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

Date: 11/15/2023 | Time: 1:00pm

## Prevention and Education

### Members/Staff Present

Jay Kuchera, MD, Jezebel Maisonet, Cassandra Smith Burney, Micah Robbins, Pamela Westberg, Barbara Shafer, Maureen Kielian, Sandy Sisson, Daniel Oria, Marcus Kluckowski, Lauren Zuchman

Edits/additions to Dr. Ellen Jones [esjones@pbcgov.org](mailto:esjones@pbcgov.org)

### Objective of the Meeting

Review Subcommittee charge and suggest actions going forward and responsible organizations/individuals. Barbara Shaffer made a motion to accept the Minutes. Austin Wright seconded the motion.

Motion to accept minutes from 3/23, 5/23, 7/23 and 9/23: Barbara Shafer

### Poll (results from all Subcommittees)

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Marcus Kluckowski (Palm Beach County Schools) shared that organizations like Hanley and Life Skills present in schools at invitation. Trauma Care boxes and Vaping boxes are available in person and virtually. 9 Schools participate in an opioid grant and must teach substance use disorder. 80% of school staff must complete the Youth Mental Health First Aid program. This is 8 hours in person or 6 hours online. The state requires 5 hours of mental health education per year in grades 6-12 which includes SUD. The curriculum is being revised now. Evaluation of current efforts is an emerging need in PBCS.

Maureen shared this article: [https://health.wusf.usf.edu/npr-health/2023-11-09/just-say-no-didnt-actually-protect-students-from-drugs-heres-what-could?utm\\_source=Stay+Connected+with+WUSF&utm\\_campaign=daea8a8d31-HNF\\_NEWSLETTER\\_11\\_14\\_2023\\_GA\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4f80ebb8c6-daea8a8d31-249771253&mc\\_cid=daea8a8d31&mc\\_eid=126649db55](https://health.wusf.usf.edu/npr-health/2023-11-09/just-say-no-didnt-actually-protect-students-from-drugs-heres-what-could?utm_source=Stay+Connected+with+WUSF&utm_campaign=daea8a8d31-HNF_NEWSLETTER_11_14_2023_GA_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4f80ebb8c6-daea8a8d31-249771253&mc_cid=daea8a8d31&mc_eid=126649db55) [health.wusf.usf.edu]

## Prevention and Education Priorities 2023 d

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Initiate Good Samaritan Law awareness efforts	Rebel, HUBs, BH Coal, Health Council Micah	PBSO video on web Rebel 2x/wk Others 2x/mo In Process	PBSO poc retired Add law to website
Share written school education requirements with members	Micah	Complete; suggest learning staff education reqs	See
Summarize status of school presentations	Micah Tessa	New regulations of approval of content are emerging	Need to include Mental Health
Write anecdotes about schools	Micah Tessa	Not yet started	
Invite county school district leaders to May meeting	Dr Jones  Invite a Deputy Supt. – Micah	Michael Kanusky joined Subcte 7/19 representing PBCSD	
Continue to educate about Narcan	Rebel Micah	Complete 100% of Schools have Narcan/Naloxone	
Advocate for family training in and out of schools	Micah	Eg. CRAFT/ COPE	

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Date: 11/15/2023 | Time: 2:00pm

## Treatment and Recovery

### Members/Staff Present

Pamela Westberg, Darcy Hamilton, Katherine Murphy, Marsha Martino, Shelby Swiderski, Sandy Sisson, Maureen Kilean, Diane Jehle, Daniel Oria, Micah Robbins, Matt Kluckowski

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### Objective of the Meeting

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Daniel Oria made a motion to adopt minutes from 3/23,5/23,7/23 and 9 23

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Jay Kuchera explained Opioid Collapse as medical use of opioids that gets discontinued after individuals become dependent. The medical community needs help addressing opioid care. There is an increase in pain and opioid attachment. He suggests targeting efforts to providers / prescribers. There is a problem because providers avoid opioid patients. Need "Good Samaritan" support.

## Actions Proposed

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Implement neutral care coordination (move from treatment centric)	CSD,SEFBHN, CFS	2 year Pilot Program In Process	NCC discussed with Ms Baker, Chief Duran  Dr Jones get preliminary data
Develop proposal for staffing a neutral care coordination entity to assist warm hand offs	CSD	In Process	
Advocate for options for MAT	FARR Heidi Metheny	Storage/use templates complete	ed/training has been added to FARR website
Adopt MOUs for data sharing		Not Yet Started	
Opioid Collapse	Presentation by Dr Jay Kutchera or States' Atty		

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Date: 11/15/2023 | Time: 3:00pm

## Public Policy

## Members/Staff Present

Marsha Martino, Patrick McNamara, Dinae Jehle, Matt Kluckowski, Daniel Oria, Weston Probst, Jezebel Maisonet, Micah Robbins, Pamela Westberg, Staci Katz, Andy McCausland, Maureen Kiliean

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## Objective of the Meeting

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Micah Robbins made a motion to accept minutes from 3/23, 5/23, 7/23 and 9/23

Weston Probst seconded the motion

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The group recommended the first Action as an overarching Action Recommendation.

