



Pinellas County Substance Abuse Advisory Board Meeting

July 16, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2026 | 9:00 AM
SPC EpiCenter – Room 1-324 1st Floor
13805 58th St. N., Clearwater, FL 33762

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- a. Welcome and IntroductionsMegan McGee, *Vice Chairman*
- b. Public Comments

II. Old Business

- a. Approval of April 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes.....Megan McGee, *Vice Chairman*
- b. Bylaws discussion..... . Megan McGee, *Vice Chairman*

III. New Business

- a. Membership updates, vacancies, or resignations Megan McGee, *Vice Chairman*
- b. Florida Department of Law Enforcement JAG Grant updates... Maggie Miles, *Human Services*
 - i. [FDLE - Open Funding Opportunities](#)
- c. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form..... Sara Gordils, *Human Services*
- d. SAAB Review Committee Grant Funding Recommendations..... Sara Gordils, *Human Services*
 - i. FY26-27 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund
- e. SAAB Board Award Recommendations Vote Megan McGee, *Vice Chairman*
 - i. FY26-27 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund

IV. Roundtable

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: TBD Fall 2026

Old Business

Minutes from April 22, 2026

Bylaws Discussion

**Substance Abuse Advisory Board
Pinellas County
April 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

The Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) met at 9:02 AM on this date in Room 2-304 at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, 13805 58th Street North, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Chief Adam Geissenberger, Chair, City of Pinellas Park Police Department
Megan McGee, Vice-Chair, City of St. Petersburg Police Department (alternate)
Major Paul Amodeo, Largo Police Department
Becky Albert, Juvenile Welfare Board
Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
Tim Burns, Pinellas County Human Services (alternate)
Marianne Dean, Pinellas County Health Department (alternate)
Michael Hasty, Clearwater Police Department (alternate)
Dawn Holcomb, Department of Corrections
Melissa Leslie, Department of Children and Families
Jim Miller, Operation PAR, Inc.
Ashley Roura, Office of the Public Defender, Sixth Judicial Circuit (alternate)
Ryan Sturm, Pinellas County Schools (alternate)
Courtney Sullivan, State Attorney's Office (alternate)

Not Present

Ulyee Choe, Pinellas County Health Department
Lisa DePaolo, Pinellas County Schools
Chief Eric Gandy, Clearwater Police Department
Antonio Gilliam, St. Petersburg Police Department
Sara Mollo, Public Defender
Melissa Reid, Department of Juvenile Justice
Kimberly Todd, County Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Karen Yatchum, Pinellas County Human Services

Others Present

Nick Bridenback, Drug Court Program Manager, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Lisa Carrillo, Human Services Grants Services Section Manager
Sara Gordils, Human Services Contracts Section Manager
Katelyn Greene, Senior Court Program Specialist, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Katie Kolar, Adult Drug Court Director, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Maggie Miles, Human Services Justice Assistance Grant Analyst
Tiffany Nozicka, Human Services Management Analyst

Marilyn Quiles, Human Services Management Analyst
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Rick Yost, Human Services Section Manager
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.

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Geissenberger called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

No one responded to the Chair's call for public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Upon the Chair's call for a motion, Mr. Hasty made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Dean and carried unanimously.

Adult Drug Court Quarterly Update

Mr. Bridenback provided statistical information for the first and second quarters, including that the program had 374 active participants and 112 new admissions. He also reported that there are 36 veterans participating in the Veterans Treatment Court program; and that 28 individuals are participating in a prison diversion program; whereupon, Mr. Bridenback noted that admissions are typically lower during the holiday season and are expected to increase during upcoming quarters.

Mr. Burns arrived at 9:05 AM.

Mr. Bridenback indicated that staff is working with the State and the State Courts Administrator to prepare for certification under a new program regarding problem-solving courts. He also provided clarifying information related to staff's decision to delay certification due to a need to align with the State's expectations regarding data entry.

