

**Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants
Committee
Meeting Minutes**

July 27, 2026, 2:00 PM

City Hall, 1st Floor, Lynwood Robets Room

Chair: Dr. Antonio Nichols

Vice-Chair: Sarah Smith

Secretary: Heather Rios

Committee Member Attendance

- Dr. Antonio Nichols - Chair - Present
- Sarah Smith - Vice-Chair - Present
- Heather Rios - Secretary - Present
- Dr. Lantie Jorandby - Member - Present
- Debbie O'Neal - Member - Present
- Nancy St. Claire - Member - Not Present
- Dr. John Tanner - Member - Present

Quorum Present: Yes

City Council Liaison (non-voting member):

- City Councilmember Ron Salem, At-Large, Group 2 (present)

City of Jacksonville Staff:

- Madelaine A. Zarou, Manager of Opioid Abatement - Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (present)
- Laura Viafora Ray, Program Coordinator - Opioid Abatement - Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department
- Ashley Smith, Assistant General Counsel - Office of General Counsel, City of Jacksonville

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Dr. Antonio Nichols, Chair.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Staff members introduced themselves, and each OSUD Grants Committee member in attendance introduced themselves.

III. Office of Opioid Abatement (OOA) Update

Laura Viafora Ray, Program Coordinator - Opioid Abatement, provided an update from their office covering the following:

- *Legislation & State Reporting*
 - Re-Appointment of Sarah Smith to Committee (2026-0608)
 - Resolution filed and assigned to Rules
 - Appointment of Brian Beardsley to Committee (2026-0594)
 - Resolution filed and assigned to Rules
 - Brian Beardsley will be replacing Dr. Tanner in one of the Healthcare Professional spots
 - FY 26-27 OSPG Program Budget (2026-0510)
 - Ordinance filed and assigned to Finance
 - Committee Membership Update
 - As a reminder, Nancy St. Claire's term expired 6/30/26 and Dr. Jorandby has professional obligations that will not permit them to continue to serve on the committee. Both have agreed to serve as a committee member at least through the FY 26-27 scoring period. We have recommended a candidate to the Mayor's Office to fill Dr. Jorandby's Healthcare Professional spot. We are still seeking a replacement for Nancy's Mental Health Professional spot.
 - State Reporting
 - Implementation Report submitted on 6/30/26
 - Financial Report due on 8/31/26
- *Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs)*
 - QPRs for Quarter 1 (covering 10/1/25 to 12/31/25) were due to the Office of Opioid Abatement on 1/15/26. All QPRs were submitted on time. All 16 have been reviewed and approved.
 - QPRs for Quarter 2 (covering 1/1/26 to 3/31/26) were due to the Office of Opioid Abatement on 4/15/26. All 16 QPRs have been submitted. 15 have been reviewed and approved, and 1 is pending revisions following review.
 - QPRs for Q3 (covering 4/1/26 to 6/30/26) were due on July 15. 3 have been approved, 4 are pending revisions following an initial review, 7 are pending initial review, and 2 are pending submission.
 - A detailed chart was shared during this section of the update which can be requested by emailing opioidabatment@coj.net.
- *Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Invoice Processing*
 - Out of a total of 144 invoices anticipated from programs in Quarters one through three, 137 have been processed and submitted for payment, two are currently being reviewed/processed, and five have not yet been submitted by the agency.

- 137 invoices were processed and submitted for payment totaled just under \$2.8 million.
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- *Site Visits and Agency Assessments*
 - Purpose: To evaluate compliance with the grant standards outlined in Exhibit C of the Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Agreement.
 - Sixteen out of 16 Site Visits have been scheduled (through August 18th), and 2 out of 16 site visits have been completed.
 - Four out of 16 Agency Assessments have been submitted and two out of four have been reviewed. Two are awaiting minor revisions prior to approval and two are pending initial review.
- *Fiscal Year 2026-2027 OSPG Program Tentative Timeline*
 - May 14 and May 20: Mandatory Application Workshop (MAW) #1 and #2 held
 - 64 attendees representing 32 agencies
 - June 1: Application opened
 - July 1: Application closed
 - July 21: OSPG Appeals Board meeting
 - Three appeals were submitted; all three appeals were accepted, so these respective programs will be reviewed and scored
 - July 27 - August 28: Scoring period
 - August 24: Interviews, if requested by Committee
 - October 5: Tentative application rankings and funding allocations announced
 - October 13: Tentative OSPG Appeals Board meeting
 - October 19: Final application rankings and funding allocations announced
 - October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027: OSPG Agreement period of performance

