# Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board
# Pinellas County
# April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB) met in regular session at 1:03 PM on this date at the Shirley Coletti Academy, 6720 54th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Present

Lindsay Judah, Chair, City of St. Petersburg Fire Rescue
Dr. Ulyee Choe, Co-Chair, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director
Ricky Butler, City of Pinellas Park Councilman
Kathleen Peters, County Commissioner

Not Present

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

Chair Judah called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and confirmed the presence of a quorum. She also indicated that while Mr. Butler will be 30 minutes late, he is observing the meeting virtually until his arrival.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon the Chair's request for a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Peters made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## OPIOID TASK FORCE – DATA REVIEW

Chair Judah indicated that the members should have received a document distributed by Pinellas County Opioid Task Force (OTF) Chair Marianne Dean; and that Ms. Dean is present to answer any questions from the members; whereupon, Ms. Gordils related that the OTF welcomes feedback from the members regarding the information they would like included in future documents provided by the OTF.

Later in the meeting, and in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Dean explained that points of interest highlighted on the document she distributed were provided for future reference and do not require immediate action. Responding to comments and queries by Dr. Choe, Ms. Dean also indicated that the OTF is highly interested in social connectivity pathways, including third spaces; and that additional discussion will occur during upcoming OTF meetings; whereupon, Ms. Gordils noted that, through Ms. Dean, the Board may communicate questions and areas of focus to the OTF for consideration during implementation.

## 2026/2027 PRIORITY LIST – APPROVAL

Following the Chair's call for a motion to approve the priority list, Ms. Coffey reminded the members that the list will be submitted to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) as an implementation plan regarding the allocation of opioid abatement funding for State Fiscal Year 2026-2027. She also indicated that the list includes the same six priorities as previous priority lists; whereupon, responding to a query by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Coffey confirmed that the priority list is a required element of the Board's annual report.

Ms. Coffey noted that the Board's recommended funding allocation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (BHUCC); and that approximately $6.6 million has been allocated for Fiscal Year 2026. Responding to queries by Commissioner Peters and Dr. Choe, Mses. Coffey and Gordils provided clarifying information regarding the approved uses associated with the opioid abatement funding allocation; whereupon, Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the priority list. The motion was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously.

## CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

<u>Update</u>

Ms. Coffey reported that the scoping agreement with Operation PAR, Inc. has been finalized; and that staff is scheduled to present the contract to the Board of County

Commissioners for approval on June 16; whereupon, Ms. Gordils clarified that while June 16 is staff's target date for contract execution, implementation would begin on July 1.

Next Steps

Responding to comments and queries by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Gordils, with input from Operation PAR, Inc. CEO Jim Miller, discussed the scope of services to be provided through the BHUCC, including changes made during contract negotiations and the delivery of services through community providers; whereupon, Ms. Yatchum provided clarifying information regarding the rationale for modifications made to the original funding proposal.

## OPEN AGENDA DISCUSSION

No one responded to the Chair's call for open agenda discussion.

*Mr. Butler arrived at 1:26 PM.*

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTER (BHUCC) FACILITY TOUR

Mr. Miller led a tour of the facility and provided information regarding ongoing renovations and the intended use of various areas of the building.

## NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – JULY 1, 2026 (9:00 AM-11:00 AM)

Ms. Gordils indicated that the next OAFAB meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on July 1.

## ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Chair's call for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Butler made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Choe and carried unanimously; whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.