

**Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board
Pinellas County
May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB) met in regular session at 2:01 PM on this date in Suite 1-455 at the EpiCenter, 13805 58th Street North, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Chief Ian Womack, Chair, City of St. Petersburg Fire Rescue
Dr. Ulyee Choe, Vice-Chair, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director
Kathleen Peters, County Commissioner
Brett Schlatterer, Pinellas Park Fire Chief, alternate for Mayor Sandra Bradbury
Lina Teixeira, City of Clearwater Councilmember

Not Present

Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park Mayor

Others Present

Gloria Coffey, Human Services Planning Section Manager
Sara Gordils, Human Services Planning Section Manager
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Karen Yatchum, Human Services Director
Shirley Westfall, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk
Other interested individuals

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Womack called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM, welcomed those in attendance, and introduced new Board member Lina Teixeira; whereupon, later in the meeting, Commissioner Peters suggested that staff meet with Ms. Teixeira to update her regarding the work being done in Pinellas County.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2024 MINUTES

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared in response to the Chair's call for public comment.

2023 PRIORITY LIST – REVIEW/UPDATE

Referring to a document included in the agenda packet titled *Pinellas County Regional Opioid Abatement Funding Priority List 2024-2025*, Ms. Coffey indicated that, in order to receive opioid litigation funding, the Department of Children and Families requires the submittal of an annual Priority List to show how the funding will be expended in the upcoming year. She related that the priorities remained the same; and that an update regarding program solicitation for the gap analysis and plans for a future program solicitation was added to the submittal.

Responding to queries by the members, Ms. Gordils provided information regarding the timeline for program solicitation and flexibility related to priorities and core strategies.

In response to queries by Chair Womack, Ms. Gordils, with input from Ms. Coffey, discussed the timeline and scope for the gap analysis; whereupon, responding to a query by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Gordils confirmed that a particular state priority may be expanded upon even if it is not one of the six top priorities selected by this Board.

In response to a previous query by Dr. Choe regarding efforts of other opioid abatement funding advisory boards, Ms. Yatchum indicated that she has been in contact with the Sarasota board; that she conducted a presentation at a statewide opioid task force meeting; and that she will be meeting with state counterparts at an upcoming special meeting of the Florida Association of Counties. Commissioner Peters provided comments regarding the impacts being made by Pinellas Matters and the decrease in number of deaths.

Upon the Chair's call for a motion to approve the Board's 2024-2025 Priority List, Commissioner Peters made the motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teixeira and carried unanimously.

GAP ANALYSIS UPDATE

Ms. Coffey, with input by Ms. Gordils, indicated that weekly meetings are being held with Ernst & Young; and that the goal is to include them in discussions with identified stakeholders; whereupon, in response to a query by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Gordils provided information related to plans for engagement of particular entities, such as the Sheriff, Safety and Emergency Services Department, and municipalities.

Chair Womack expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff for their purposeful efforts toward the long-term outcome.

Commissioner Peters indicated that representatives from Citrus County have contacted her and are interested in learning about the work being done here.

NEXT STEPS/NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Following discussion regarding meeting dates, the gap analysis, and the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement, Commissioner Peters confirmed that the June 28, 2024, OAFAB will be cancelled; whereupon, Chair Womack indicated that the next OAFAB meeting will be held on September 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously; whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.