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Monday, January 28, 2019 12:10 P.M.

Palm Beach County School Safety Initiative Behavioral Health Track

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue West Palm Beach



Members Present:

Chairman Judge James Martz, Administrative Juvenile Division Judge
Seth Bernstein, Psy.D., United Way
Melody Bonomo, Director of Behavioral Health, Prestige Health Choice
Darcy Davis, CEO, Health Care District of PBC
June Eassa, Ed.S., Director Department of Safe Schools, PBC School District
Tammy Fields, Director, PBC Youth Services
Dr. Barbara Gerlock, Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board Chair
Pat Kenny, Ph.D., Division Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Major Robin Griffin-Kitzerow, PBC School District Police Department
Sharon L'Herrou, President CEO 211, Palm Beach/Treasure Coast (Represented by Candi Spitz)
Pat McNamara, President and CEO, Palm Healthcare Foundation
Sharon Tarlow, Education Coordinator, JFK Medical Center
Becky Walker, COO, Southeast Behavioral Health Network
Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., CEO Children's Services Council (Represented by Tanya Palmer, CPO)

Guests Present:

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Bill Johnson, Director, PBC Emergency Management
Darren Romelus with County Mayor Mack Bernard's Office
Cat Calsetta, Community Engagement Specialist, Health Care District of PBC
Gena Rowlands, Senior Planner, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

CJC Staff Present:**Kristina Henson**, Executive Director**Katherine Shover**, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst**Jonathan Hackley**, Criminal Justice Analyst**Jervonte Edmonds**, Temporary Professional

- I. Welcome and Opening Comments – Chairman Martz
 - a. Welcomed all members and guests.
- II. Introductions were made.
- III. The agenda and minutes were approved by a motion from Pat Kenny, Ph.D. and a second by Tammy Fields.
- IV. Business:
 - a. Darcy Davis, CEO, Health Care District (HCD) of Palm Beach County presented an overview of the program and services that are available. The HCD was approved in 1998 as a special taxing district that is guided by the Palm Beach County Health Care Act. The purpose is to fill the gaps and provide a safety net for health services in Palm Beach County. Funding is provided by ad valorem taxes, net revenue from patients, and grants. Dr. Belma Andric, Chief Medical Officer, noted that 90% of their patients live below the poverty line and 20% are homeless. Service is provided regardless of insurance, and they assist patients in applying for Medicaid. Dr. Courtney Rowling, Director of Behavioral Health, provided information about the type of therapy available for patients. She noted they are a one-stop shop that provides low/no cost drugs. They also follow-up with patients to determine if they are taking their medications and offer other services such as education and bus passes.
 - b. Becky Walker and Melody Bonomo provided information about treatment tracks. Ms. Bonomo noted that they are a neutral party that tries to identify needs and behavioral health gaps. Ms. Spitz provided information about the Help Me Grow program to identify at-risk children that is available through 211 for parents of children (0-8 years). She also provided information about the confidential suicide hotline that is available 24/7 and also via text. They work with law enforcement if the call escalates.
 - c. Tammy Fields provided the standardized definitions for Trauma Informed Care.
 - d. Kristina Henson reviewed the findings to date and requested that members let her know of any missing areas.
 - e. Next meeting – Becky Walker will present information about the new and expanded Mobile Crisis Unit.
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