

**OPIOID TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

OCTOBER 30, 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
Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Jeremy Sidlauskas - **ABSENT**
Deputy Chief of Administration, Fire Rescue

Derek Brewer
Police Chief, City of Zephyrhills

Lauren Letona,
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
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)

Tracey Kaly
Director of Clinical Operations, BayCare
Behavioral Health

Legal Counsel:

Jordan Wolfgram
Robbin Rogers

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 10:00 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

There was none.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

Madam Chair Baracaldo reviewed the procedures to be followed.

Madam Chair Baracaldo called for public comment.

Ms. Cathy Pearson, Assistant County Administrator for Public Services, thanked the Committee members, Ms. Busway, Ms. O'Neill, Madam Chair Baracaldo, and Ms. Rogers for their work and noted it would make a difference in the community.

New Business

1 Discussion of Remaining Funds

The Committee approved the amended recommendations for the Opioid Task Force Year 1 and 2 allocations for WestCare, Pasco Kids First, and Premier.

The Committee approved the revised recommendation for the Opioid Task Force allocation Year 1 for The Hope Shot in the amount of \$138,960.00 with Mr. Art Rowand abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

2 2024 Opioid Task Force Meeting Schedule

The Committee approved the Opioid Task Force calendar for 2024.

Approval of Minutes

3 OTF Meeting Minutes 8-9-23

The Committee approved the Minutes from the meeting of August 9, 2023.

Old Business

Ms. Roghani noted ASAP was having their annual brunch December 12, 2023.

Madam Chair Baracaldo noted social media materials could be shared on the County's website.

Madam Chair Baracaldo spoke regarding the seat number 7 vacancy and the applications that had been received. She noted it was a County Administrator appointed position and that it would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on December 5, 2023.

Discussion was held regarding the list that would be sent to Committee members, the County Commissioners, and the County Administrator; the position requirements; and applicants who were ineligible.

Madam Chair Baracaldo noted the seat held by Fire Rescue would now be filled by Mr. Glenn Traiger who would be confirmed on December 5, 2023. She spoke regarding the

upcoming reconfirmation for all seats and an upcoming briefing with Commissioner Ron Oakley.

Mr. Brewer noted he had enjoyed his time on the Task Force, but that it was his understanding the municipalities were supposed to switch after two years.

Discussion was held regarding the change to the Ordinance so both Cities would have a seat on the Task Force; the process for the new members; and the reconfirmation of all assignments.

Ms. Chitakone noted the Health Department was moving to State Road 52 where all of their services would be provided in one location and that there would still be clinical services at Little Road for the next two weeks.

Committees Reports

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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