

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: September 17, 2024

Department  
Submitted By: Community Services  
Advisory Board: Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-occurring Disorders  
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: the re-appointment of two (2) members to the Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorders (BHSUCOD), for the term September 17, 2024 to September 16, 2027:

<u>Seat No.</u>	Re <u>Appointment</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
13	William Freeman	Mayor Maria Sachs
17	Rae Whitely	Vice Mayor Maria Marino
		Commissioner Mack Bernard
		Commissioner Gregg Weiss

**Summary:** On November 1, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) established the BHSUCOD per Resolution No. R-2022-1340. The total membership for the BHSUCOD is 9 at-large members, three (3) of which must be persons with lived experience (PLE), and 9 ex-officio members, with knowledge, competence, and experience relative to behavioral health and substance use disorder, who represent the organizations, agencies, institutions, and municipalities whose mission is to resolve substance use and behavioral disorders. The BCC approved a BHSUCOD Inaugural Membership of nine (9) individuals as At-Large Members who served as members of the Opioid Response Plan Steering Committee at the time Resolution No. R2022-1340 was approved. A memo was sent to the BCC on August 15, 2024, requesting nominations. Mr. Freeman is CEO and founder of People of Purpose, which helps returning citizens build lives of purpose through peer mentorship, pro-social activities, and addressing needs. This agency does not contract with the County for services. (Continue on Page 2)

**Attachments:**

1. Boards/Committees Applications and Resumes (2) with Commissioner Signatures
2. Proposed BHSUCOD Member Category and Seat Number
3. Current Membership List
4. Resolution No. R2022-1340

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Recommended By: Jayung Mathelic 8/27/24  
Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency: Helen C. ... 8-28-24  
Assistant County Attorney Date

## Summary (Continued from Page 1)

Pastor Rae Whitely is Regional Organizer for Faith in Florida. This agency does not contract with the County for services. The diversity count for the 15 seats that are currently filled (regular and ex-officio members) is African-American: 4 (27%) Caucasian: 11 (73%). The gender ratio (female: male) is 5:10. Both Mr. Freeman and Pastor Whitely are African-American. Staff is addressing the need to increase diversity within our boards and will continue to encourage this to expand this Board's diversity. Countywide (HH)

**Background and Justification:** The BCC formally adopted the Substance Use and Mental Disorders Plan Update on November 15, 2022. The BHSUCOD's focus is to enhance the County's capacity and effectiveness in formulating comprehensive, integrated, and effective behavioral health, substance use and co-occurring disorders prevention, treatment, support, and recovery policies, as well as to offer recommendations regarding the County's provision of services to the citizens of Palm Beach County and to collect information related to substance abuse disorders in the County and provide that information to the BCC, along with recommendations on responding to the opioid epidemic, as provided in section 17.42, Florida Statutes (2022). The Community Services Department provides staff support. Resolution Number R-2022-1340 provides the authority for the BHSUCOD.

## II. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION**

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. Please **COMPLETE SECTION II IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please attach a biography or résumé to this form.**

**Section I (Department):** (Please Print)

Board Name: Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorders **Advisory**  **Not Advisory**

At Large Appointment **or**  District Appointment /District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Appointment: 3 Years. From: 09/17/24 To: 09/16/27

Seat Requirement: Knowledge, competence, and experience relative to behavioral health and substance use disorder. Seat #: 13

\*Reappointment **or**  New Appointment

or  to complete the term of \_\_\_\_\_ Due to:  resignation  other

Completion of term to expire on: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: 0**

**Section II (Applicant):** (Please Print)

**APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**

Name: Freeman William  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Peer of returning citizen

Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: People of Purpose

Business Address: P.O. Box 2835

City & State Belle Glade, FL Zip Code: 33430

Residence Address: 1501 Calusa Dr. Apt. 2-304

City & State Belle Glade, FL Zip Code: 33430

Home Phone: ( ) 561.530.9169 Business Phone: ( ) Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) same Fax: ( )

Email Address: wfreeman@peopleofpurposefl.org

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes  No

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: See attached

Minority Identification Code:  Male  Female  
 Native-American  Hispanic-American  Asian-American  African-American  Caucasian

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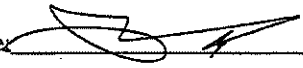
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\*Applicant's Signature:  Printed Name: William Freeman Date: 08/10/24

