

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC)
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025**

Meeting Participants

DAC Members Present	Staff	Guests
Nancy Murphy	Sarah Grant	Dr. Francesco Vendrame
Bridget Jennings	Tara Hylton	Lynn Howard
	Katrina Rivers	Elizabeth Forrest
	Jenifer Ballouk	Lucille Beseler
	Laura Corbin	Gregg Laskoski
	Edward Clark	Morgan Panzirer
	Jennifer Waskovich	Joe Balavage
	Amanda Dibley	Jaren Smith

Note: Any DAC member who tried unsuccessfully to participate by phone, should email Sarah Grant (Sarah.Grant@FLHealth.gov) so their absence can be marked as excused.

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Welcome:

Sarah Grant called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Announcements from Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention (BCDP):

Health System Section Administrator Katrina Rivers and Bureau Chief Tara Hylton shared their thanks for all those who volunteer their time and efforts. Thanks to those who attended the recent Florida's State Health Improvement Plan Chronic Diseases and Conditions Priority Area Workgroup, as well as the National Diabetes Month Webinar on 11/7/2025. We will soon be making plans for next year's Bureau WORKSHOP.

National Diabetes Month Webinar included presentations from Dr. Joseph Chebli, who summarized findings and recommendations from the 2025 DAC Legislative Report. The Diabetes Prevention and Management Team also presented statewide updates at the I-10 Corridor Project meeting on 11/10/2025.

Insulin Distribution Program (IDP) Formulary Revision Updates:

Communication plans have been discussed with Bureau of Public Health Pharmacy and Community Health Promotion Program Council Workgroup. Formulary updates will go into effect in January. Phase 1 of communication and training will be provided to county health departments (CHDs) and they will be expanded to health care providers and partners statewide.

The Department will be establishing Insulin Distribution Program liaisons at each CHD and CHD-based pharmacy. The training will include awareness of referral opportunities to Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) programs.

DAC Member Appointments:

BCDP is corresponding with the Office of Legislative Planning in anticipation of updates regarding applicant appointment. Applicants (new or renewing) should receive confirmation after submitting their application. The BCDP will assemble a list of applicants and attempt to verify that all applications have been received. The confirmation email included the number 850-717-9243 to follow up with questions or concerns.

Action: Sarah Grant will verify the list of applicants and follow up with Office of Legislative Planning.

A1C Reporting Protocol:

Dr. Francesco Vendrame summarized the meeting with LabCorp and their capability to generate longitudinal data. DAC would need to provide a protocol with criteria. New York City has a model to review. Tara explained the potential for requesting that 'Diabetes' be added to the existing protocol for notifiable conditions, as well as the potential to collaborate with the Florida Stroke Registry data teams.

Action: DOH team will follow up with the LabCorp points of contact regarding the proposal.

Hypoglycemic Unawareness Education:

There was a discussion about the potential to partner with Bay News 9 and News 13 to bring greater attention to hypoglycemia unawareness. Tara recommended that a representative from the appropriate state agencies, e.g. Department of Transportation, join the next DAC meeting to discuss the issue and current efforts.

Action: Sarah will identify a representative from applicable state agency(ies) that can join the next meeting.

Other Updates:

- Nancy Murphy recently went to Washington, D.C. to advocate for the affordability for insulin and access to obesity treatment.
- A date for the annual meeting between Dr. Joseph Chebli and Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo is pending confirmation.

- Reminder that planning for the 2027 Legislative Report will begin in March 2026.

Public Comment:

Jaren Smith shared development of 3-D video game platform, Heroic Diabetes, that includes all 8 DSMES topics. Heroic Diabetes is an American Diabetes Association-recognized DSMES provider. The platform targets children ages 4-13 with T1D. It is approved as a telehealth service that offers virtual incentives. They have partnered with American Diabetes Association diabetes summer camps, University of Florida, community-based organizations, and school nurses in public school districts. For children with T1D, the DSMES provider can bill the clients' insurance for DSMES services using procedure code G0108 (DSMT, individual, per 30 minutes), which has to be live synchronous. There is no charge for the game itself. Based on pilot outcomes, they hope to make the case for T2D prevention and nutrition education content.

Future Scheduled Meetings:

February 24, 2026, 2-4 p.m. EST

May 19, 2026, 2-4 p.m. EST

Closing and Adjourn:

This conference call meeting was recorded. By staying on the conference call line, all participants agreed to be recorded.