

**Mission:**

Eliminate substance abuse in Florida by coordinating statewide efforts to protect individuals, families, and communities from substance abuse and to treat those with addiction.

**Vision:** A future without substance abuse in Florida



Statewide Drug Policy  
Advisory Council  
Teleconference  
March 11, 2016  
1:00-2:00PM

**Teleconference Information**

Dial In: (888) 670-3525  
Access Code: 164 869 6226

**Go To Meeting**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/680613277>  
Meeting ID: 680-613-277

**AGENDA:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Jennifer Bencie, Administrator  
DOH-Manatee

**Business**

1. Review and approve November 13, 2015 meeting minutes. (Page 3)
2. Review and approve November 20, 2015 meeting minutes. (Page 28)
3. Discuss and approve Workshop Planning Tool identifying goals, outcomes, objectives and action plan from January 29, 2016. (Page 54)
4. Identify topic(s) and guest speaker(s) for May 5 meeting.

Dr. Jennifer Bencie

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Dr. Jennifer Bencie and Council Members  
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Council Members/Dr. Bencie

**Public Comment / Open Discussion**

Dr. Jennifer Bencie and All

**Next Steps**

In person meeting May 5, 2015 9AM to 4PM  
Capital Circle Office Complex  
4052 Bald Cypress Way  
Room 301  
Tallahassee, FL 32839

Dr. Jennifer Bencie and Council Members



# Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting

March 11, 2016 1:00 – 2:00PM

Florida Department of Health

Teleconference

[Health@FLHealth.gov](mailto:Health@FLHealth.gov)

## Meeting Minutes

### Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Minutes- Dr. Jennifer Bencie, Manatee DOH, Chair

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Dr. Jennifer Bencie. Ms. Poston called the roll and the following members were in attendance.

#### Members Present:

1. Dr. Jennifer Bencie (Chair, State Surgeon General Designee)
2. Patti Nelson (Office of Planning and Budget)
3. Dan Lostotter for Andy Benard (Attorney General Designee)
4. Mark Baker (FDLE)
5. Jeff Cece (Department of Children and Families Secretary Designee)
6. Patrick Mahoney (Department of Corrections Secretary Designee)
7. Dr. Gayla Sumner (Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Designee)
8. Angelia Rivers (Department of Education Commissioner Designee)
9. Colonel Gene Spaulding (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Designee)
10. Colonel Bill Beiswenger (Adjutant General Designee)- Absent
11. Senator Sobel (Member of the Florida Senate)
12. Representative Cary Pigman (Member of the House of Representatives)
13. Aaron Gerson (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court)
14. Mark Fontaine (Member of the public with expertise in substance abuse treatment appointed by the Governor)
15. Kimberly Spence (Governor Appointee Drug Enforcement)
16. Dotti Groover-Skipper (Member of the public with expertise in faith based substance abuse treatment appointed by the Governor)
17. Doug Leonardo (Member of the public with expertise in substance abuse programs and services appointed by the Governor)
18. Peggy Sapp (Member of the public with expertise in substance abuse prevention appointed by the Governor)
19. Dr. John VanDelinder (Governor Appointee Faith Based Substance Abuse Treatment)

#### Others Present:

#### Staff Present:

- Tim Parsons, Department of Children & Families
- Rebecca Poston, Department of Health
- Erika Marshall, Department of Health

#### Business

1. There was a motion by Jeff Cece second by Mark Fontaine to approve the November 13, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. There was a motion by Jeff Cece second by Dottie Groover-Skipper to approve the November 20, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The Workshop Planning Tool was discussed. Please see attached planning tool.

4. The Council suggested the following guest speakers and topic(s) for the May 5 meeting.
  - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area- trend data
  - Department of Children and Family- Epidemiology trend data and performance indicators update.
  - Department of Children and Families- overview from Overdose Prevention Coordinator
  - Department of Corrections- provide an overview of services at the community level, reentry level and trends.
  - Florida Department of Law Enforcement- trend data update.
  - Executive Order Update

**Public Comment / Open Discussion**

1. Mr. Cece requested and the Council provided a letter of support for Partnerships for Success grant. DCF letter of support for Partnerships for Success
2. Ms. Poston requested and the Council provided a letter of support for the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.
3. Mr. Fontaine provided a synopsis of the drug related bills that passed.

**Next Steps:**

1. Notice next meeting May 5, 2015 from 9-4PM at the Capital Circle Office Complex, Building 4052, Room 301, Tallahassee, FL

Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council  
Goal, Outcomes, Objectives and Action Plan

**DPAC Purpose:**

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the substance abuse problem in Florida
- Seek input from a broad spectrum of public and private sector partners
- Examine outcome measures from existing programs to establish effectiveness
- Research other state and federal strategies
- Develop a compendium of best practices in drug abuse strategies and programs
- Recommend to the Governor & Legislature a statewide drug control strategy that provides a coordinated, integrated, multidisciplinary response to address substance abuse
- Prepare a report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 annually

**Goal:** Produce an annual data-driven report with a list of prioritized recommendations and actions for reducing substance abuse in Florida

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Reduce the mortality rate per 100,000 for licit and illicit drugs (target - TBD)
- Reduce the rate of heroin overdoses (target - TBD)
- Reduce the number of individuals with substance abuse addictions (target - TBD)

## Research & Analysis

**Problem Statement:** There is no sustainable process to compile massive amounts of data and information, perform analysis and develop an evidence-based call to action for the annual report.

