

**Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board
Pinellas County
April 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB) met in regular session at 1:00 PM on this date in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Chief Lindsay Judah, Chair, City of St. Petersburg Fire Rescue
Dr. Ulyee Choe, Co-Chair, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director
Kathleen Peters, County Commissioner
Chief Brett Schlatterer, Pinellas Park Fire Department (alternate)
Lina Teixeira, City of Clearwater Councilmember

Not Present

Ricky Butler, City of Pinellas Park Councilman

Others Present

Dr. Joshua Barnett, Behavioral Health Data Scientist
Gloria Coffey, Human Services Planning Section Manager
Sara Gordils, Human Services Contracts Section Manager
Ryan Shields, Human Services Data Analyst
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Tammy Burgess, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk
Other interested individuals

All documents provided to the Clerk's Office have been filed and made a part of the record.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judah called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM; whereupon, she confirmed the presence of a quorum and welcomed those in attendance.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Upon Chair Judah's call for a motion to approve the minutes, Chief Schlatterer made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Teixeira; whereupon, Chair Judah stated that the motion passed and the minutes are approved.

Deviating from the agenda, Attorney Ward indicated that applications are officially live. He also discussed efforts to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the competitive selection process and to provide safeguards for maintaining procurement systems with quality and integrity; whereupon, he indicated that applicants are prohibited from attempting to influence the Board's decision outside of the competitive selection process, including during the public comment section of today's meeting; that such attempts may result in the disqualification or rejection of their application; and that questions may be directed to Human Services or the County Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to a query by Chair Judah, Ms. Gordils confirmed that there is no public comment.

OPIOID TASK FORCE – DATA REVIEW

Pinellas County Opioid Task Force (OTF) Chair Marianne Dean related that data from the Medical Examiner's office shows another year of declining deaths due to overdoses associated with all drugs and opiates. She also emphasized the importance of being aware of trends that may be happening outside the purview of drug and opioid overdoses to ensure that individuals are not subject to other detrimental outcomes; whereupon, she discussed efforts by the OTF to explore other data sets, conduct anecdotal watching, and hold smaller meetings to determine the definition of success.

OPTIMAL DATA SET (ODS) OVERVIEW

Dr. Barnett introduced himself and Mr. Shields and related that they are the ODS team within the County's Human Services Department; whereupon, Dr. Barnett and Mr. Shields provided information regarding their background and experience.

Mr. Shields noted several questions raised at the last OAFAB meeting pertaining to the ODS; whereupon, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Barnett and Mr. Shields provided background information related to the ODS and discussed the following topics:

- Impacts of the lack of shared key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Data collection tool which captures KPIs along the continuum of care
- Capturing data pertaining to program entry and length of stay
- Identification of KPIs
- ODS organization and data categories for systems-level measurement
- Measuring improvements

- Performance measurement based on level of care
- Establishment of performance measurement from authoritative sources
- Range of values for KPI benchmarking

Mr. Shields presented a sample ODS dashboard and briefly discussed its capabilities. Dr. Barnett also highlighted various details regarding substance use treatment and the ODS; whereupon, he emphasized the importance of systems-level monitoring and discussed collaborative and data-informed program management and the future state of the ODS.

In response to comments and a query by Dr. Choe and Chief Schlatterer, Dr. Barnett, with input from Ms. Gordils, discussed next steps toward the design and development of KPI benchmarks for substance use treatment.

2025/2026 PRIORITY LIST – REVIEW/UPDATE

In response to a query by Dr. Choe, Ms. Gordils provided clarifying information related to the priority list and indicated that it is being presented for feedback, discussion, and approval by the members; whereupon, Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously.

NEXT STEPS

Ms. Coffey indicated that the closing date for the program solicitation is June 2; that the OAFAB Review Committee is scheduled to meet on August 1; that additional dates have been designated for oral presentations; and that she will meet with the members individually to ensure that they are comfortable retrieving information from the Neighborly system.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Earlier in the meeting, Ms. Coffey related that the next OAFAB meeting will be held on July 8.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon Chair Judah's call for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Peters made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously; whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.