

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



Rick Scott
Governor

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Surgeon General and Secretary

**Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council
Meeting
Teleconference
October 28, 2016
3:00PM to 4:00PM
Minutes**

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call- Dr. Jennifer Bencie, Manatee DOH, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Dr. Jennifer Bencie. The following members were in attendance.

Members Present

1. Dr. Jennifer Bencie (Chair, State Surgeon General Designee)
2. Andy Benard, LTC Ret. (Attorney General Bondi)
3. Mary Beth Vickers (Office of Planning and Budget)
4. Jeff Cece (Department of Children and Families Secretary Designee)
5. Patrick Mahoney (Department of Corrections Secretary Designee)
6. Dr. Gayla Sumner (Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Designee)
7. Colonel Gene Spaulding (Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Designee)
8. Aaron Gerson (Judiciary Member)
9. Mark Fontaine (Member of the public with expertise in substance abuse treatment appointed by the Governor)
10. Colonel John Pelleriti (Adjutant General Designee)
11. Peggy Sapp (Member of the public with expertise in substance abuse prevention appointed by the Governor)
12. Roaya Tyson (Governor Appointee- Substance Abuse Services)

Members Absent

1. Mark Baker (FDLE)
2. Angelia Rivers (Commissioner of Education)
3. Honorable Senator Sobel
4. Honorable Representative Pigman
5. Kimberly Spence (Governor Appointee Drug Enforcement)
6. Doug Leonardo (Member of the public with expertise in substance abuse programs and services appointed by the Governor)
7. Dr. John VanDelinder (Governor Appointee- Faith Based)
8. Dottie Groover-Skipper (Governor Appointee-Faith Based)

Business

1. Review and Approve 2016 DPAC Annual Report Draft- The Council received an advanced copy of the annual report for review on October 20, 2016 for review and comments.

Discussion: The Council made the following recommendations:

- Page 6- add placeholder regarding gun deaths and accidents in Florida compared to overdose death rates.
- Page 6- add current information for NAS in Florida.
- Page 8- add placeholder for overdose deaths in Palm Beach January through September and Orlando heroin task force numbers.
- Page 9- remove reference to tobacco free Florida public awareness campaign.
- Page 10- add addition information regarding Partnerships for Success Grant improved care coordination.
- Page 11- Mr. Fontaine will provide additional references for the OSCA VIVITROL Program.
- Page 12- Mr. Cece will provide dates funding was granted for PFS Grant.
- Page 13- additional recommendations were added to reduce the supply of drugs, reduce the demand for drugs, improve data collection and surveillance and reduce harmful consequences.

The Council proposes the following recommendations for improving the health and safety of all Floridians by promoting strategic approaches and collaboration to reduce the demand for drugs, reduce the supply of drugs, improve data collection and surveillance, broaden prevention efforts, and expand treatment options.

To reduce the supply of drugs, the Council supports:

1. Amending section 893.055, Florida Statutes, authorizing the integration and interoperability of PDMP data to encourage safer prescribing of controlled substances and reduce drug abuse and diversion within Florida.
2. Increasing outreach and education to health care practitioners to encourage registration and utilization of the PDMP.
3. Updating the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act to address the scheduling of new chemical compounds classified under schedule I, and update criminal penalties that apply to violations.

To reduce the demand for drugs, the Council supports:

4. Ensuring providers in the publicly-funded system of behavioral health care present medication assisted treatment as an option to all individuals with opioid use disorders and alcohol use disorders and link these individuals to these services upon request.
5. Increasing funding for extended-release injectable naltrexone to treat alcohol and opioid addicted individuals in community drug treatment programs.
6. Funding pilot programs, in addition to those planned under the Partnerships for Success grant linking individuals hospitalized for overdoses to community-based treatment providers upon discharge.

To improve data collection and surveillance, the Council supports:

7. Amending section 397.333, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration to serve on the Statewide Advisory Council ensuring all state agencies provide comprehensive recommendations.
8. Amending section 406.13, Florida Statutes, creating a data repository to maintain medical examiner reports to reduce the wait time to obtain and produce invaluable drug related death information.
9. Amending section 893.055, Florida Statutes, expanding authorized use of PDMP to include medical examiners, county coroners, or others authorized to investigate causes of deaths.

Expanding access to the PDMP will facilitate the medicolegal death investigation process and certification of the cause and manner of death.

10. Collaborating with other agencies, organizations, and institutions to create a comprehensive statewide strategy addressing the fentanyl and heroin epidemic in the state.

To reduce the harmful consequences of substance use, the Council supports:

11. Amending section 381.887, Florida Statutes, to expand the use of standing orders by community-based organizations and trained outreach workers to distribute naloxone to marginalized, hard-to-reach individuals in the community.
12. Amending section 893.21, Florida Statutes, Florida's 911 Good Samaritan Act by expanding protection to the 911 caller and overdose victim from arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. Currently, people acting in good faith and seeking medical assistance for an overdose victim may not be charged, prosecuted, or penalized for possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia. Until "arrested" is added to the statute, community partners cannot disseminate public service announcements encouraging individuals to call 911 because the caller or overdose victim are afraid of being arrested.

Mrs. Poston will make the suggested edits and begin the internal review process within the Department of Health.

2. Next Steps

The next meeting will be held January 12, 2017, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way, Room 182, Tallahassee, FL 32839

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00PM