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Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Virtual Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2024

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. EST

1:00 P.M. – Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Designee Sheriff Dennis Lemma. Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

Attendance Summary:

Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Chair Delegate

Erica Floyd Thomas for Secretary Shevaun Harris

Amy Ronshausen

Major Todd Shear

Tara Wilde for Sheriff Robert Hardwick

Commissioner Chris Dougherty

Commissioner Lee Constantine

Commissioner Kathleen Peters

Approval of September 19, 2024, Minutes

The minutes for the September 19, 2024, meeting were approved with no opposition.

Annual Legislative Report

Chair Lemma discussed the implementation of the various strategies used to address opioid abatement that have been implemented in counties and municipalities across the State of Florida. The chair provided a high-level review of the eleven recommendations included in the draft report that address substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

Council Member Lee Constantine expressed concern with media reports suggesting Opioid Settlement dollars are being utilized to combat Amendment 3. Chair Lemma emphasized that Amendment 3 has not been discussed by this Council and reminded Council members that the Opioid Trust Fund has \$18 million allocated for primary prevention and media campaigns.

Final Vote on 2024 Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement Report

Council Member Peters motioned to approve the report with Council Member Dougherty providing a second. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Public Comment

Lenette Serlo, Founder of Generation O, a national organization for opioid exposed children, discussed her family's experience with neonatal exposed children, and the organization.

John Newcomer, CEO of South Florida Behavioral Health Network, commented that Florida needs to ensure the state can demonstrate that the utilization of opioid funds actually mitigates the opioid epidemic.

Closing Remarks

Chair Lemma provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 P.M. EST