Juvenile Drug Court Quarterly Update

Referring to documents titled *Juvenile Drug Court Program Quarterly Report*, Ms. Greene provided statistical information for the period of October 1 through December 31, 2025, including that 51 juveniles entered Juvenile Drug Court, 15 graduated, and eight were discharged; that 21 juveniles were referred to Suncoast Center; and that five juveniles were referred for mental health services.

Ms. Greene also provided statistical information for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2026, including that 52 juveniles entered Juvenile Drug Court, 22 graduated, and six were discharged; that 34 juveniles were referred to Suncoast Center; and that 15 juveniles were referred for mental health services.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Updates, Vacancies, or Resignations

Chair Geissenberger reported that Mr. Sturm is the alternate for Pinellas County Schools; whereupon, no one responded to his call for a representative from the Department of Juvenile Justice. He also related that he will be reaching out to the Sheriff or Chief Deputy David Danzig to discuss representation for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office following the retirement of Captain Scott Matthews.

By-laws

Ms. Miles indicated that the bylaws and agenda language related to public comment may require updating; whereupon, she requested that the members review the bylaws in preparation for a discussion regarding the matter at the July SAAB meeting.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement JAG Grant updates

Ms. Carrillo reported that the federal solicitation through which the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) receives funding was delayed for eight months; that the solicitation was released in March with an application due date of April 7; and that while FDLE has not yet provided information regarding the local solicitation timeline or final funding amount, staff anticipates receiving additional guidance in late May or early June and estimates funding of approximately \$250,000.00. She also emphasized FDLE's focus on a strong connection to criminal justice and encouraged the members to consider that factor when reviewing application eligibility.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

Chair Geissenberger indicated that he and Messrs. Hasty and Miller and Major Amodio completed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms.

SAAB Review Committee Grant Funding Recommendations

FY25-26 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT
COUNTYWIDE (JAC-C)

In response to a query by Ms. Roura, Ms. Nozicka indicated that applicants are not excluded from consideration based solely on incomplete application documentation; whereupon, discussion ensued, with input from Ms. Gordils and Nozicka and Mr. Burns, regarding several topics related to the application review process, including the following:

- Volume of supporting documentation included in application materials
- Accessibility of applications through the Neighborly portal
- Submission of applications without certain required documents
- Potential refinements to the application and review process

Thereupon, the members reviewed the applications, with input from Ms. Gordils and Nozicka and Mr. Burns, and agreed to the following scores:

Boys & Girls Center of Tampa Bay

Problem Identification (20 points): **10 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **10 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **5 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **5 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **35 points**

CASA Cares

Problem Identification (20 points): **15 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **30 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **7 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **5 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **62 points**

City of Largo

Problem Identification (20 points): **20 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **35 points**

Scope of Services (20 points): **20 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **8 points**
Budget (15 points): **15 points**
Total Score: **98 points**

Abstaining member: Major Amodeo

City of Pinellas Park

Problem Identification (20 points): **20 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **35 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **20 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **10 points**
Budget (15 points): **15 points**
Total Score: **100 points**

Abstaining member: Chair Geissenberger

Clearwater Police Department

Problem Identification (20 points): **20 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **35 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **20 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **10 points**
Budget (15 points): **15 points**
Total Score: **100 points**

Abstaining member: Mr. Hasty

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Problem Identification (20 points): **15 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **25 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **20 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **10 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **75 points**

Abstaining member: Mr. Miller

Florida Recovery Schools of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Problem Identification (20 points): **18 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **20 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **15 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **5 points**

Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **58 points**

Later in the meeting, the Board agreed to modify scoring for the application submitted by Florida Recovery Schools of Tampa Bay, Inc. to reflect zero points for Budget, resulting in a revised total score of 58 points.

Goodwill Industries Suncoast

Problem Identification (20 points): **5 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **10 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **5 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **5 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **35 points**

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

Problem Identification (20 points): **10 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **25 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **16 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **5 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **61 points**

MORE HEALTH, Inc.

