



# Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

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## Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

August 24 - 25, 2022

University of South Florida, Marshal Student Center  
4103 USF Cedar Circle Tampa, Florida 33620

### Day 1 – August 24, 2022

8:00 – 8:15 Call to Order, **William Prummell**, Commission Chair, Sheriff

Opening Remarks

**Julie Serovich**, Dean, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida  
**Shevaun Harris**, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families

**Sheriff William Prummell**, Chair

8:15 – 8:20 Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

**8:20 – 9:20 Through the Lens of Lived Experience; Perspectives on the System of Care**

Lived experience is at the core of mental health and substance abuse. No one truly understands what happens to an individual experiencing a behavioral health crisis except for the person experiencing it. This panel will provide the perspectives and experience of people who live with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders.

*Panelist: Robert Cooper, Susan Nyamora, Joe Omitrovic*

**9:20 – 10:20 Behavioral Health System of Care, Role of Community Treatment Providers, Care Coordination**

This panel will inform the Commission on the management and functioning of the Managing Entities and behavioral health services across the major state agencies that administer behavioral health services. Panelist will discuss the importance of local and statewide care coordination efforts, recovery-oriented systems of care, and gaps in the behavioral health system of care.

*Panelist: Toby Pina, Sylvia Quintana, Paul Runk*

10:20 – 10:30 Break

**10:30 – 11:30 Community Behavioral Health System of Care, What is Working and What is Not**

This panel will discuss the administration and operation of community focused behavioral health services. The panel will provide information on community-based health promotion and prevention, access to quality recovery-oriented systems of care, state mental health treatment facilities and information management practices. The panel will discuss efforts to emphasize prevention strategies and reducing the need for crisis intervention through an effective service array.

*Panelist: Steve Lord, Vicki Scanlon, Mario Jardon, Melanie Brown-Woofter*



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## **11:30 – 12:30            Statewide Forensic Diversion**

This panel will inform the Commission about Florida's forensic system, which is a network of state facilities and community services for individuals who have a mental illness and are involved with the criminal justice system. Panelist will discuss the assessment, evaluation, and treatment to individuals adjudicated incompetent to proceed or not guilty by reason of insanity. Information will be provided that will inform the Commission regarding competency restoration, Baker and Marchman Acts, and diversion programs.

*Panelist: Doug Adkins, Joe Rutherford, Scott Eller, Jay Reeve*

12:30 – 1:30    Lunch (Panera Bread)

## **1:30 – 2:30            At the Emergency Department Bedside**

Emergency departments across the county are seeing substantial increases in the number of patients experiencing an acute behavioral health episode. This panel will examine how hospital emergency departments implement emergency behavioral health services and discuss the challenges with treating individuals under the Baker Act and Marchman Act. This panel will provide insight into what is working, what is not working and, what can be done to improve the system.

*Panelist: Kelly Gray-Eurom, Ademola Adewale, Ashley Booth-Norse, Sandra Jackson, Jason Wilson*

## **2:30 – 3:15            Legal Aspects of Data Sharing**

Panelist will discuss the legal aspects of behavioral health data sharing and the effect of HIPAA and FERPA regulations on interagency data sharing agreements. Panelist will identify barriers to integrated data sharing and discuss local/statewide models for community data-sharing agreements. Suggestions for guiding principles will be provided to the Commission for consideration when drafting future data sharing agreements.

*Panelist: Pamela Hepp, Paul Stiles*

3:15 – 3:30            Break

## **3:30 – 4:30            Law Enforcement Panel**

This panel of County Sheriff's will discuss how the behavioral health crisis has manifested in their respective communities, discussing the unique challenges, concerns and resource needs required to combat this ever-growing crisis. The panel will review law enforcement efforts underway to coordinate a response to the increase in service calls that require mental health, substance abuse or co-occurring disorder training to deescalate the situation. The panel will provide insight into what is working, what is not working and what is needed to make communities safer.

*Panelist: Robert Gualtieri, Dennis Lemma, AJ Smith, Morris Young*



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## 4:30 – 5:30 Supportive Employment and Housing - Behavioral Health Panel Discussion

This panel will provide information on the unique housing and employment challenges facing individuals and families experiencing behavioral health related disorders. The panel will discuss how to better coordinate activities between agencies to address the lack of supportive housing and employment opportunities for people experiencing homeless because of behavioral health challenges.

*Panelist: Bill Aldinger, Shannon Nazworth, Veronica Ebuon*

5:30 – 5:45 Public Comment

5:45 Closing Remarks and Adjournment  
**Sheriff William Prummell, Chair**

## Day 2 – August 25, 2022

9:00 – 9:10 Call to Order and Roll Call

9:10 – 10:10 Data Analysis Subcommittee Report Update and Workshop  
**Commissioner Jay Reeve, Subcommittee Chair**

10:10 – 11:10 Business Operations Subcommittee Report Update and Workshop  
**Commissioner Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair**

11:10 – 11:20 Break

11:20 – 12:20 Criminal Justice Subcommittee Report Update and Workshop  
**Commissioner Mark Mahon, Subcommittee Chair**

12:20 – 1:20 Finance Subcommittee Report Update and Workshop  
**Commissioner Darryl Rouson, Subcommittee Chair**

1:20 – 1:35 Public Comment

1:35 Closing Remarks and Adjournment  
**Sheriff William Prummell, Chair**