Weston Probst will contact Kasey Denny to assist the Subcommittee with legislative updates. FLMHAC also has an update that Marsha will share. Dr Jones will get on the mailing list.

Rep. Patrick Garrison has been vocal about MH as a priority.

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## Actions Proposed

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ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Review other Subcommittee actions to collaborate on policy approaches	Dr Jones	In Process	
Invite decision makers to participate	Richard, Todd will be invited; invite Al Johnson Micah Robbins and John Makris	In Process	
Invite NAMI and MHA	Katherine Murphy and Marsha Martino participate	Completed	
Articulate policy priorities	Focus FY 24 – local Fy 25 -State	In Process	Evidenced in Master Plan revision
Legislative staff	Spring – Committee	In Process	Following revision
Engage Managing Entity	Patrick will invite Ann Burner	In Process	

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Date: 11/15/2023 | Time: 4:00pm

## Justice and Public Safety

### Members/Staff Present

Matt Kluckowski, Pamela Westberg, Staci Katz, Diane Jehle, Daniel Oria

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The Subcommittee recommends moving the RCI Action to Monitoring and Evaluation.

## Actions Proposed

Communicate RCI deployment and results	Dr Jones get #s	Community Services Department	Contract w Commonly Well	
Work with law enforcement and courts to case manage offenders (misdemeanors) and provide treatment options for BH, SUD and Co-Occurring.			Need choice of treatment facilities	Include Mental Health Coordinate with Public Policy
Identify messengers (spokespersons) who can deliver intentional messages	Families First Ariana Marcia Matino NAMI MHA CSD staff	Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee	In Process	Need intentional messages and FAQs
Demonstrate results through efforts like COSSAP and MAPS; fund peer support programs	Heather Howard		In Progress Preliminary Report	
Emphasize residential and treatment services that include housing for severe MI and co-occurring disorders. Assure they can gain stability and life skills.				
Fund more peer to peer efforts in SUD, MI, Justice, and corrections				



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Date: 11/16/2023 | Time: 1:00pm

## Evaluation and Measurement

### Members/Staff Present

Dominique Simon, Daniel Oria, Ariana Ciancio, Pamela Westberger

Edits/Corrections to Dr Ellen Jones [esjones@pbcgov.org](mailto:esjones@pbcgov.org)

### Objective of the Meeting

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Daniel shared tht we need a plan to monitor the supply side i.e. how to evaluate efforts to get drugs off the streets. How can the County monitor this?

Dominique shared that when we talk about the individual, we need to also include families. This is important in evaluation and monitoring as well as evaluating direct services to individuals.

## Actions Proposed

ACTION	EVIDENCE	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Dashboard for shared data (collaborate, coordinate, evaluate and disseminate)			OD2A mo. Reports Commonly Well dashboard BeWell Dashboard Com Svcs Dashboard	Public access?
Deploy partner collaboration tool	Data TBD from tool	Dr Heather Howard, Dr Ellen Jones	Collected <10 Emailed 7/20	Distribute at all meetings Complete follow-up calls as needed
Identify options for MAT in the county		FARR Dr Jones ask for #s Heidi SEFBHN	In Progress	
Employ RCI broadly		CSD Dr Jones ask for #s		
Use overdose mapping and HIDTA data		OD2A Whitney		
Ask law enforcement what data they can contribute		Ariana		

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Date: 11/16/2023 | Time: 2:00pm

## Essential Services

### Members/Staff Present

Brent Schillinger, Thomas DeBartolo, Frank Whiting, Heidi Metheny, Maureen Kiliean

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### Objective of the Meeting

Review Subcommittee charge and suggest actions going forward and responsible organizations/individuals.

Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Maureen Kiliean

### Poll (results from all Subcommittees)

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The group suggested moving several Actions to other Subcommittees.

Move Opioid Court Program to Justice System and Public Safety

Move MAT to Treatment and Recovery

Move faith based effort to Faith Based

Move track ASU transitions to ASU

Discussion included Z Codes now used by many healthcare facilities to document Social Determinants of Health. This is especially true for Medicare reimbursement. Committee would like to explore how to get that data for PBC.

## Actions Proposed

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Advocate for Opioid Court Program that embraces neutral care and essential services		Enacted 7/23	Ask Nancy McCollum @ Rebel
Crate an up to date list of recovery oriented care options in the County. Include FARR COSSUP MAT Others	SEFBHN Nikki NAATP Neurobehavioral health RCCs CSD Ellen & Heidi	In Process	Does HUB have a list?
Identify options for MAT in the county	SEFBN ASU Dr Jones ask Heidi	In Process	Best practices
Identify faith-based entities willing to be "first responder" in neutral care recovery	Mitch Eg. Recovery Church		
Implement housing pilot program	John Hulick Ariana	In Process	
Establish a high school recovery program		Jxnville Port Ritchie Orlando	Assoc of recovery schools
Track transitions of care from ASU	Dr Jones get #s from Natalie		
Expand permanent ,supportive			

housing options for MI			
Encourage Medical providers to use Z scores to diagnose social determinants of health			
Provide supportive services for families (training and resources) addressing addiction			

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Date: 11/16/2023 | Time: 3:00pm

## Faith Based

### Members/Staff Present

Sandy Sisson, Linda Lane, Daniel Oria, Jezebel Maisonet, Mitch Thompson

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### Objective of the Meeting

Review Subcommittee charge and suggest actions going forward and responsible organizations/individuals.