Problem Identification (20 points): **20 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **35 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **20 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **8 points**
Budget (15 points): **12 points**
Total Score: **95 points**

Phoenix House Florida

Problem Identification (20 points): **0 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **0 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **5 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **0 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **10 points**

Powerful Young Adults Inc

Problem Identification (20 points): **5 points**

Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **0 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **0 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **0 points**
Budget (15 points): **0 points**
Total Score: **5 points**

Ready for Life, Inc.

Problem Identification (20 points): **15 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **25 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **17 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **10 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **72 points**

Recovery Epicenter Foundation

Problem Identification (20 points): **17 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **30 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **17 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **8 points**
Budget (15 points): **10 points**
Total Score: **82 points**

Suncoast Center

Problem Identification (20 points): **20 points**
Criminal Justice Alignment (35 points): **35 points**
Scope of Services (20 points): **20 points**
Program Outcomes (10 points): **10 points**
Budget (15 points): **5 points**
Total Score: **90 points**

SAAB Board Award Recommendations Vote

FY25-26 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT
COUNTYWIDE (JAG-C)

Referring to a spreadsheet listing applications by their total scores, Ms. Nozicka indicated that the top scoring applications are those submitted by the City of Pinellas Park, the Clearwater Police Department, the City of Largo, MORE HEALTH, Inc., and Suncoast Center; whereupon, discussion ensued regarding several topics, including the following:

- Quantity of applications which may be funded through the grant
- Potential distribution of remaining grant funds
- Feasibility of partial funding for lower-ranked applicants

- Allocation of administrative funding to the County

Ms. Gordils indicated that the recommended action is for the Board to fund all applications with a minimum score of 70, with the right of refusal for any organization to first go to any partially funded lowest-ranked applicant. She also related that funding would then be offered to the highest-ranked applicant in order, with tied applicants receiving equal consideration; whereupon, Mr. Burns made that motion, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

ROUNDTABLE

No one responded to the Chair's call for Board comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.



Pinellas County Substance Abuse Advisory Board BYLAWS

The Pinellas County SAAB (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of Florida Administrative Code, Rule 11D-9.005 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, as the primary body for coordinating drug abuse efforts undertaken with funds provided by the Act.

Reviewed and approved 8/15/23

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Pinellas County Substance Abuse Advisory Board.

ARTICLE II – MISSION

The mission of the Pinellas County Substance Abuse Advisory Board is comprised of three parts:

1. To ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently in ongoing efforts to address the impact of substance use on our community.
2. To identify and support effective substance use intervention and/or treatment programs in Pinellas County.
3. To promote County efforts to prevent and control crime by preventing recidivism and improving outcomes for justice-involved residents with substance use issues.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE/GOALS

The Substance Abuse Advisory Board (Board) coordinates stakeholder efforts to address substance use in Pinellas County through the identification of resources needed to bridge gaps in services and meet community needs.

The Board also serves as the primary body for coordinating efforts undertaken with funds provided by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. In this capacity, the Board shall meet to review and recommend applications for funding under relevant grant/funding opportunities including, at minimum, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Countywide Program and the Pinellas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund.

ARTICLE IV – OBJECTIVES

The activities of the Board will include the following:

1. Review and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the approval of plans, budgets, and grant applications for, at minimum, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the Pinellas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund,
2. Research and monitor trends concerning substance use in Pinellas County.
3. Evaluate the performance of JAG programs, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund, expenditures, and any other programs that may fall under board duties.
4. Such other duties as may be prescribed by rule.

ARTICLE V – SIZE AND COMPOSITION

A. Size

The SAAB Board shall consist of no less than nine (9) and no more than twenty (20) members.

