



Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners



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

Date: 12/06/2023 | Time: 1:00pm

Prevention and Education

Members/Staff Present

Daniel Oria, Cassandra Smith, Alexa Lee, Frank Whiting

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.

Poll (results from all Subcommittees)

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

Somewhat	40%
Very	40%
Highly	20%

The group reviewed strategies proposed in January 2023 to crosswalk actions with current priorities.

Prevention and Education Priorities 2023

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	Michael Kanusky joined Subcte 7/19 representing PBCSD	
Continue to educate about Narcan	Rebel Micah	Complete	
Advocate for family training in and out of schools	Micah	Eg. CRAFT/ COPE	

Prevention and Education Priorities 2023

ACTION	STATUS	NOTES
Support integrated (Community Services and PBCSchools) efforts by		
Advocate for family training in and out of schools	Eg. CRAFT/ COPE	

PE (Strategies) January 2023

Develop prevention programs at different levels (individual, family, school, faith-based organizations) that are tailored to specific target population needs.

Develop, disseminate community readiness surveys and results to inform development of targeted interventions.

Create dashboard reporting on current trends and mapping by zip code.

Develop a Countywide Strategic Prevention Framework which targets specific community conditions to reduce opportunities for substance use and to enhance healthy lifestyle choices.

Educate the community regarding:

- Impact of substance use on brain development.
- Narcan deployment, safe storage / disposal of prescription drugs (i.e. pill drops and drug take back programs)
- How to select providers, avoid unethical providers; and, navigate insurance coverage.

Train educators on early warning signs and symptoms of mental and substance use disorders and school nurses on evidence-based assessment screening tools.

Advocate for mental illness, substance use disorder and trauma training in schools of medicine and pharmacy; and with emergency room and healthcare professionals, first responders and pharmacists.

Develop a Good Samaritan Law public awareness campaign.

Establish a media committee responsible for developing a communications plan.

- Completed
- Deferred
- Need to use RCI, OD2A, ME data
- Master Plan
- Completed
- In Process
- Not yet started
- Completed
- PBC communications

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Treatment and Recovery

Members/Staff Present

Frank Whiting

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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		

Treatment and Education Priorities

ACTION	STATUS	NOTES
Advocate for options for MAT and evaluate efforts	Storage/use templates complete	ed/training has been added to FARR website
Target efforts to address use disorder and pain to prescribers and support the medical community in peer education		

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Public Policy

Members/Staff Present

Patrick McNamara, Daniel Oria, Frank Whiting

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Motion to adopt November Minutes: Patrick McNamara

Second: Frank Whiting

Patric McNamara led member discussion that this Subcommittee should be the vehicle for the Master Plan Update. Suggested title modifications to include implementation of ROSC. The Subcommittee encouraged Patrick to make a motion to the Advisory Committee.

Actions Proposed

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	

Priority Actions

RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
Richard, Todd will be invited; invite Al Johnson Micah Robbins and John Makris	In Process
Articulate 2024 policy priorities local and state	In Process
Share MP Update with legislative staff from PBC	In Process
Engage Managing Entity in this Subcommittee	In Process

PP How (strategies)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCC enactment of ordinance designating lead entity granting it leadership, budget, planning and monitoring authority. • Advocate for the reinstatement of statewide Drug Czar’s Office and dedicated funding for it. • Advocate for policies and legislation which advance person-centered, recovery-oriented systems of care that are readily accessible and integrated. • Advocate for policies and legislation that improve standards of care including: integration of behavioral and primary health care; adoption of standards of care that are person-centered and recovery-oriented aimed at improving long-term outcomes; and, requirements needed for provider licensure. • Advocate for Medicaid expansion. • Educate the community on how to report non-compliance with parity laws. • Transfer regulatory responsibility for mental and substance use disorder services from Department of Children and Families to the Department of Health. • Advocate that the Florida Opioid Abatement Task Force have at least one physician and at least one representative from an organization that works with individuals with mental, substance use and/or co-occurring disorders and at least one person to represent parents of loss, individuals with lived experience, or individuals in recovery. • Develop spending plan for settlement funds that is strictly for funding mental health, substance use and co-occurring disorder services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • Not a Priority for this Group • ROSC • Advocate for resources (Skills, \$) to enforce standards of care • On-going • Ask Marsha • • Delete • State level policy • Master Plan is spending plan

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

Justice and Public Safety

Members/Staff Present

Daniel Oria, Frank Whiting

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

The group suggested moving the housing action to Essential Services.

