

Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams:
<http://floridahealth.gov/DPACMeeting>
Or call in (audio only): (850) 792-1375
Phone Conference ID: 386 035 132#

Welcome/Introductions

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, opened the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting. Dr. Ladapo thanked all members of DPAC, designated appointees, and other participants for their continued partnership in this critical work. Dr. Ladapo asked that Melissa Jordan, MS, MPH, Staff Liaison Designee, proceed with roll call.

The following members or designees were in attendance:

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General
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)
Aaron Gerson for Judge Steve Leifman (11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida)
Dorothy Groover-Skipper (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)
John McClellan for Mark Glass (Department of Law Enforcement)
Vence Monlyn for Kimberly Spence (Governor Appointee: Drug Enforcement, Keaton Corrections, Inc.)
Captain Derrick Rahming for Dave Kerner (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)
Tracy Shelby for Eric Hall, Ed.D. (Department of Juvenile Justice)
Doug Simon for Chris Spencer (Governor's Office of Policy and Budget)
Eddie Stokes for Representative Spencer Roach (Florida House of Representatives)
Roaya Tyson (Governor Appointee, Drug Enforcement and Substance Abuse Programs and Services, Gracepoint)

Guests and Staff:

Kerri Bryan (Department of Health)
Shay Chapman, BSN, MBA (Department of Health)
Stephan Cooley (Department of Children and Families)
Maggie Dilger, Member of the Public
Chris DuClos, MS, GISP, CPM (Department of Health)
Christina During, MPH (Department of Health)
Jesseka Forbes, PharmD (Agency for Health Care Administration)
Kelly Gergen (Department of Children and Families)
Gayle Giese (Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition)
Jennifer Johnson (Florida Behavioral Health Association)
Melissa Jordan, MS, MPH, Staff Liaison (Department of Health)
Megan Koufogazos (Orlando Health)

Michelle Mangum (Shatterproof | ATLAS)
Ramon Maury (Informed Families)
Amy McClellan (Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition)
Amanda Regis (Department of Children and Families)
Daniella Rice (Department of Children and Families)
Daniel Rocha, MPH (Department of Health)
Kevin Roy (Shatterproof)
Kenneth Scheppke, MD, FAEMS (Department of Health)
Anna Simmons (Department of Health)
Ellen Snelling (HeartDance Foundation, Inc.)
Lori Stalker (Indivior)
Amy Vanness (Department of Corrections)
Stuart Waldo (Department of Health)
Jennifer Williams (Department of Children and Families)
Nikki Wotherspoon (Department of Children and Families)

Opening Remarks

Dr. Ladapo provided an overview of the meeting agenda and the presentations to follow.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Dr. Ladapo reflected on awareness endeavors held earlier in the month with collaboration of statewide agency partners, including Pinwheels for Prevention. Increased partner collaboration and the continued work of DPAC addresses the cycle and the whole family to prevent substance use disorder (SUD) and overdose deaths. By addressing mental health, stigma, and SUD as a multifaceted, cross agency approach, Florida will continue to support the sustained recovery in individuals.

Business

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2023:

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

2. Presentations:

a. Legislative and Policy Update – Doug Simon, Director of the Office of Drug Control, Office of Policy and Budget, State of Florida

Doug Simon presented an update on recent legislation related to controlled substances, mental health, and SUD. Mr. Simon reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 1226 and House Bill (HB) 1359 which address the need for increased penalties for selling fentanyl, SB280 and HB365 which address increasing penalties to felony charge of murder for trafficking fentanyl, SB736 and HB1135 which is a priority of the Attorney General's to add nitazene and derivatives to the Controlled Substances Act, SB164 and HB165 which would remove fentanyl test strips from drug paraphernalia penalties, and SB1676 and HB1475 which address Delta-8 synthetic drugs being sold in convenience stores and smoke shops.

Additionally, Mr. Simon noted the opioid settlement funding allocation is before the legislature, and the Office of Policy and Budget continues to collaborate with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to develop processes and procedures for expending funds.

b. Florida's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Florida – Nikki Wotherspoon, Supervisor of Special Projects and Research, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Children and Families; Gayle Giese, President, Florida Mental Health Advocacy Coalition

Nikki Wotherspoon presented on the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline that was created by the Federal Communications Commission in July of 2020 and formally passed by Congress in October of 2020. 988 is

an easy to remember, three-digit number that offers 24-hour access to trained crisis counselors to assist individuals experiencing emotional distress, suicidal thoughts and feelings, or substance use crises. DCF is the statutory single state authority on substance abuse and mental health in Florida and oversees the Florida's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, including developing policies and protocols.

DCF established four main goals for state fiscal year 2022-2023: 1) recruit and retain staff, 2) monitor Florida's 13 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline centers to improve statewide implementation range and depth, 3) identify quality assurance strategies, and 4) propose a glide path for callers into 988 to dispatch mobile response teams. Ms. Wotherspoon updated that, from July 2022 to December 2022, 65,666 calls were routed in Florida and, for October 2022 to December 2022, 3,984 individuals were referred to mental health or related services. DCF has begun working on sustainability efforts and future funding for continued efforts and improvement.

