OPIOID TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING

ANNOTATED AGENDA

AUGUST 9, 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

Jeremy Sidlauskas
Deputy Chief of Administration, Fire Rescue

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

Trang Chitakone
Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Pasco County

The Honorable Judge Shawn Crane
Sixth Judicial Circuit Court

Darlene Marchello **- Absent**
Program Director, Agency for Community Treatment Services

Captain Toni Roach
Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Derek Brewer
Police Chief, City of Zephyrhills

Art Rowand
Retired Pasco County Sheriff's Office Sergeant

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

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

Tracey Kaly
Director of Clinical Operations, BayCare Behavioral Health

Legal Counsel:

Jordan Wolfgram, Assistant County Attorney
Robin Rogers, Assistant County Attorney

Staff:

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

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Call to Order

Madam Chair Baracaldo called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Ms. Jessica Popplewell, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Welcome and Introductions

Madam Chair Baracaldo introduced and welcomed Ms. Robin Rogers, Assistant County Attorney, Ms. Hilary Bruno, Community Development Manager, Mr. Connor Donovan, Budget Analyst for the Office of Management and Budget, and Ms. Lori Bushway, Administrative Assistant.

Roll Call

Ms. Popplewell called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Marshello who was absent.

Public Comment

Madam Chair Baracaldo reviewed the procedures to be followed.

Madam Chair Baracaldo called for public comment.

Ms. Katherine Fuentes, WeeCare Inc., spoke regarding a request concerning out of state presenters.

New Business

1 Opioid Treatment, Prevention, and Recovery Fund Project Presentations

The Committee approved to move project numbers 2, 13, and 18 to be presented first.

The Committee approved to reject projects number one, Chain Breakin Recovery: The Now Place, project three, Loving Hands Ministries Inc.: Dade City Building #1 Renovation, and Project number six, Marching Forward Stomping Out Opioid Addiction: Be The Voice.

Project 1 - Chain Breakin Recovery: The Now Place

The project was not eligible due to not meeting the requirements.

The Committee approved to reject projects number one, Chain Breakin Recovery: The Now Place, project three, Loving Hands Ministries Inc.: Dade City Building #1 Renovation, and Project number six, Marching Forward Stomping Out Opioid Addiction: Be The Voice.

Project 2 - GMBAC Education Center and NAEH Media Group: Exploring Eastern Strength: Youth Opioid Education and Prevention Camp

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 3 - Loving Hands Ministries Inc.: Dade City Building #1 Renovation

The project was not eligible due to not meeting the requirements.

The Committee approved to reject projects number one, Chain Breakin Recovery: The Now Place, project three, Loving Hands Ministries Inc.: Dade City Building #1 Renovation, and Project number six, Marching Forward Stomping Out Opioid Addiction: Be The Voice.

Project 4 - WestCare GulfCoast- Florida, Inc.: Pasco Opioid Community Crisis Initiative (POCCI)

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 5 - Ace Opportunities : Path to Stability & Self Sufficiently

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 6 - Marching Forward Stomping Out Opioid Addiction: Be The Voice

The project was not eligible due to not meeting the requirements.

The Committee approved to reject projects number one, Chain Breakin Recovery: The Now Place, project three, Loving Hands Ministries Inc.: Dade City Building #1 Renovation, and Project number six, Marching Forward Stomping Out Opioid Addiction: Be The Voice.

Project 7 - Cryoeeze22 Inc.: Veteran Support

A representative was not present.

The item was for information only. No action was required.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 10:12 A.M. AND RETURNED AT 10:22 A.M.

Project 8 - Inmar Intelligence: Consumer Drug Take Back – Pasco County

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 9 - Florida Recovery Schools of Tampa Bay, Inc.: Victory High School

The Committee approved to receive and file documents submitted by Ms. Tina Miller.

MS. ROGHANI LEFT THE MEETING AT 1:09 P.M. AND DID NOT RETURN.

Project 10 - BayCare Behavioral Health Inc.: Advancing Opiate Treatment and Recovery – Urgent Care Center

Ms. Kaly and Ms. Roghani noted they would recuse themselves from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

Project 11 - The Hope Shot, Inc.: Continuum Project

Mr. Rowand noted he was going to recuse himself from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

Project 12 - Chapters Health Foundation, Inc. for Pasco County; Hope Over Substance: Overdose Loss Community Grief Support

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 13 - University of Florida Extension Pasco County: Mental Health First Aid Wellness Program

Madam Chair Baracaldo and Mr. Jeremy Sidauskas noted they would recuse themselves from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

Project 14 - Steps to Recovery, Inc.: Trouble Creek Recovery Center

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 15 - Recovery Epicenter Foundation: >5% Campaign

The Committee approved to receive and file documents submitted by Ms. Amy Hicks.

Project 16 - Florida Treatment Services: Step Up

The item was for information only. No action was required.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 11:51 A.M. AND RETURNED AT 12:02 P.M.

Project 17 - Premier Community Healthcare Group, Inc.: Expansion of Support Services – Behavioral Health/ Substance Use Disorder

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 18- WeeCare, Inc.: Back2Work

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 19 - Pasco Kids First: Mobile Opioid/ Substance and Child Abuse Prevention Project

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 20 - Alliance for Healthy Communities Inc: Pasco Alliance Expansion Project (PAE Project)

Ms. Kaly, Captain Roach, Ms. Roghani, Mr. Rowand, and Ms. Chitakone noted that they would recuse themselves from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

Project 21 - Operation PAR: Expanding Access and Infrastructure for Opioid Recovery in Pasco County

The item was for information only. No action was required.

Project 22 - Pasco County Libraries: Social Work Training and Support for Public Services Employees

Madam Chair Baracaldo and Mr. Sidlauskas noted they would recuse themselves from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

Project 23 - Heather Ross Coaching LLC: Families Supporting Change

The Committee approved to receive and file documents submitted by Ms. Heather Ross.

Project 24 - Shady Hills Mission Chapel: Pasco CARES: Projects Inside Out

Madam Chair Baracaldo and Mr. Sidlauskas noted that they would recuse themselves from the vote due to a Conflict of Interest.

2 Financial Stability Scoring

The item was for information only. No action was required.

3 Ranking and Funding Allocations

The item was not discussed.

Approval of Minutes

4 OTF Meeting Minutes 06-08-23

The Committee approved the June 8, 2023, OTF meeting Minutes.

Old Business

Madam Chair Baracaldo noted the next regular meeting was scheduled for October 30, 2023, and noted that it might change.

Committee Reports

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Prepared by: Kayla Zine, Deputy Clerk, Board Records Division