



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Data Analysis Subcommittee

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September 21, 2022
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner Jay Reeve called the Data Analysis Subcommittee to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Aaron Platt, quorum established.

Attendance Summary

Members in Attendance

Commissioner Jay Reeve	Sue Gallagher
Commissioner Simone Marsteller	Laura Diaz de Arce
Commissioner Kathleen Moore	Commissioner Larry Rein
Commissioner Raymond Gadd	Heather Flynn
Commissioner Uma Suryadevara	Annette Christy

Approval of Minutes

July meeting minutes approved virtually (by email) after the meeting.

Interim Report Draft Discussion

Commissioner Reeve – Expressed wanting to focus on the draft report.

Commissioner Moore – Not many updates since last iteration of report. How would the subcommittee like us to roll out the report, the flow of the report?

Heather Flynn – Not a lot of changes suggested in Tampa meeting, mainly clarifications. This group may want to suggest changes

Commissioner Moore – Send comments back by Tuesday (September 27) and we can incorporate them into report and send back out by Friday (September 30).

Commissioner Reeve – Can we do right now a high-level overview so the subcommittee can see where we are going with it.

Commissioner Moore – Aim 1, formalize stakeholder coalition, identifying key stakeholders. Aim 2, create a Florida data repository that would include data from organizations such as DCF, AHCA, DJJ and FDLE (amongst others).



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Heather Flynn – The business subcommittee’s work sounds like it has a lot of overlap with this subcommittee. Harmonization needed to ensure the subcommittees are not duplicating work.

Sue Gallagher – Broward’s data collaborative is not an established data repository. Not completely there yet but is moving towards.

Heather Flynn - Aim 3 gets us into the analysis of the data. Access and characteristics of the people being served. Must first get data, harmonize data, clean data. Additional recommendations unrelated to aims include implementing a mixed methods approach that includes qualitative component to inform/contextualize the data, implement innovative technology, identify community strengths and assets, create a behavioral health network of resources, and identify additional analysis points and information.

Sue Gallagher – Some of the additional recommendations seem to be related to the aims.

Commissioner Moore – We will go back and make sure the report and recommendations are integrated appropriately.

Annette Christy – Concerns with the use of the word “surveillance”. Think it would be viewed as “big brother”. Think a more appropriate description would be “outcome”. It’s not surveillance, it’s really data sets that are kept in an inventory.

Commissioner Rein – That’s a great point. The use of the word surveillance may be viewed negatively.

Annette Christy – At the last Stoneman Douglas meeting, Sheriff Gualtieri discussed how the Florida state schools portal is not effective, it was well intentioned, but it is not being used. It’s the same sort of thing, pulls in data from different sources. This is already existing, and we want to create even more and broader, but it is not effective.

Laura Diaz de Arce – I’m hearing less of “surveillance” and more as an overall picture of how services are implemented and if they are effective. Maybe re-wording would help.

Heather Flynn – The term surveillance is actually a public health methodological term that helps monitor high risk public health events. It is not surveillance of individuals, but regions. Since this is aspirational and somewhat controversial, it can be tabled.

Commissioner Marstiller – Everyone understands the reluctance to use the word surveillance. We are trying to enable a public health response to the way we approach mental health in the state of Florida. This is a recommendation for a language change.



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Annette Christy – Be clear that we are talking about the community and not individuals.

Commissioner Reeve – Based on the discussion and the addition of tweaks, and knowing folks may present further revisions, is everyone comfortable with making a motion to accept the report.

Sue Gallagher – Makes motion to accept report.

Commissioner Suryadevara – Seconds motion.

Commissioner Gadd – Will we have the chance to review again before final submission?

Commissioner Moore – If all edits are in by Tuesday the 27th, we can turn it around by the 29th and submit first thing Friday the 30th.

Commissioner Reeve – All comments should go to Aaron. Motion passes.

Commissioner Moore – The challenge will be getting this going, moving it forward.

Heather Flynn – What are next steps. Is there an update on extending the Commission? Any guidance on implementation of this?

Chair Prummell – No pushback with regards to extending the Commission but still need to have meeting with Legislature to discuss. We have short, medium, and long-term goals and the long-term goals will not be complete by next September.

Heather Flynn – Low-hanging fruit would be dove-tailing with the AHCA/DCF initiative. Would that be feasible?

Commissioner Reeve – Yes. We must start thinking about the make-up of stakeholder groups.

Commissioner Suryadevara – We should divide the report into short term, medium and long-term goals and then identify which ones overlap with other committees. Makes it more concrete on how to move forward.

Public Comment

No public comment.

In-Person Meeting

Aaron – Will be here in Tallahassee on October 18 and 19, 2022. Will follow same structure as August meeting, one and a half days, presentations the first day with report review the second.



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Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned around 11:15pm.