chapman thanked all members of DPAC, designated appointees, and other participants for their continued partnership in this critical work. Ms. Chapman asked that Nathan Dunn, MSA, Staff Liaison Designee, proceed with roll call.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Shay Chapman, BSN, MBA, State Surgeon General Designee
Maggie Agerton for Ricky Dixon (Department of Corrections)
Melanie Brown-Woofter for Mark P. Fontaine (Governor Appointee: Substance Abuse Treatment, Florida Behavioral Health Association)
Jeffrey Cece, MS, CPM for Shevaun Harris (Department of Children and Families)
Elaina Cosentino for Representative Spencer Roach (Florida House of Representatives)
Aaron Gerson for Judge Steve Leifman (11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida)
Mark Glass (Department of Law Enforcement)
Cindy Grant (Governor Appointee, Faith-Based Substance Abuse Treatment, HeartDance Foundation, Inc.)
Christina Harris for Ashley Moody (Office of the Attorney General)
Timothy Hay for Manny Diaz, Jr. (Department of Education)
Captain Jordan Jerris for Major General James Eifert (Department of Military Affairs)
St. George Pink for Senator Darryl Rouson (Florida Senate)
Captain Derrick Rahming for Terry Rhodes (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)
Peggy Sapp (Governor Appointee: Substance Abuse Prevention, Informed Families)
Tracy Shelby for Eric Hall, Ed.D. (Department of Juvenile Justice)
Doug Simon for Chris Spencer (Governor's Office of Policy and Budget)

Guests and Staff:

Grace Boran, Florida State University
Nathan Dunn, MSA, Staff Liaison (Department of Health)
Jesseka Forbes, PharmD (Agency for Health Care Administration)
Robert Jacobson (Emergent BioSolutions)
John McClellan (Department of Law Enforcement)
Mary McClellan (Career Source)
Ashley Peterson (Agency for Health Care Administration)
Lori Reeves, MPH (Department of Health)
Keshia Reid, PhD (Department of Health)
Krista Riveron, PharmD, JD, MS (Boca Raton Regional Hospital)
Jasmani Riveron (Ardurra)
Stuart Waldo (Department of Health)
Ayesha Waters (Agency for Health Care Administration)
Lauren Whiteman, MPH, CPH (Department of Health)
Jennifer Williams (Department of Children and Families)

Opening Remarks

Ms. Chapman provided an overview of the meeting agenda and the presentations to follow.

Ms. Chapman reflected on the efforts within the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) related to DPAC's work to address substance use in the state of Florida. In the wake of Hurricane Ian, there was concern of increased substance use and overdose deaths due to the impact on individuals' mental health and the disruption of prescription medicine supply. It is critical that community partners continue to provide resources and innovative initiatives with cross-agency collaboration even during states of emergency.

Business

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2022:

A motion was entered to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried, all in favor. Minutes were approved with no opposition.

2. Presentations:

Naloxone: Overcoming Pharmacy Barriers:

A. Naloxone Kits Before Hospital Discharge – Lori Reeves, MPH, Maternal and Neonatal Opioid Prevention Coordinator, Florida Department of Health

Ms. Reeves provided an overview of FDOH initiatives that support increased availability of naloxone in hospitals and issues related to maternal overdose and neonatal abstinence syndrome. FDOH has been working to engage hospitals in a standard group of practices that would increase the number of women screened and ensure they are prescribed naloxone when needed. The Florida Maternal Mortality Review Committee found that overdose was the leading cause of death for women during pregnancy and the year postpartum.

B. Florida Society of Health System Pharmacists – Krista Riveron, PharmD, JD, MS, Medication Safety and Quality Coordinator, Pharmacy, Boca Raton Regional Hospital

Dr. Riveron provided an overview of the Florida Society of Health System Pharmacists (FSHP), their goals related to the opioid epidemic, and who they serve. The FSHP strategic plan aims to work with key stakeholders to reduce opioid overdose deaths, promote free naloxone grant programs to Florida hospitals and discuss involvement in the drug epidemiology network throughout the state. At the 2022 FSHP Annual Meeting, attendees were offered, for the first-time, continuing education on addressing the opioid epidemic in addition to required bi-annual license renewal on controlled substances.

One of FSHP's main goals is to obtain legislation to prescribe medication-assisted treatments (MAT). There is currently a federal bill, the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act, in review. This legislation would eliminate barriers preventing pharmacists from prescribing and dispensing buprenorphine for MAT including modifications to X-waiver requirements.

C. Cross-Agency Partnerships to Support Naloxone at Hospitals – Jeffrey Cece, MS, CPM, Florida Department of Children and Families

Mr. Cece provided an overview of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) initiative of using the Meds-to-Beds program as a model for dispensing inpatient naloxone nasal spray. A nationwide analysis of 148,966 emergency department visits for opioid overdose between August 2019 and April 2021, revealed that only 6.3 percent of individuals received a naloxone kit in hand or within 30 days of hospital discharge. In comparison, 45 percent of individuals who presented for anaphylactic shock or in need of a rescue medication, such as epinephrine (EpiPen), left the hospital with medication in hand or received within 30 days of hospital discharge. Researchers conducted a cross-sectional telephone audit of actively licensed community pharmacies, including 683 pharmacies in Florida, from May 2020 through April 2021, that revealed roughly 30 percent were not equipped to provide naloxone. Hospital-based naloxone

distribution utilizing new legislative authority to dispense will help to close the gap. DCF developed a plan to commit three million from opioid settlement dollars to purchase and distribute approximately 45,000 naloxone kits to hospitals, and these funds do not bear any restrictions to for-profit entities expanding the reach.

