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Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Virtual Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2024

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. EST

2:00 P.M. - Welcome and Call to Order

Nakeesha Whipple welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chair Designee Dennis Lemma. Roll call was taken by Nakeesha Whipple. Attendance Summary:

Amy Ronshausen
Major Todd Shear
Sheriff Robert Hardwick
Commissioner Chris Dougherty
Commissioner Kathleen Peters
Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro
Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo
Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Chair Delegate
Secretary Shevaun Harris
Commissioner Lee Constantine

1. Approve November 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was approved by Council.

2. Seminole County's Strategic Approach

Dennis Lemma, Seminole County Sheriff
Sheriff Lemma provided background on the opioid epidemic and reviewed recent changes to Florida Statutes. Seminole County developed a jail-based treatment facility, a K-12 curriculum, new treatment facilities for co-occurring disorders.

3. Status Update on the State Funds

Jeanette Cherubini, Manager of the Office of Opioid Recovery
An update on the use of the State Fund in Year One was presented. Allocations to qualified and non-qualified counties and the initiatives funded with the allocations were discussed.

4. Pinellas County Opioid Settlement Plan

Karen Yatchum, Human Services Director for Pinellas County
Information was shared regarding the rollout of the opioid settlement funding for Pinellas County. The City/County Plan is administered through Pinellas Matters which has established several initiatives through hospitals, addiction teams, peer recovery organizations, and community behavioral health providers.

5. Opioid Remediation

Diana Matty, West Palm Beach Fire Chief
West Palm Beach Fire Chief Diana Matty reviewed the City's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. Chief Matty reviewed challenges, the city's call volume, number of opioid deaths, and expenditures related to the opioid settlement funding received by the city of West Palm Beach.

6. Project Opioid

Chief Executive Officer of Project Opioid, Andrae Bailey gave an overview of the organization and how they focus on addressing overdose deaths and bring community partners together to create strategies to implement regionally. Mr. Bailey shared national data on opioid deaths, fentanyl, the use of naloxone, and the importance of community leaders working together.



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7. Floor was open for public comment.

8. Closing Remarks

Council Chair Lemma provided closing remarks. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.