



**OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN
TRANSITION HEALTH COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH / ADDICITON
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 11, 2023
6:00 – 7:30 PM**

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Carolyn McClanahan, M.D. – Health
Committee Chair
Sunil Joshi, M.D. – Chief Health Officer
Frank Emanuel
Richmond Wynn
Michael Deartko
Jeff Winkler

Lynn Sherman – Exec. Dir. of Health
Programs
Angela Strain
Suzanne Mailloux
Elizabeth Anderson
Jennifer Ryan

COJ Staff Support:

James Richardson
Trisha Bowles

Guests Present:

Call to Order

Dr. McClanahan called the meeting to order at 6 pm welcoming members and guests.

Chair's remarks

Dr. McClanahan shared background on how the transition committees are envisioned to work. She asked members to introduce themselves and share any insights that they had around the discussion topics.

Logistics / Sunshine Law

James Richardson introduced himself as the staff support to the committees. He would be the main point of contact. Trisha Bowles, Office of General Counsel. Provided some information concerning Sunshine Law and how the committee members could communicate with each other. They both shared the Sharepoint site information that had been established for the Health committees and provided directions on how they were to be used.

Discussion Topics:

- **State of Mental Health and Addiction Care Access in Duval County**
 - **How it is Being Addressed**
 - **Challenges the Organizations Face**
 - **Challenges the Beneficiaries Face**
- **Recommendations to Improve Availability**

Committee members engaged in discussions around the major impediments to insurance for residents and the challenges with identifying insurance and primary care and how to access it. While the challenges were many, most members felt that the Mayor was well positioned to be a communicator and a convenor.

Discussions focused around the stigma associated with mental health in the minority community. There needed to be some attention paid to the whole health – mental and physical – intersection. There was significant discussion around the 988 suicide prevention line and education. There were several examples of best practices that could be considered for Jacksonville – a co-responder program and an adult mobile response unit. The group decided that there were 6 primary areas in this subject area:

1. Education and PR – there is a significant need to educate the community around the issue. Mayor Deegan could be a valuable asset in this.
2. Provider Inventory – there needs to be a means to gather information on what is being done in the space, by whom and where.
3. Logistics and navigation – there are significant issues with residents getting access to the system, primarily transportation, and then once in the system navigating it to secure needed services.
4. Partnerships – there need to be partnerships with the whole health community, JFRD, JSO and DCPS
5. Prevention – Pediatricians can be key in identifying issues early, schools can be providers and assist in identifying issues and there is a need for family/parenting education to assist in identifying issues and how to access services.

6. Research – there needs to be a means to identify who is suffering and where are the highest needs
 - a. Minority community
 - b. LGBTQ community – youth and adults
 - c. Children

Dr. McClanahan talked about the possible transition report format and the timing. The committees would all be meeting over the course of the month and she is tasked with having the report in draft form completed around mid-August.

James shared that he would communicate the next meeting and location as soon as he could arrange the logistics.

Comments from the Public

None