

PALM BEACH COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDER  
OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Proposed amendment to Article I, Section 6, subsection C

Article I, Section 6. Standing Committees

~~C. Addiction Stabilization Unit (ASU) Committee—It shall be responsible for working with the Palm Beach County Health Care District to review ASU patient care and related matters as well as make recommendations related to such when appropriate. Members shall be appointed by the Chairperson.~~

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**PALM BEACH COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE**  
**AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDER (BHSUCOD)**



**Palm Beach County Community Services Department**  
**Office of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorders**  
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# **1. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION AND ROLE**

In 2019, the BCC identified the opioid epidemic, substance use and behavior disorder as a high strategic priority. County Administrator Verdenia Baker established County cross-departmental teams of Department leads and others to achieve the aims of this and other county-wide high strategic priorities, priorities which were renewed by the BCC in 2020 and 2021.

These continuing challenges prompted County leaders and stakeholders to reassess the system of care and to explore ways to improve long-term recovery outcomes and quality of care. The County Drug Czar, along with key strategic partners, has championed these improvements by planning, developing and executing a comprehensive person-centered, recovery-oriented system of care model. (See Section 9)

In 2019, the Palm Beach County Community Services Department operationalized an Opioid Response Steering Committee. In 2021, the steering committee was officially renamed the Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Steering Committee to be in better alignment with the BCC's strategic priority that encompasses both behavioral health and substance use disorders. The Steering Committee approved the March 2022 Master Plan update.

On November 1, 2022, the BCC approved a resolution, Record Number R-2022-1340 (See Section 2) establishing the Palm Beach County Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder (BHSUCOD). On November 15, 2022, the BCC approved the March 2022 Master Plan update.

Pursuant to the Resolution, the role of the BHSUCOD is to enhance the County's capacity and effectiveness in formulating comprehensive, integrated, and effective behavioral health, substance use and co-occurring disorders prevention, treatment, support, and recovery policies, as well as to offer recommendations regarding the County's provision of services to the citizens of Palm Beach County.

## 2. RESOLUTION

**Record Number R-2022-1340, Approved November 1, 2022**

(Edited to include resource links. Actual Resolution can be found at Appendix D)

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health and substance use disorder are major health problems facing the citizens of Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted an Opioid Epidemic Response Plan (the Response Plan) in April of 2017 that identified strategic areas of focus as well as related action steps including appointing a County Drug Czar, designating a lead entity, and establishing an opioid response steering committee to advise and help guide the County's efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Response Plan was intended to satisfy the State's Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund requirement for an opioid response abatement plan pursuant to section 17.42 (4)(c), Florida Statutes (2022); and

**WHEREAS**, the BCC has identified the substance use epidemic including but not limited to opioids, crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine as well as behavioral and substance use disorder as high strategic priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Steering Committee was established in 2019 consistent with the Opioid Response Plan, which was intended, in part, to satisfy the State's Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund requirement for a Task Force to respond to the opioid epidemic pursuant to section 17.42 (4)(b), Florida Statutes (2022); and

**WHEREAS**, the BCC has expressed approval of a person-centered, recovery-oriented system of care focused on quality of care and long-term recovery outcome improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1: Purpose.** There is hereby established the Palm Beach County Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder (BHSUCOD) to enhance the County's capacity and effectiveness in formulating comprehensive, integrated, and effective behavioral health, substance use and co-occurring disorders prevention, treatment, support, and recovery policies, as well as to offer recommendations regarding the County's provision of services to the citizens of Palm Beach County. The BHSUCOD will be supported by the Palm Beach County Community Services Department. The BHSUCOD will increase the coordination and interactions between organizations, agencies and institutions whose mission is to resolve Substance Use and Behavioral Disorders in Palm Beach County.













































































































































































































































