B. Composition

Per FAC, Rule 11D - 9.005, the Board shall consist of a minimum of the following persons or their authorized designees:

- Chief Circuit Judge
- State Attorney
- Public Defender
- Sheriff
- Chief of Police of each municipality within the county or a Chief of Police designated by those Chiefs of Police as their representative,
- Jail Administrator
- Clerk of the Court
- Superintendent of Education
- A representative of local drug treatment programs

In addition, the Board may nominate other key individuals/stakeholders from the County including, but not limited to:

- Pinellas County Government
- Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Juvenile Welfare Board

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE

A. Recruitment/Appointment

On an annual or as needed basis, the Board shall review its composition to ensure requirements are met, vacancies are filled, membership lists are current, and alternates are named. Board members not specifically identified shall submit or recertify to the Board Coordinator a statement documenting their authority to serve as their agency or organization's representative. Replacements for non-required positions shall be filled in accordance with Section E herein.

B. Alternate Membership

Alternates must be designated in writing to the Board Coordinator by the named Board Member. Board Members should state that said individual is Board Member's Designated Alternate and has the authority to vote on his/her behalf. The Designated Alternate must be employed by the same organization and possess the knowledge necessary to assist in decisions made by the Board.

C. Terms of Office

There is no term limit for serving on the Board.

D. Removal

Any required member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board without being excused by the Chairperson must provide a Designated Alternate.

Any non-required member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board without being excused by the Chairperson is subject to removal and/or replacement.

E. Vacancies and Resignations

Vacancies for required members that occur on the Board as a result of resignation or removal shall be filled by recommendation to the Board by that position's organization and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. A member of the Board may resign by presenting a written statement of intention to the Chairperson 30 days prior to the effective date of resignation. Vacancies as a result of resignation or removal for non-required members shall be filled by recommendation from that position's organization or by any board member and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board.

F. Compensation

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS AND VOTING

A. Regular Meetings

The Board meets, at minimum, bi-annually at a time and place approved by the Board Chair. The Fall meeting shall serve as the Annual Meeting. All meeting activities of the Board are organized by the Board coordinator. The Board coordinator is an employee of the Department of Human Services, a department under the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

B. Special Meetings

In the event that a special meeting is necessary, Board members shall be notified of the time, place and purpose of the special Board meeting at least 48-hours prior by facsimile, correspondence, or hand delivery in person.

C. Notice of Meetings

Board members and the public shall receive notice two-weeks in advance of all meetings. In the event a deadline does not allow two-weeks' notice, Board members and the public shall receive a minimum 48-hour notice, in compliance with Florida's public meetings law: 286.011, F.S.

D. Quorum

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meetings. The act of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by law. All meetings, including committee meetings, shall comply with the Florida Sunshine Law.

E. Voting

All members shall be deemed as equal members and a simple vote is all that is required. A quorum must be present to solidify a vote, except as may be provided by statute or these bylaws. All Board members or delegates present shall be counted towards the quorum requirements, even if the representative later abstains or recuses from voting.

F. Recording, Distribution and Storage of Minutes

The Board Coordinator shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall be custodian of all books, documents, and papers filed with it. All meetings of the Board, as well as all records, books, documents, and papers, shall be open and available to the public in accordance with F.S. § 286.011.

ARTICLE VIII -- OFFICERS AND STAFF ASSISTANCE

A. Officers

The officers of the Board shall consist of, at minimum, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. Additional officer positions may be added by approval of the Board as prescribed herein.

B. Election and Terms of Office

The officers shall be elected by the Board during the annual meeting and shall take office immediately thereafter. Terms of office shall be for two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

C. Removal

Any officer elected by the Board may be removed by two-thirds majority vote after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

D. Vacancy

The unexpired term of an officer not completing his or her term shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at the next regular meeting after the vacancy or at a special meeting called for that purpose. A majority vote of the total Board membership shall be necessary to elect an officer.

E. Chairperson

The Board shall elect a Chairperson by majority vote of a quorum of the Board.

The Chairperson of the Board shall have the authority to send letters and other correspondence on behalf of the Board without prior approval as necessary and consistent with the Purpose of the Board as provided for in these bylaws.

The Chairperson shall inform the Board and provide a copy of any correspondence sent under this authority at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Any Board member opposed to the action of the Chairperson may object and call for a vote to rescind said action.

