



Palm Beach County  
Board of County Commissioners



## PBC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS - MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/12/2023 | Time: 2:00pm

### Members/Staff Present

Sharon Burns-Carter, Ariana Ciancio, William Freeman, John Makris, Brent Schillinger, MD., Barbara Shafer, Rae Whitely, Austin Wright, Natalie Kenton, Charles Coyle, Maureen Kielian, and Patrick McNamara. Staff: Dr. James Green, Taruna Malhotra, John Hulick, Jill Singer, Helen Hvizd, and Yolanda Asante

### Members Absent

Lissa Franklin, Ann Berner, Belma Andric, MD., and Al Johnson, Esq.

### Public Members Present

Ian Stone, Ron Dixon, Allen Schwartz, Arlene Ustin, Marilyn Freeman, Mary Henley, Heather Howard, Lauren Zuchman, Micah Robbins, Susan Foley, Monique Brown, Virginia Savietto, Staci Katz, Hailey Henderson, G. Osborne, Whitney Van Arsdale, Michael Morroll, Jon Van Arnam, Alyssa Plaske, John James, Sheila Gaines and Tabitha Kallstein.

### Call to Order

Maureen Kielian called meeting to order at 2:05pm. Members and staff were introduced.

### Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda by John Makris. Second by Ariana Ciancio. Motion passed. No additions, deletions, substitutions.

### Quorum

Yes

### Regular Business

- A. **Community Services Department, Dr. James Green** - Emphasized the importance of working with institutional leaders so that everyone can get help. Thanked everyone for being here and for their hard work.
- B. **Resolution Presentation, Jill Singer – Objective:** What is the resolution? The resolution (R2022-1340) was created because of the opioid epidemic in Palm Beach County (PBC). The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved an Opioid Response Plan (ORP) on April 4, 2017. The resolution was approved on 11/1/2022. Action taken by the BCC: Appointing a County Drug Czar (John Hulick), established an opioid response Advisory Committee instead of a steering committee.
- C. **Member Term Selection** – Lottery pool selection (Al Schwartz). 18 members, 9 at large, 9 ex-officio, 9 Inaugural members. Membership’s term options are 1 yr., 2 yrs., and 3 yrs. William Freeman, Lissa Franklin and Rae Whitely received a 1yr. membership. Sharon Burns-Carter, John Makris and Ariana

Ciancio received 2 yr. memberships. Austin Wright, Brent Schillinger, MD., and Barbara Shafer received 3yr. memberships.

- D. **Operational Guidelines Adoption** – Motion to approve by Patrick McNamara, second by Brent Schillinger, MD. Motion passed.
- E. **Sunshine Law, Conflicts of Interest Training, Helene Hvizd** – There are 28 departments in the county that are all subject to the County and State Code of Ethics and State Sunshine Law. The BCC is the final decision maker.
  - 1. Ethics: Emails are public record when it concerns county business.
  - 2. Two or more members of a public board are not prohibited under the Sunshine Law from meeting together socially, as long as matters that may come before the board are not discussed at such gatherings.
  - 3. Gifts: County and municipal officials, employees and advisory board members may not solicit or accept gifts valued at more than \$100 from lobbyist, principals or employers of lobbyists.
- F. **Master Plan Presentation, John Hulick** – Thanked John Makris for sharing pain/loss because it helped many people in the community. The plan was approved in March 2022. Strong family and society connections are key to beating addiction. The System of Care model serves as a piece of the puzzle that empowers and encourages people. The Steering Committee believes that one overdose death is one too many.

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## Other Business

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- A. Staff Updates: None
- B. Member Updates on Non-Agenda Items: None
- C. Public Comments: Susan, Alan, and Sheila suggested a survey about collaboration at the end of each meeting. Sheila suggested a change to the meeting time; add a virtual aspect to the meeting to obtain more input and attendees. Alan Schwartz shared that he worked at Mandala 30 years ago (Detox Dept.)

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## Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn the meeting by Natalie Kenton. Second by Patrick McNamara. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2023 | Time: 2:00pm | Location: Mandala Healing Center, Community Room - 5408 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL. 33407