Motion to accept minute from 3/23, 5/23, 7/23, 9/23 Sandy Sisson

Second Mitch Thompson

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## Actions Proposed

ACTION	EVIDENCE	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Deploy RCI through churches and use results		Commonly Well	Complete at Recovery Churches	
Fund pastors' associations to educate church leaders about recovery centered resources including HUBS (Church United and Hispanic Association of Churches)	Culture of acceptance increases success	Group to email Jill FB contacts Dr Jones Mitch	In Process	
Invite other faith-based leaders to next meeting		Mitch Dr Jones	2 new members this meeting	Community of Hope (Kurt) Calvary Jupiter, Ft Lauderdale Shawn Allen Pastor Troy
Continue to support faith-based entities willing to be "first responder" in neutral care recovery	Stigma impacts response and participation			

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Date: 11/16/2023 | Time: 4:00pm

## Addiction Stabilization Unit Members Present

Ariana Ciancio, Pamela Westberg, Ann Berner, John Van Arnam, Daniel Oria, Patrick McNamara, Maureen Kielian, Linda Kane, Diane Jehle, Kim Hilliard, Melissa McKinley, Pat Beall (stet news)

## Staff Present: Dr. Ellen Jones

Edits/additions to Dr. Ellen Jones esjones@pbcgov.org

## Objective of the Meeting

Review Subcommittee charge and suggest actions going forward and responsible organizations/individuals.

Charge: 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.

## Poll (results from all Subcommittees)

How familiar are you with the Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-occurring Disorders Plan (the Master Plan)? Total from eight Subcommittee participants in %

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## Actions Proposed

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS	NOTES
Serve as identified vehicle to seek input: invite other leaders	Maureen to invite Neurobehavioral (Beau Lynch) Dr Jones to follow up	In Progress	
Improve coordinated discharge from ASUs		Recent changes See discussion	
State's (FL) has 12 ASU sites; what can we learn	Dr Jones	In Progress	Contact Courtney; these were modeled after JFK
Change discharge language to "30,60,90,120" days	ASU Dr Kean All members	Complete	

### Discussion

Suggest BHSUDCOD work with HCD to rewrite the charge to this group

The ASU is not acting as a Unit but more like an ER; there are no dedicated beds

JFK has not participated in this Subcommittee

This Subcommittee should serve as a vehicle to seek input from citizens and partners

Melissa McKinley shared that the County should identify a new site; families in crisis have nowhere to go

Suggest Dr. Green join us

Jon Van Arnam shared that the HCD is trying to expand Mangonia and Delray in the short term

Long term includes a feasibility study that will be presented to HCD and then BCC

Melissa McKinley shared that the ASU is not working and funds should be redirected

ER bed is not what the intent was at the ribbon cutting

She suggested HCD should pull out and find another site

JFK is unwilling to dedicate beds

The group embraced endorsing an ASU and suggested Dr Kean is an asset

This is a reflection on the leadership at JFK not the clinical staff

Other hospitals may complain if JFK offers no unique services and is paid anyway

John Van Arnam shared that the feasibility study will be presented to HCD on Dec 14 (open meeting)

Members of this Subcommittee can participate via Zoom

After the HCD meeting, it will be scheduled for a BCC Workshop

Then the study will be shared with community partners

Question: Can we cancel JFK contract? Jon shared that it has not been renewed to date. Being considered.

The HCD can transport individuals from one HCD facility to another.

Short term suggestion: Subcommittee to write a letter to BCC based on urgency of the situation

Encourage BCC to take this up in January

A Commissioner can ask that it be added to the Workshop

The contract with JFK expired 9/30; encourage Community Services not to renew

Patrick McNamara suggested that an after action review is needed

This would help us understand implementation problems and process of drop off and walk up for clients

The new facility for ASU needs to have 30,60, 90 day planning

Dominique suggests discharge plans need to engage families to prevent relapse and overdose

Current discharge planning was done by Rebel, HCD and SEPHBN

Kelly Carter may have a discharge form

Jon Van Arnam will ask Verdenia Baker when she wants this on the BCC agenda

ASU contract can be discussed in December

Community Services needs to share decision about the contract

Maureen will make calls regarding the contract and BCC Workshop agenda

The group scheduled a follow up meeting for Nov 30 at 4 pm. Dr Jones will send a notice to all

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55

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