F. Vice-Chairperson

The Board shall elect a Vice-Chairperson by majority vote of a quorum of the Board. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by Board.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEE(S)

A. Review Committee

A Review Committee made up of a quorum of Board Members or their designees shall review applications for relevant grant/funding opportunities including, at minimum, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – Countywide Program (JAG) and the Pinellas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund. Meetings will be set based on the needs/timelines of the funding opportunities. Minutes shall be kept at each Review Committee meeting, and all noticing and participation requirements which would apply to regular meetings shall apply to Review Committee meetings as well.

B. Ad-hoc Committees

The Board may establish ad-hoc Committees as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of the Board. The Committee members and chairperson shall be appointed by consent of a majority vote of a quorum of the Board. Ad-hoc Committees shall be advisory in nature.

C. Ad-hoc Committee Procedures

1. Term: Each Committee shall be appointed a regularly scheduled Board meeting or special meeting and shall serve for the ensuing year.

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2. Meeting Procedure: Every meeting of a Committee shall be called by its chairperson or by a majority of Board members. At the first meeting of the Committee, a meeting schedule shall be determined.
 3. Membership: Only Board members may be appointed to a Committee of the Board. The Board may request that non-Board members attend Board or Committee meetings to provide assistance or information.

ARTICLE X – ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Compliance with Laws

The Board shall assure activities of the Board are performed in compliance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations.

B. Grants

The Board shall work with Pinellas County Human Services to identify and pursue additional grant opportunities.

C. Administrative Assistance

Pinellas County Human Services shall provide the administrative assistance necessary to fulfill the Board's responsibilities. The Board Coordinator shall ensure that secretarial and/or stenographic assistance and staff assistance, if appropriate, is provided to the SAAB Board meetings and to the Chairperson in the performance of his/her authorized duties, as may be reasonably requested.

D. Conflict of Interest

No Board member or designee shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by Federal, state, local, or private funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the Board member or designee, or any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for an award. The officers, employees and agents of the recipient shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, or parties to sub-agreements. However, recipients may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct shall provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employers or agents of the recipients.

ARTICLE XI -- FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Board shall be October 1 through September 30.

ARTICLE XII -- ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business of the Board at its regular meetings, unless changed by a majority vote of its members, shall be as follows:

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of last meetings minutes
 - b. Adult Drug Court Quarterly Update
 - c. Juvenile Drug Court Quarterly Update
3. New Business
4. Roundtable
5. Adjournment

ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the entire Board.

ARTICLE XIV – PROGRAM TERMINATION

The Board shall remain in existence for as long as required to remain eligible for receipt of funding from Chapter 11D-9 of the Florida Administrative Code or any successor law that requires the existence of SAAB Board.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners may terminate the Board at any time.

ARTICLE XVI -- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Parliamentary Authority of the Council shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

CONCLUSION

To the extent that any of the Board By-laws are contrary to statutory requirements or Pinellas County's authorization, they shall be of no force or effect.

ADOPTED -

Adopted by motion at the **August 15, 2023**, meeting of the Board.

Amended: For Review & Approval August 15, 2023

New Business

Membership updates, vacancies, or
resignations

Florida Department of Law
Enforcement JAG Grant Updates

Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Form

SAAB Review Committee Grant
Funding Recommendations

SAAB Board Award
Recommendations Vote

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To: [Miles, Maggie](#)
Cc: [Sturm Ryan](#)
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Hi Maggie!

I hope all is well and you are having a great week. I wanted to reach out because moving forward Ryan Sturm will be attend the SAAB meetings on my behalf, and the behalf of Pinellas County School Board. Within his role as the coordinator of our substance abuse programs, it's best that he be sitting in this role as opposed to me. How can we make this official?

Thank you for your support



Lisa DePaolo, LCSW, Ed.S.