All dates listed above are tentative and subject to change

IV. Presentation: Data Update

Next, Ms. Viafora Ray provided an overdose data update, summarized as follows:

- *Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department Data*
 - The measure “# of Suspected Opioid-Related (O-R) Overdose (OD) Patients” is down 23% from January to June of 2026 compared to the same time period in 2025.
 - February to March 2026 saw a spike with this measure increasing by 40%, but there have been decreases in the measure month to month

since then. May to June of 2026 stayed the same for this measure - 85 in each month.

- Two detailed graphs as well as data definitions were shared during this section of the update which can be requested by emailing opioidabatement@coj.net.

V. Public Comment

Dr. Nichols opened the floor to public comment. There were no public comments.

VI. Vote: Meeting Minutes from June 22, 2026

Debbie O'Neal put forth a motion to vote to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2026, meeting. Heather Rios seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. FY 2026-2027 Requesting Agencies Deemed Eligible & Qualified to be Scored

Ms. Viafora Ray shared the list of requesting agencies deemed eligible and qualified to be scored, as follows:

- Prevention (11 applications)
 - *Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Northeast Florida, Inc.*
 - *Center for Children's Rights, Inc.*
 - *Community Coalition Alliance, Inc.*
 - *Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc.*
 - *Hubbard House, Inc.*
 - *Inspire to Rise, Inc.*
 - *Managed Access to Child Health, Inc.*
 - *NAMI Jacksonville Florida, Inc.*
 - *Operation New Hope, Inc.*
 - *Police Athletic League of Jacksonville, Incorporated*
 - *Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.*
- Treatment (Four applications)
 - *Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.*
 - *Gateway Community Services, Inc.*
 - *I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.*
 - *Operation New Hope, Inc.*
- Recovery Support (Seven applications)
 - *Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.*
 - *Fresh Ministries, Inc.*
 - *Gateway Community Services, Inc.*
 - *I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.*
 - *Operation New Hope, Inc.*
 - *The City Rescue Mission, Inc.*
 - *Trinity Rescue Mission, Inc.*

VIII. Scoring Subcommittee Assignments

Dr. Nichols noted that he and Dr. Jorandby have a conflict of interest with requesting agencies in the Prevention category and therefore cannot be assigned to that Scoring Subcommittee. Ms. Viafora Ray stated that following this meeting, members would be assigned to their respective applications for scoring on the Submittable platform and would receive email notifications confirming this.

Dr. Nichols assigned members to scoring subcommittees as follows:

- **Prevention Scoring Subcommittee**
 - Debbie O'Neal, Heather Rios, Dr. John Tanner, Nancy St. Claire, and Sarah Smith
- **Treatment Scoring Subcommittee**
 - Dr. Antonio Nichols, Debbie O'Neal, Dr. Lantie Jorandby, and Sarah Smith
- **Recovery Support Scoring Subcommittee**
 - Dr. Antonio Nichols, Heather Rios, Dr. John Tanner, Dr. Lantie Jorandby, and Nancy St. Claire

IX. New Business

Dr. Nichols opened the floor for new business. There was no new business.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Nichols at 2:25 PM.

Meeting recording available upon request. Email opiodabatment@coj.net.

***Next Meeting Date - Monday, August 24, 2026, at 2:00 PM
(tentative and subject to change)***

To be signed by Heather Rios, Secretary, certifying approval by the Committee:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official signed original is on file and available upon request.