Gayle Giese demonstrated the need for Florida's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by sharing her personal story and experience navigating through the process of obtaining mental health services for a loved one, and the asset that 988 would have been in her journey.

c. Shatterproof's Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment, and Standards (ATLAS) Platform –
Kevin Roy, Chief Public Policy Officer, Shatterproof; Michelle Mangum, MPS, Director of State Engagement, Shatterproof | ATLAS

Kevin Roy provided an overview of Shatterproof, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reversing the addiction crisis in the United States. Shatterproof facilitates three pillars of work: 1) transforming addiction treatment, 2) ending addiction stigma, and 3) educating and empowering communities. Mr. Roy presented Shatterproof's collaborative care model that relies on measurement-based care to track patient progress through validated clinical rating scales. When this model is used in the treatment of opioid and alcohol use disorder, compared to usual care, it has shown to increase the proportion of patients receiving evidence-based treatment and the number achieving abstinence at six months.

Michelle Mangum presented on the impact of Shatterproof's three pillars and how they support implementing ATLAS. Ms. Mangum provided a demonstration of the ATLAS platform and how it breaks down barriers for individuals connecting to treatment options.

3. Review and Updates of Recommendations 1–8:

- a. Recommendation 1:** As of the meeting date, the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has incorporated the ability to use telehealth within all contracts to include phone and video. Melanie Brown-Woofter with the Florida Behavioral Health Association (FBHA) updated that there is currently a bill in session to allow audio only telehealth.
- b. Recommendation 2:** FBHA noted that legislative updates have been made to the background screening requirements for peer specialists during the last four legislative sessions. FDC currently has a draft bill that will implement a peer specialist certification program within prisons.
- c. Recommendation 3:** Ramon Maury requested that a suggested revision from the October meeting be incorporated into Recommendation 3.
- d. Recommendation 4:** No updates to Recommendation 4.
- e. Recommendation 5:** The Department of Health updated that materials are forthcoming under the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) program and these materials can be shared at a later meeting.
- f. Recommendation 6:** Ramon Maury updated that Informed Families partners with Publix in the Lock Your Meds program and recommended adding this program to the recommendation. Update can be added to the annual report and will complete Recommendation 6.
- g. Recommendation 7:** No updates to Recommendation 7.
- h. Recommendation 8:** No updates to Recommendation 8.

4. Agency and Member Updates:

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 updated that tracking of xylazine continues statewide and reports of naloxone being ineffective are being received.

Jeffrey Cece, Department of Children and Families

DCF updated that the State Opioid Response grant program added a fiscal coordinator, and the team is currently developing a mid-year report which will include service figures, and updates on goals and objectives. The report and additional information can be accessed on the DCF website.

Maggie Agerton, Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections updated that Secretary Dixon has convened two medication-assisted treatment (MAT) workgroups, one on policy and one on security, to address moving forward with MAT within the prison system. Additionally, 5000 units of naloxone have been ordered that will allow every probation officer in the state to receive two units.

Tracy Shelby, Department of Juvenile Justice

The Department of Juvenile Justice updated that naloxone is now available in all detention facilities and residential commitment programs. Additionally, efforts are being made to provide naloxone in all juvenile assessment centers and screening centers.

Andrew Weatherill, Department of Education

The Department of Education updated that in March 2023, the State Board of Education adopted substance use and abuse student performance standards. These standards aim to ensure all students have the skills and knowledge necessary to confidently make positive decisions for their education, personal growth, and health. Coupled with resiliency education standards, the substance use and abuse standards set clear expectations for students and teachers specific to overall student development success.

Captain Derrick Rahming, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles updated that planning continues for the upcoming Drug Take Back Day.

Captain Jordan Jerris, Department of Military Affairs

The National Guard had no additional updates for DPAC.

Doug Simon, Governor's Office of Policy and Budget

The Governor's Office of Policy and Budget updated that in collaboration with the Department of Health, progress is being made on the First Lady's *The Facts. Your Future.* Campaign.

Ramon Maury, Informed Families

Informed Families updated that the *Lock Your Meds* campaign is currently underway. Additionally, Informed Families is partnering with law enforcement on the Drug Take Back Day.

Melanie Brown-Woofter, Florida Behavioral Health Association

The FBHA received a grant for an apprenticeship program and has enrolled nearly 50 apprentices to create a pipeline of workforce into behavioral health.

Aaron Gerson, 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

The 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida had no additional updates for DPAC.

Dorothy Groover-Skipper, HeartDance Foundation, Inc.

HeartDance Foundation, Inc. serves on the board for the Hillsborough County Antidrug Alliance. The alliance works on various grants and projects, including a training video series for law enforcement, an opioid education plan and toolkit, and tobacco, vaping and marijuana classes for youth.

Vence Monlyn, Keeton Corrections, Inc.

Keeton Corrections, Inc. had no additional updates for the Council.

Eddie Stokes, Florida House of Representatives

The Florida House of Representatives had no additional updates for DPAC.

5. Public Comments/Open Discussion:

No public comments received.

6. Adjournment:

For closing items, Dr. Ladapo reminding DPAC members that the council operates in accordance with the Sunshine Law and members should not discuss DPAC business with other members outside of meetings.

The date for the next DPAC meeting is July 11, 2023.

A motion was entered to adjourn. Motion carried with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.