

**Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board  
Pinellas County  
August 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB) met in regular session at 8:04 AM on this date in the Palm Room at the Pinellas County Communications Building, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida.

**Present**

Lindsay Judah, Chair, City of St. Petersburg Fire Rescue (appeared virtually)  
Dr. Ulyee Choe, Co-Chair, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director  
Ricky Butler, City of Pinellas Park Councilman  
Kathleen Peters, County Commissioner  
Lina Teixeira, City of Clearwater Councilmember

**Others Present**

Gloria Coffey, Human Services Planning Section Manager  
Sara Gordils, Human Services Contracts Section Manager  
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney  
Jessica Oakes, 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**

Acting Chair Choe called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM and indicated that he will be presiding over the meeting since Chair Judah is attending remotely.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Upon the acting Chair's call for a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Teixeira made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Butler and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Upon the acting Chair's call for public comment, Attorney Ward requested that this portion of the meeting be utilized for general public comments. He also indicated that there will be an opportunity for applicants to advocate for their programs at a later time.

Thereupon, Jim Miller, Pinellas Park, appeared and indicated that he is the CEO of Operation PAR, Inc.; whereupon, he provided brief comments regarding time allotted to applicants for oral presentations and potential scheduling conflicts related to an upcoming conference.

## **RANK AND REVIEW – FY25 – REGIONAL OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDING TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM SERVICES**

Following introduction of the item by acting Chair Choe, Ms. Coffey provided an overview of the process for scoring and ranking applications and indicated that the first round will consist of consensus scoring; that the second round will consist of oral presentations and a question and answer session; and that the third round will consist of an optional invitational Request for Proposals and/or oral presentations; whereupon, Ms. Coffey provided details regarding the types of information that staff and Opioid Task Force Chair Marianne Dean can provide when responding to queries by the members.

Ms. Coffey provided additional information regarding the ranking process, including the order in which applications will be reviewed and the method for calculating final scores; whereupon, she indicated that while acting Chair Choe may participate in discussion regarding the application submitted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tampa Bay, he will not be able to vote in the final measure and scoring due to a conflict.

*Commissioner Peters arrived at 8:11 AM.*

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Gordils, with input from Ms. Coffey, provided clarifying information related to the process for scoring and discussing each application.

Ms. Gordils indicated that, once the members reach consensus regarding the range in which they would like to score each of the evaluation criteria, they will provide their individual score within that range; and that the average of the members' individual scores will be the final score; whereupon, the members discussed the applications; reached consensus regarding whether each evaluation criterion should be scored within the *Exemplary, Adequate, Marginal, or Missing/Incomplete* range; and stated their individual scores in the agreed-upon range.

*The meeting was recessed at 9:39 AM and reconvened at 9:53 AM.*

Ms. Gordils indicated that Ms. Coffey will share the results of the consensus scoring; and that the final scores will be the average total, which will provide a ranking; whereupon, Ms. Coffey displayed the following average scores for the evaluation criterion and the total score for each application:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **66 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **105 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **185 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **147 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **147 points**  
Budget (100 points): **74 points**  
Total Score: **724 points**

Abstaining member: Dr. Choe

Ernst & Young LLP

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **60 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **82 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **150 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **130 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **129 points**  
Budget (100 points): **48 points**  
Total Score: **598 points**

Florida Dream Center, Inc

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **68 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **82 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **157 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **126 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **124 points**  
Budget (100 points): **65 points**  
Total Score: **622 points**

Live Tampa Bay

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **74 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **100 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **167 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **136 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **137 points**  
Budget (100 points): **67 points**  
Total Score: **681 points**

Operation PAR, Inc.

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **86 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **127 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **197 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **169 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **166 points**  
Budget (100 points): **67 points**  
Total Score: **812 points**

WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **71 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **107 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **176 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **153 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **152 points**  
Budget (100 points): **68 points**  
Total Score: **727 points**

Youturn Health

Program Description & Abatement Strategies (100 points): **63 points**  
Organizational Profile & Partnerships (150 points): **93 points**  
Scope of Services (250 points): **146 points**  
Community Need (200 points): **115 points**  
Program Outcome and Goals (200 points): **115 points**  
Budget (100 points): **54 points**  
Total Score: **586 points**

Referring to the above-listed scores, Ms. Gordils indicated that the highest ranking applicants were Operation PAR, Inc. with a score of 812, WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc. with a score of 727, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tampa Bay with a score of 724.

**PROGRAM SOLICITATION DISCUSSION**

Ms. Gordils indicated that the Board may request oral presentations from the highest-ranking applicants; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants who will be asked to present, the duration and content of presentations, and the time allotted for questions by the members.

In response to concerns expressed by the members, Ms. Gordils provided brief comments regarding the Board's ability to reprocur for a specific need and related that she believes that the members have decided to revisit a potential procurement for data governance at a later time.

Following discussion, Ms. Gordils summarized that each applicant will be allotted a two-hour timeslot, including up to 45 minutes to conduct an oral presentation; whereupon, she provided brief comments regarding the content that each presentation will contain.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Gordils noted that the Board will be meeting on August 20 and 22; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding potential scheduling conflicts and the time allotted for each applicant's presentation.

Ms. Gordils indicated that staff will be in communication with the members to finalize scheduling; whereupon, Commissioner Peters made a motion for the three top-scoring applicants to conduct oral presentations, on the designated dates, for the purpose of providing information regarding how each patient will get through the system that is being proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teixeira and carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.