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Pinellas County Schools
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FDLE Criminal Justice Grants Funding Delays:



- ****The FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) federal solicitation was released by the Department of Justice on March 14th. The eight-month delay will significantly impact the release of the local solicitation and subsequent awarding of any grant contracts. FDLE is working diligently to expedite the process as much as possible. We will provide an updated timeline of expected solicitation releases once the federal application and award process is complete.***
- FDLE has notified the county they anticipate their subaward solicitation for JAG 25 to be toward the end of the calendar year 2026.



Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

You have an outside interest, activity, or relationship to disclose if you, your spouse, or domestic partner have one or more of the following:

- (1) Serve as a member for any board, committee, or similar position of an applicant for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund or Justice Assistance Grant funding;
- (2) Employed by, are being considered for employment, or has an economic interest in any applicant organizations.
- (3) Your vote would inure special private gain or loss; which you know would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom you are retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which you are retained

Please disclose any conflict of interest. Reviewer's input or score will not be considered in any listed conflict for the specific agencies below:

I certify I have no other conflicts of interest for the fiscal year 2026 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund or Justice Assistance Grant funding other than those which may be listed above.

Reviewer Signature

Date

FY26-27

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TRUST FUND

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 (TO BE SPENT OCTOBER 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027)

AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$35,000.00

Agency Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Project Description Summary
Operation PAR, Inc.	Largo Campus Kitchen Equipment	\$8,252.25	Operation PAR is respectfully requesting \$8,252.25 for the purchase of one (1) Beverage-Air HR3HC-1S Horizon Series 78" Top Mounted Solid Door Reach-In Refrigerator. This refrigerator will help ensure Operation PAR is able to continue to make and serve more than 135,000 meals annually. Meals are provided to individuals in residential substance use treatment, residential mental health treatment, and withdrawal management (detox) services.
Boley Centers, Inc.	Safe Haven Facility Improvement	\$10,000.00	Replace aging, mismatched dining room furniture and purchase a refrigerator and freezer for one of its Safe Haven programs serving adults with behavioral health challenges. These essential improvements will transform a heavily used communal space into a safe, welcoming, and dignified environment that promotes social connection and a sense of belonging. The additional food storage capacity will enable residents to maintain healthier eating habits, increase independence, and better manage daily living needs. As durable, long-term investments, the furniture and appliances will continue benefiting hundreds of individuals for years to come, strengthening the program's ability to provide stability, foster community, and support positive behavioral health outcomes well beyond the grant period.
WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.	A Turning Point- Therapeutic Environment Enhancement Project	\$9,988.80	Purchase replacement furniture for A Turning Point (ATP), a 65-bed, 24-hour intervention and stabilization program serving individuals experiencing substance use disorders, homelessness, and related behavioral health challenges in Pinellas County. Funding will be used for one-time purchases of patio furniture, cots, and stackable chairs to replace aging items that have exceeded their useful life. These improvements will enhance client safety, comfort, and dignity while creating a more welcoming, recovery-oriented environment that supports engagement in assessment, case management, recovery planning, and linkage to treatment and housing services.
Goodwill Industries Suncoast	Suncoast Recovery Program	\$10,000.00	The Goodwill Suncoast Work Release Program provides outpatient substance abuse treatment services to approximately 150 female work release residents annually in Pinellas County. One-time purchases that support recovery programming for approximately 150 women will include AA and NA literature, step workbooks, trauma recovery materials, meditation and mindfulness guides, therapeutic group activity supplies, art-based recovery resources, yoga and wellness equipment, recovery-focused educational media, and alumni recovery support materials. These resources will be incorporated into outpatient treatment groups, relapse prevention programming, trauma-informed services, wellness activities, and alumni support groups to strengthen recovery outcomes and reduce relapse risk.
PEMHS, Inc. dba Eleos	Client Safety - Metal Detector and Floor Cleaning Project	\$9,358.00	Eleos is seeking funding to purchase and install advanced admissions screening technology for the JARF program, such as a body scanner or equivalent screening system, as well as an automated floor cleaning machine.
TOTAL REQUESTS	5 APPLICATIONS	\$47,599.05	