DCF's Overdose Prevention Program's current network has 306 organizations enrolled to distribute naloxone nasal spray kits. Since program initiation in 2016, approximately 372,958 naloxone kits have been distributed statewide.

3. Discussion of 2022 Annual Report:

Nathan Dunn, Staff Liaison Designee, addressed DPAC and provided an overview of the 2022 recommendations and requested input from DPAC to be added to the 2022 Annual Report. The content of the report is a compilation of information from the members of DPAC. DPAC recommendations were addressed, and discussion followed.

Recommendation #1

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #1.

Recommendation #2

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #2.

Recommendation #3

DPAC members recommended updating to substance use prevention strategies, as a plural, to incorporate multiple programs, cross-agency initiatives, and target various demographics. Suggestion of adding verbiage on utilizing the Red Ribbon Campaign as an umbrella and conduit to recognize and engage the public. DPAC members requested under section two of Recommendation #3 to remove language stating to increase screenings and address trauma-related issues among youth.

Recommendation #4

DPAC members recommended updating to encourage the use of evidence-based substance use prevention programs and the incorporation of parents, students, and residents, not only youth.

Recommendation #5

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #5.

Recommendation #6

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #6.

Recommendation #7

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #7.

Recommendation #8

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #8.

Recommendation #9

DPAC members recommended replacing the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) with DCF and FDOH as they are more equipped to report on the protocols addressed within Recommendation #9.

Recommendation #10

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #10.

Recommendation #11

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #11.

Recommendation #12

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #12.

Recommendation #13

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #13.

Recommendation #14

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #14.

Recommendation #15

DPAC members recommended removal of condition to provide an annual report as it is not a requirement of Senate Bill 1120.

Recommendation #16

DPAC members had no additional edits for Recommendation #16.

Recommendation #17

DPAC members recommended removal of Recommendation #17 as it is complete as currently written.

4. Agency and Member Updates:

Doug Simon, Governor's Office of Policy and Budget

The Governor's Office of Policy and Budget had no additional updates for DPAC.

Christina Harris, Office of the Attorney General

The Office of the Attorney General had no additional updates for DPAC.

John McClellan, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) requested a presentation from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy on their two-year study on kratom and their findings. FDLE is continuing to work out the 14 benzodiazepine analogs to add to the controlled substance list to provide to the public and add to an emergency order with the Attorney General's office.

Jeffrey Cece, Department of Children and Families

DCF received federal approval for the State Opioid Response grant and is completing budget revisions with funders. The onboarding of Project Director, Project Coordinator, and Data Coordinator is now complete. Mr. Cece recommended a future presentation regarding the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey.

Maggie Agerton, Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections is working with DCF to get naloxone in the hands of correction and probation officers to support distribution upon release. Collaborative effort is moving along and addressing challenges and barriers.

Tracy Shelby, Department of Juvenile Justice

The Department of Juvenile Justice is working to confirm that all detention centers, as well as residential programs, either have a supply of or access to naloxone at all sites.

Timothy Hay, Department of Education

The Department of Education convened the first meeting of School Safety Specialists and Mental Health Coordinators in October with a representative from each district in the state. Investment dollars put forth to support mental health awareness activities has increased from \$75 million in 2019 to \$140 million for 2023, demonstrating the importance of the prevention piece.

Captain Derrick Rahming, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reported from January to June of 2022, 1,887 pounds of marijuana, 222 pounds of cocaine, 9 pounds of heroin, 48 pounds of meth, and 190 pounds of other drugs were removed from Florida's roadways, with contraband totaling \$41 million.

Captain Jordan Jerris, Department of Military Affairs

The National Guard continues to provide drug prevention classes to students across the state, having reached 1,200 students to date this year. Additionally, the National Guard continues to support the Drug Take Back initiative to support prevention efforts.

Aaron Gerson, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

The Judicial Circuit Court had no additional updates for DPAC.

Peggy Sapp, Informed Families

Informed Families continues efforts in the currently active Red Ribbon Campaign week in Miami. The campaign theme of "Celebrate Life" was designed by students.

Melanie Brown-Woofter, Florida Behavioral Health Association

Melanie Brown-Woofter noted that the Florida Behavioral Health Association continues to partner with DCF on the State Opioid Response grant, focusing efforts on developing contracts with providers in order to provide MAT. Additionally, Ms. Brown-Woofter updated that residents on MAT, and residing in hurricane-affected areas, were able to continue to receive their medications through hurricane response efforts in collaboration with first responders.

Cindy Grant, HeartDance Foundation, Inc.

HeartDance Foundation, Inc. continues to collaborate and raise awareness on a local, regional, and statewide level. The Foundation recently completed the development of the 2022 Opioid Prevention Toolkit for Hillsborough County.

Jesseka Forbes, Agency for Health Care Administration

AHCA had no additional updates for DPAC.

5. Public Comments/Open Discussion:

Question was asked regarding the two gubernatorial appointment vacancies on the board. Submission of qualified candidates has been completed. What is needed to complete appointment of those persons? Ms. Chapman updated that FDOH is in regular contact and updating the Governor's appointment office and awaiting feedback.

6. Adjournment:

For closing items, Ms. Chapman confirmed that edits would be incorporated into DPAC's 2022 Annual Report and submitted by the statutory deadline of December 1.

Proposal of DPAC meeting dates for 2023 were January 24, April 18, July 11, and October 3. Motion to approve dates was entered and carried with no opposition.

A motion was entered to adjourn. Motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.