

Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Conference Call
Conference Call Dial-In #: 1-888-585-9008
Conference Room #: 604-673-584
November 19, 2019
11:30AM to 12:30PM Eastern

AGENDA

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Jennifer Johnson, MPH Interim Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health (Delegated as Chair)
Nathan Dunn, MSA (Staff Liaison)
Penny Taylor, Director for Healthy Schools (Department of Education)
MAJ Nathan Dinger for COL Michael Ladd (Department of Military Affairs)
Karen Weaver for Rick Swearingen (Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner)
Lt. Jason Britt for Terry Rhodes (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)
LTC Andrew Benard for Ashley Moody (Attorney General)
Jason Holloway (Florida Senate)
Jeffrey Cece, MS, CPM for Chad Poppell (Department of Children and Family Services)
Mark Fontaine (Florida Behavioral Health Association)
Dr. Tracy Shelby (Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Designee)
Peggy Sapp, President, CEO (Informed Families/The Florida Family Partnership)
Walter Liebrich (Governor's Office of Planning and Budget)
Doug Leonardo, LCSW (Sr. VP Operations/Development-Central/North Chrysalis Health)

Guests and staff:

Jeffrey English
Susan Williams, Senior Pharmacist, AHCA
Kelly Woodard, DOH

1. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/OPENING REMARKS** - *Jennifer Johnson, MPH Interim Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health (Delegated as Chair)*

Ms. Johnson introduced herself as the Delegate Chair and opened the meeting.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 29, 2019** -*DPAC:*
The following corrections were noted: spelling of Andrew Benard; minor edits to the statistical data and references under the following Agency and Member Updates – Karen Weaver, Susan Williams, and Penny Taylor all of whom submitted their edits to Mr. Dunn. Approval of minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

3. **DISCUSS 2019 ANNUAL REPORT** – DPAC

Nathan Dunn lead the discussion of the annual report.

Some recommendations were addressed, and commentary followed.

Recommendation 3 - Mr. Dunn presented revised language recommended by Ms. Taylor. The language was accepted.

Recommendation 15 – Mr. Fontaine recommended the addition of explaining what Medicaid does. Mr. Fontaine advised that the language “*Reports should be transparent...*” was removed and suggested that it be incorporated back into the recommendation as the public should be able to access reports on the parity act.

Recommendation 16 – Mr. Fontaine suggested edits to the language relating to the waiver of co-pays for FFS. Ms. S. Williams advised that she would submit additional edits to Mr. Dunn.

Recommendation 17 – Mr. Fontaine was in favor of this recommendation.

Recommendation 19 – Mr. Holloway presented the revised language related to peer review and the reduction in costs of behavioral health services. Mr. Fontaine suggested the addition of the roles of all peers and licensed professionals. Ms. Johnson suggested modification of the last sentence to emphasize the use of peer specialists.

Ms. Sapp addressed the committee with correspondence she received from a concerned citizen. The following questions were asked: A) What kind of after-effects are people receiving from the use of Naloxone? B) What are the training protocols to administer this drug? C) What is the follow-up after receiving it? D) Is it a deterrent to continued use? E) What are the costs?

Mr. Dunn advised that he would research the information and compare the results to the summary of findings.

Annual Report

Mr. Fontaine suggested reformation of the paragraphs on Page 11, but not the content.

Mr. Fontaine asked about the language “DCF will ensure” in the last paragraph of Page 12. Mr. Cece confirmed that the language was appropriate as is.

Mr. Fontaine suggested a bigger title on Page 15 related to the prior year’s drug policy recommendations and progress.

Recommendation 7 - Mr. Dunn addressed Ms. Skipper’s remarks to add the Office of Drug Control and move the recommendation under accomplishments. Mr. Fontaine advised that the Governor has not accomplished the task yet and suggested that it remain a recommendation. Mr. Dunn suggested

language indicating action has been taken by executive order, but has not been fulfilled. Mr. Fontaine suggested language such as “staff has yet to be appointed.”

Recommendation 9 – Mr. Fontaine asked for clarification of the definition of “partner agency” and whether staff was going to help draft budget requests to which Mr. Cece replied “no.”

Recommendation 11 – Mr. Fontaine suggested the removal of “any substance abuse or opioid disorder.” Mr. Cece stated that he would delete the reference to substance abuse disorder.

Mr. Dunn confirmed changes to Ms. Weaver’s update on the medical examiners’ report.

Recommendation 30 – Ms. Weaver suggested a change of language to include all law enforcement and Non-EMSTARS for reporting of OD incidents.

Recommendation 15 – Ms. Weaver advised that she reviewed the edits and asked whether the acronyms NPA and APA were removed. Ms. Weaver and Mr. Cece discussed language relating to waivers to prescribe buprenorphine.

Ms. Johnson requested a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Report with the necessary revisions. Motion to approve the report with revisions was entered by Ms. Weaver and seconded by Ms. Taylor.

Ms. Johnson advised that Dr. Rivkees was unable to attend the meeting and thanked all committee members for their hard work.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

5. NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE MEETING DATE - MOTION TO ADJOURN – *Jennifer Johnson, MPH Interim Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health (Delegated as Chair)*

Ms. Johnson reminded the committee of the Statewide Taskforce meeting on November 21, 2019, 2:00PM, at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fl; and announced the next DPAC meeting will be on January 28, 2020 in Tallahassee, Fl.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.