

**OPIOID TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

JUNE 08, 2023

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, Esq., CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

10:00 A.M.

**WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER, BOARD ROOM 1ST FLOOR
8731 CITIZENS DRIVE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34654**

Members:

Paula Baracaldo, Chairman
Support Services Director, Public Services

Captain Toni Roach - **ABSENT**
Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Jeremy Sidlauskas
Deputy Chief of Administration, Fire Rescue

Derek Brewer
Police Chief, City of Zephyrhills

Lauren Letona, - **ABSENT**
Deputy Chief, City of New Port Richey Police
Department

Art Rowand
Retired Pasco County, Sheriff's Office
Sergeant

Trang Chitakone
Administrator, Florida Department of Health
in Pasco County

Michelle Hudson, MSW - **ABSENT**
Supervisor of Social Work, Pasco
County School Board

The Honorable Judge Shawn Crane
Sixth Judicial Circuit Court

Parnia Roghani
Co-chair, Pasco County Alliance for
Substance Addiction Prevention (ASAP)

Darlene Marshello - **ABSENT**
Program Director, Agency for Community
Treatment Services

Tracey Kaly
Director of Clinical Operations, BayCare
Behavioral Health

Legal Counsel:

Jordan Wolfgram

Staff:

Brian Hoben – Community Services, Community Services Director
Lori Bushway – Administrative Assistant for Support Services
April Anderson – Community Services, Administrative Assistant
Nicole O'Neill – Administrative Assistant for Support Services

Call to Order

Madam Chair Baracaldo called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Ms. Meaghan Legnini, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Welcome and Introductions

There was none.

Roll Call

Ms. Legnini called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Michelle Hudson, Captain Toni Roach, Deputy Chief Lauren Letona, and Ms. Darlene Marshello who were absent.

Public Comment

Madam Chair Baracaldo called for public comment.

Pastor Jen Kerouac, Shady Hills Mission Chapel, spoke regarding rural areas of the County, the need for more programs and facilities, that unified collaboration between organizations was needed, that she prayed for the Committee, that her facility was open to collaborate with the Committee, other organizations her facility was currently collaborating with, and the need to identify and eradicate challenges.

Ms. Amy Hicks spoke regarding the need to collaborate and identify the needs of the community, help that was needed in the detox arena, post treatment resources, and her advocacy for community-based services. She thanked the Committee for their efforts.

Ms. Julia Pauls, End Recidivism Project, thanked the Committee for their work on the Task Force. She spoke regarding the need for a respite center in Pasco County, that people were currently being taken out of the County for recovery, and the need for a centralized hub with multiple resources available.

Mr. Thomas Harold, Coming Home Coalition, noted that he and others who had previously spoken had formed an all-encompassing hub of resources. He spoke regarding a zoom regarding all of the programs available that was planned.

New Business

1 OTF Application

The Committee approved to extend the deadline to July 14, 2023 and extend the next meeting to August 7, 2023, doing those appropriately so there was more time for submissions and the additional amount discussed.

Approval of Minutes

2 OTF Meeting Minutes 3/27/23

The Committee approved the March 27, 2023 meeting Minutes with the amendment to the members section to reflect Ms. Roghani was with ASAP and not Live Tampa Bay.

Old Business

Ms. Roghani noted there was a 3rd Annual Townhall meeting on the upcoming Wednesday 5:00 p.m. at the Starkey Ranch Library.

Madam Chair Baracaldo summarized the discussion that was held during the meeting and confirmed the date of the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Prepared by: Meaghan Legnini, Deputy Clerk, Board Records Division