

**OPIOID TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

JULY 22, 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 – **Absent**
Supervisor of Social Work
Pasco County School Board

The Honorable Judge Shawn Crane
Sixth Judicial Circuit Court

Joey Resnick - **Absent**
CEO, Premier Community Healthcare

Parnia Roghani Shareef, Co-Chair – **Absent**
Pasco County Alliance for Substance
Addiction Prevention (ASAP)

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 9:00 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge

Ms. Nevaeh Wilkes, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Welcome and Introductions

There was none.

Roll Call

Ms. Wilkes called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Hudson, Ms. Roghani Shareef, and Mr. Resnick who were absent.

Public Comment

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

There was none.

New Business

1 Project Presentations - Continued

The item was for information only.

Approval of Minutes

There was none.

Old Business

Madam Chair Baracaldo spoke regarding the July 28, 2025 Opioid Task Force meeting, that checklists would be sent out to the Committee along with other important information, the submitted letter, the spreadsheet, and reminded the Committee members to re-review those projects.

The Committee approved to receive and file for a response that was received on July 21, 2025 following the presentations from Ms. Jennifer Webb with Live Tampa Bay.

Discussion was held regarding the scoring process.

Mr. Brewer spoke regarding drug court and individuals moving from the east side to the west side, that when someone was seeking recovery that window might be small, and that getting them to a place as quickly as possible had been important.

Judge Crane spoke regarding transitional housing, looking long term, positive feedback, drug court, monitoring individuals, that he had closed down parts of businesses in Pasco, a holistic approach to individuals, that it was important to have a recovery unit in jail, the concern of overdosing, educating people, that those timeframes were critical, and the desire to promote that relationship with the jail.

Committees Reports

There was none.

Adjournment

Deputy Chief Letona left the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and returned at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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