Both participants noted more funding has become available for peer efforts in SUD, MI, Justice and Corrections.

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.				
Fund more peer to peer efforts in SUD, MI, Justice, and corrections				

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Evaluation and Measurement

Members/Staff Present

No members present.

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

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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		

EM Priorities

ACTION	STATUS
Dashboard for shared data (collaborate, coordinate, evaluate and disseminate) Include law enforcement data and data on families	OD2A mo. Reports Commonly Well dashboard BeWell Dashboard Com Svcs Dashboard
Identify options for MAT in the county. COSSUP has a comprehensive list. FARR has a list but includes MAT limitations.	In Progress
Employ RCI broadly and use results with clients, policy makers, families, community and partners.	

EM_How (strategies)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate, coordinate, evaluate and disseminate with the Department of Health (O2DA) to obtain and share timely mental and/or substance disorder related data (i.e. RCI, overdose, Narcan deployment, mobile crisis, ER visits) from hospitals, fire rescue, law enforcement, Health Care District, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network and Medical Examiners Office through a dashboard and other means. • Identify entities that are currently not reporting data and advocate for them to be required to do so. • Deploy RCI specifically with providers and more broadly in the community in order to collect data to determine success in achieving improvements in long-term recovery outcomes as well as overall community wellness. • Utilize Overdose Mapping (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)) data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • In Process • Complete • Complete

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

Essential Services

Members/Staff Present

Brent Schillinger, Diane Jhele

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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			

Essential Services Priorities

ACTION	STATUS
Crate an up to date list of recovery oriented care options in the County. Include FARR COSSUP MAT Others	In Process
Implement housing pilot program	In Process
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: 12/07/2023 | Time: 3:00pm

Faith Based

Members/Staff Present

No members present on 12/7/23

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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			

Faith Based Priorities

ACTION	STATUS
Deploy RCI through churches and use results	Complete at Recovery Churches
Fund pastors' associations to educate church leaders about recovery centered resources including HUBS (Church United and Hispanic Association of Churches)	In Process
Continue to support faith-based entities willing to be "first responder" in neutral care recovery	In Process

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

Addiction Stabilization Unit Members Present

Ariana Ciancio, Daniel Oria, Patrick McNamara, Frank Whiting, John Hulick, Micah Robbins, Taruna Malhotra, Dr James Green, Brent Schillinger, Barb Shafer, William Jackson, Maureen Kielian, Linda Kane, Diane Jehle

JFK

Dr. Deb Perrin-Davis, CNO

Robyn Welch, COO Behavioral Health

Collette Cattafi, Director of ED

Narupa Baldeosingh, Director of Communications & Community Engagement

Dr. Keehn, Director of Emergency Services and Palm Beach EMS

Dr. William Jackson, ACO

Antonio Castelan, HCA Division Director of Media

Staff Present: Dr. Ellen Jones

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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 %

Somewhat	40%
Very	40%
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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	

Dr. Davis gave an update stating that addiction services are being provided by JFK. There has been disagreement about how the services are being provided (a dedicated Unit or ER) JFK prioritizes based on status, triage, and protocol

Dr Keehn shared that originally there were 10 dedicated beds but the effort is now moved to "ER B"

Beds are close to the ER and patients who need high dose suboxone can be stabilized quickly

JFK has a Social Worker and Health Care District case manager (1.8 FTE each) nearly full time. They are on call overnight as needed.

An After Action Review was suggested and Dr Green indicated this is a typical part of evaluating county programs and expenditures. Community Services will assess what is needed in terms of next steps. Dr Green is looking to the review, advice of the Advisory Committee and the Master Plan Update to inform next steps.

John Hulick stated that the After Action Review fits into the current scope of evaluation work with FAU and will be completed without delay. The Master Plan Update and Settlement Recommendations will be part of a coordinated effort.

Wrap up comments included the need to understand lessons learned in other ASUs in Florida and the importance of connecting to essential services and behavioral health.

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