Objective: By 6/30/16 develop a comprehensive repository of meaningful data and resources related to substance abuse.		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Schedule epi work group to present to DPAC	May meeting	DCF
Schedule EMSTARS data presentation	May meeting	DCF
Each agency will produce a comprehensive list of data sources	May meeting	All agencies (DCF, DOH, AHCA, FDLE, DOC, Medical Examiner, DOE, Associations)
Catalog measures used by substance abuse providers	May meeting	DCF
Identify any data gaps and develop action steps to close the gaps	May meeting	DPAC
Prepare a Florida drug fact sheet (infographic)	June 30, 2016	DCF
Develop a process for data analysis to turn data into actionable information to support decision-making, including determining trends and cause and affect relationships, to propose and prioritize recommendations.	September 30, 2016	DPAC

### Coordination & Outreach

**Problem Statement:** There are many diverse groups and disciplines working on substance abuse issues with no coordinating body.

Objective: By 10/31/16, develop a process to integrate resources across state agencies to create the biggest impact on substance abuse issues in Florida.		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Identify all groups, committees, agencies, and MOUs related to substance abuse	5/31/16	DPAC Members
Identify all state agencies funding substance abuse and identify opportunities for integration/maximizing benefit	6/30/16	DPAC members
Establish formal two-way communication mechanisms with Coalitions by surveying annually to determine their metrics, trends, data from required prevention assessments	5/31/16	DCF
Process map a drug overdose (from each stakeholder perspective with emphasis on opportunities to target integration, prevention)	6/30/16	DPAC
Develop a promotional campaign for prevention (using hand-washing or child abuse model)	9/30/16	DPAC

Objective: By 6/30/16 develop a process to research, identify and share best practices from across the nation.		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Schedule presentation by Manatee Community Paramedicine project to DPAC	May meeting	Bencie
Schedule presentation on learnings from Governor's Executive Order in Broward, Pinellas and Alachua	May meeting	DCF
Send information on potential best practices from other states to Becky Poston (e.g. California Medicaid waivers)	3/31/16	DPAC members
Identify national groups to provide briefings (NAMSTL, NAG, Legal Action Center)	3/31/16	DPAC members
Identify Florida providers with potential best practices (as evidenced by outcomes)	3/31/16	DPAC members
Compile list and process for members to prioritize	May meeting	Becky Poston
Schedule via webinars and presentations at DPAC meetings	Ongoing	Becky Poston

Objective: Develop an early warning network focused on supply reduction for emerging substances		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Obtain OSI reports and analyze health risks for emerging substances (such as Flakka)	6/30/16	DOH
Develop early warning alert system based on data and distribute to all stakeholders (law enforcement, AG, prosecutors, medical community, use Fusion Centers to get to RDSTFs and across all disciplines)	12/31/16	DOH
Trend data and target law enforcement activities based on ER visits/deaths	12/31/16	DOH

### Treatment, Management and Harm Reduction

**Problem Statement:** There is insufficient treatment capacity and restrictions which impact use of beneficial treatments.

Objective: Provide recommendations in December 2016 annual report to maximize existing resources		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Research evidence-based practices to reduce barriers to employment (lack of identification, housing, Level 2 screenings) for inclusion in annual report	9/30/16	DCF
Propose mandatory reporting by physicians in PDMP.	9/30/16	DCF
Review data from drug courts to support recommendations to remove restrictions expanding use of medical assistance treatment.	9/30/16	DCF

Objective: Remove barriers to evidence-based treatments		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Collect data on use of Narcan in Florida	9/30/16	DCF
Develop presentation to educate and promote use of effectiveness treatments such as Narcan, Naloxone	9/30/16	DCF
Exploring statewide standing order by State Surgeon General	9/30/16	DOH
Obtain legal option on standing orders	9/30/16	DOH
Identify other evidence-based harm reduction strategies (e.g. needle exchange programs) for inclusion in the annual report	9/30/16	DCF

### Create and Communicate a Call to Action

Objective: By 12/1/16, produce and communicate the annual report.		
Strategies/Actions:	Due Date	Lead
Review data and identify prioritized list of recommendations	9/30/16	DPAC
Identify hard ROI (return on investment) for all recommendations	9/30/16	DPAC
Staff to draft for review/approval by DPAC members	10/31/16	DPAC members
Brief agency heads on DPAC priorities	10/31/16	DPAC members
Route for approval by State Surgeon General	11/1/16	Bencie
Report approved	11/30/16	State Surgeon General
Prepare one-page overview (visual, easy to read, comprehend)	12/10/16	DOH
Brief Governor	12/10/16	State Surgeon General
Schedule briefing with key legislators (Senator Soble or new chair)	12/10/16	DPAC
Schedule press briefing	12/10/16	DPAC
Hold stakeholder summit to share report	12/31/16	DPAC