

**OPIOID TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

APRIL 1, 2025

**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

Robert Chalmers
Senior Executive Officer
Public Safety Branch

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 Shareef, Co-Chair
Pasco County Alliance for Substance
Addiction Prevention (ASAP)

Joey Resnick
CEO, Premier Community Healthcare

Tracey Kaly
Director of Clinical Operations
BayCare Behavioral Health

Legal Counsel:

Robert Hale, Assistant County Attorney

Staff:

Lori Bushway, Administrative Assistant for Support Services

Nicole O'Neill, Support Services Specialist

Riana Giannico, Grants Coordinator for Support Services

Call to Order

Madam Chair Baracaldo called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Ms. Amanda Dobson, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Welcome and Introductions

Madam Chair Baracaldo welcomed Mr. Chalmers as the representative for the Fire Rescue team.

Roll Call

Ms. Dobson called the roll. All members were present. Ms. Tracey Kaly arrived to the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment

Madam Chair Baracaldo reviewed the procedures to be followed and called for public comment.

Mr. Darryl Henderson, Director of Advocacy for the Recovery Epicenter Foundation, spoke regarding the grand opening of the Out-Field, the Catcher's Mitt in Clearwater, a BayCare grant, benefits of the grant, funding from the Pasco Opioid Abatement Board, additional centers in other Counties, attendees that will tour the facility, and thanked the Committee for their support.

Mr. Nathan Cantie, Vice President of The Hope Shot, spoke regarding his appreciation to the Committee, the funding impact, goals moving forward, job placement, and sustainability.

Mr. Steve Blank, Regional Vice President of Operations of WestCare GulfCoast, spoke regarding his appreciation to the Committee for funds, the recreational vehicle for medication assisted treatment, addressing issues, and providing access to treatment.

Judge Crane spoke regarding WestCare, the Drug Court Ambassador Program, the children helped, and expressed his gratefulness to The Hope Shot.

New Business

1 Sunshine Requirements Training

The Committee approved to follow the best practice to abstain from making comments or voting on projects that would benefit their employers.

2 General Updates: Year 2, Project Status and Execution Rates

This item was for information only.

3 School Board Proposal for Year 2

The Committee approved to maintain the process as it exists now and allow the School Board to come back for Year 3 with Captain Roach absent from the vote and Ms. Hudson abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

4 Draft Calendar for Year 3

The Committee approved the draft calendar as the final calendar.

5 Year 3 Application Process

This item was for information only.

6 Reporting Requirements – ODMS

The Committee approved the Opioid Task Force to only approve annual allocations, the same information that will be communicated to subrecipients for Year 3 and beyond.

Approval of Minutes

7 07-22-24 OTF Meeting Minutes

This item was not discussed.

8 07-23-24 OTF Meeting Minutes

This item was not discussed.

Miscellaneous

There was none.

Old Business

9 Revisit Recommendations from Year 2

The item was withdrawn.

Committees Reports

Ms. Roghani Shareef noted the upcoming Opioid Committee Fatality Review.

Ms. Kaly spoke regarding the ribbon cutting event for the Behavioral Health Urgent Care opening, how long it had been open, the number of individuals needing services, and an overview of the services.

Madam Chair Baracaldo spoke regarding briefing leadership on uses of the Opioid Funding, the Tri-County meeting, that she would like to bring the Office of Disaster Recovery Services to the next meeting, and thanked staff for their support.

Adjournment

Madam Chair Baracaldo stated that their next meeting was April 29, 2025.

Ms. Kaly left the meeting at 11:24 a.m. and returned at 11:26 a.m.

Deputy Chief Letona left the meeting at 11:26 a.m. and returned at 11:31 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Prepared by: Nevaeh Wilkes, Records Clerk I, Board Records Division