

OPIOID TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING

ANNOTATED AGENDA

JANUARY 22, 2024

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

Glenn Traiger
Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire Rescue

Derek Brewer - **Absent**
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 - **Absent**
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 Shareef, Co-Chair
Pasco County Alliance for Substance
Addiction Prevention (ASAP)

Joseph Resnick
CEO, Premier Community HealthCare

Tracey Kaly
Director of Clinical Operations
BayCare Behavioral Health

Legal Counsel:

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

Staff:

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

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

Madam Chair Baracaldo introduced and welcomed the new members Mr. Resnick and Mr. Traiger. She looked forward to working alongside them.

Mr. Traiger spoke regarding being blessed to be a part of it, using his knowledge to the table, and working together as a team to help the community.

Mr. Resnick spoke regarding Premier Community Healthcare, their mission, what they provided, and that he was excited to join the Task Force.

Roll Call

Ms. Popplewell called the roll. All members were present with exception of Captain Roach, Chief Brewer, and Ms. Chitakone, who were absent.

Public Comment

Madam Chair Baracaldo reviewed the procedures to be followed.

Madam Chair Baracaldo called for public comment.

Ms. Amy Hicks requested for an additional seat on the Task Force dedicated to someone in recovery. She submitted a letter she wrote to the Commissioners for the record. She felt having someone from recovery on the Task Force would help if they had questions regarding specific aspect of recovery and would provide a voice for people who were affected.

The Committee approved to receive and file the letter submitted by Ms. Hicks.

Ms. Cathy Pearson, Assistant County Administrator for Public Services, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and County Administration, expressed their appreciation for the millions of dollars that had been approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their recent meeting. She noted all of the hard work that had gone into it, appreciation to Madam Chair Baracaldo and her team for their efforts, and that they were so excited seeing the results.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Michael Carballa, County Administrator, expressed his appreciation for the great work the Task Force had done and was glad they were able to get this before the Board and implemented the great projects that were out there. He thanked them for taking the time to do it.

Commissioner Kathryn Starkey agreed and was very proud of the work that had come out of there that they were able to approve, some coming legislation to potentially add more help, appreciation for their efforts, and that it was sad that they had the need but was glad they were finding a way to help the citizens.

New Business

1 Year-2 Funding Options

The item was for information only.

2 Neighborly Software Demonstration

The item was for information only.

3 Review Project Scoring

The item was for information only.

4 Strategic Planning Discussion

The item was for information only.

Approval of Minutes

5 September 12,-2023 OTF Meeting Minutes

The Committee approved the September 12, 2023 Opioid Task Force meeting minutes.

Old Business

Ms. Kaly spoke regarding one of the projects they were funding was the Behavioral Health Urgent Care with BayCare, interest from the Media, that it resonated with people, that it was an exciting time for the County, CORE (Coordinated Opioid Recovery) which was a stateside model for linking primary care, behavioral healthcare, and First Responders to coordinate services, and Pasco being highlighted for a Tampa Bay Times story.

Ms. Wolfram noted the letter submitted earlier in the meeting and asked if the Committee wanted to take any action to submit to the Board of County of Commissioner for review and consideration.

Discussion was held regarding whether to submit the letter and that it would require a Resolution if it was something that was wanted.

Madam Chair Baracaldo spoke regarding the recent appointments and term limits, the rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair, the upcoming Sub-Recipient Kick-Off Meeting for Year One on January 31, 2024, that the DCF portal was now open, and that the next meeting was scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Committees Reports

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Prepared by: Jessica L Popplewell, Records Clerk II, Board Records Division