



**OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN  
TRANSITION HEALTH COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE OVERSIGHT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023  
6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Committee Members and Guests**

**PRESENT:**

Carolyn McClanahan, M.D. – Health  
Committee Chair  
Dr. Sunil Joshi – Chief Health Officer  
Lynn Sherman – Exec. Dir. of Health  
Programs  
Debbie O'Neal  
Frank Emmanuel

Donald Manns  
Jeff Winkler  
Elizabeth Anderson  
Suzanne Mailloux  
Angela Strain  
LaTonya Summers  
Richmond Wynn

**COJ Staff Support:**

James Richardson  
Trisha Bowles

## **Call to Order**

Dr. McClanahan called the meeting to order at 4 pm welcoming members and guests.

## **Chair's remarks**

Dr. McClanahan thanked everyone for their time and insights and then shared how she went about drafting the report. She first took input from the committees to put together an assessment of the current conditions within the city trying to include key findings from each of the committees. She then gathered the three common areas each committee discussed and the recommendations under each group. She then put together the specific recommendations from each subcommittee.

## **Discussion Topics:**

- **Review of Draft Transition Report**
- **Specific Recommendations from the Committee**

It was decided that the committee would go through the report by section and members would offer any suggestions. The majority of the time was spent with the specific committee recommendations.

There was major discussion around the Education recommendation and changes were made. It was also shared that DCF does an assessment every 3 years and it was just released. Accessibility was a major issue and it ties back to education to let people know what services are available. The desire of making sure that the Mayor knows that the 988 line is in mental health response is critical. It was also discussed and agreed upon that decriminalization is key.

After committee review of the report and suggestions, there was consensus agreement from the committee with the draft. Dr. McClanahan shared that she would go through this process with each committee and that she would share the final draft with everyone by the end of the month. Members would be encouraged to provide any last-minute input before the final was submitted.

There was a discussion of the plan for the committees after the transition. That would be determined and Lynn or Dr. Joshi would be in contact.

## **Comments from the Public**

**None**