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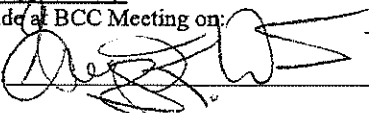
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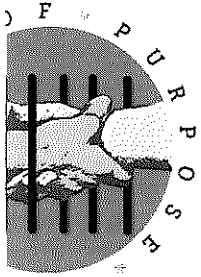
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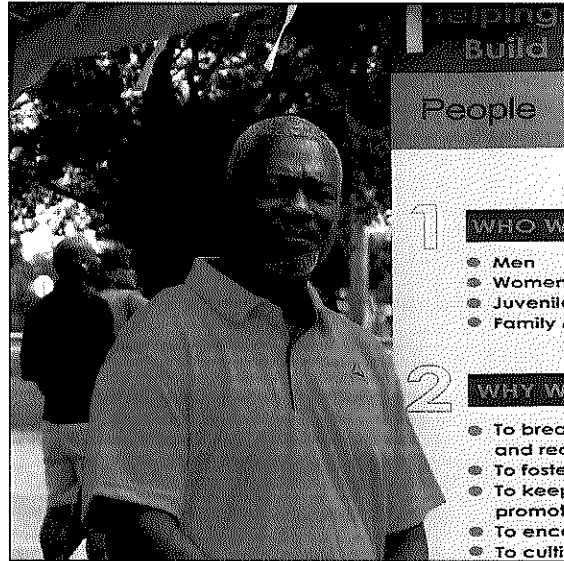
I was arrested and convicted of grand theft during a time when I was battling addiction. My actions were driven by a desperate need to support my habit. I was sentenced to 36 months in prison and have since fulfilled all my obligations to the state of Florida. Today, I stand as someone who has paid my debt to society, committed to transforming my life and helping others do the same.





# Helping Returning Citizens Build Lives of Purpose

## Founder



William Freeman, CEO & Founder of People of Purpose William Freeman had the idea to create People of Purpose while he was incarcerated. At this time, William reevaluated his life choices and knew that he never wanted to go back to prison. Instead, he wanted to become a productive member of society and a leader in his community. As he navigated his own road to reentry, he recognized that some of the major needs in this journey were almost impossible to overcome alone. As such, he was determined to create People of Purpose with the goal of helping others avoid the pitfalls that he encountered and close the door on recidivism. While in prison, William acquired over 30 certifications, including Thinking for a Change cognitive behavioral programming, Commercial Driver's License, Forklifting, and Parenting. He gained advanced leadership and public speaking skills through Toastmasters, which allowed him to become a motivational speaker who is passionate about reforming the criminal justice system. After his release from prison, William became a specially trained Peer Specialist to help himself and other people who have a criminal history become fully functioning, self-sufficient citizens. He is also a member of the Glades Leadership Initiative, Member of the Peer Support Coalition of Florida, Nonprofits First Leadership Academy, and Advisory Member on the Palm Beach County Reentry Task Force.

William Freeman  
 Email: [wfreeman@peopleofpurposefl.org](mailto:wfreeman@peopleofpurposefl.org)

William Freeman  
 Email: [Billie@gladesfla.org](mailto:Billie@gladesfla.org)

William Freeman  
 Email: [william@peopleofpurposefl.org](mailto:william@peopleofpurposefl.org)



# William Freeman

Riviera Beach, FL  
WFreeman240@gmail.com  
(561)-530-9169

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

## Work Experience

### Groundskeeper

State of Florida - Pahokee, FL  
2013 - 2019

- Maintaining site landscaping.
- Maintaining lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, turf.
- Fertilizing lawn, trees, flowers and shrubs, and spreading mulch.
- Trimming trees, hedges and shrubs, and preventing and eliminating weeds. • Operating and maintaining hand tools, such as loppers, saws and shovels efficiently. • Operating and maintaining trucks and power tools.
- Utilizing insecticides, fertilizers and chemical sprays to treat diseases. • Keeping grounds free from trash, litter and debris, and emptying trash receptacles. • Conducting basic irrigation audit and performing basic irrigation repairs. • Removing snow by using shovel or snow blower.

### Event Coordinator

State of Florida - Pahokee, FL  
2016 - 2017

- Identify the client's requirements and expectations for each event.
- Liaise with vendors, exhibitors, and stakeholders during the event planning process to ensure everything is in order.
- Manage all event set-up, tear down and follow-up processes.
- Book venues, entertainers, photographers, and schedule speakers.
- Conduct final inspections on the day of the event to ensure everything adheres to the client's standards.
- Assess an event's overall success and submit findings.

### Line Cook

State of Florida - Century, FL  
2009 - 2012

- Setting up and stocking stations with all necessary supplies
- Preparing food for service (e.g. chopping vegetables, butchering meat, or preparing sauces) • Cooking menu items in cooperation with the rest of the kitchen staff

## Education

**High school or equivalent in High School Diploma** Suncoast

High School - Riviera Beach, FL  
2000

## Skills

- Customer Service Focused
- Effective Communication Skills
- Organized & Efficient
- Team Player
- Certified Fork Lift
- OSHA 30
- Learns New Skills Quickly
- Detailed & Observant
- Computer Literate
- Self-Starter
- Landscaping
- Lawn Care
- Mowing
- Property Maintenance

## Certifications/Licenses

**food handler certificate**

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Name: Whitley Rae  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Faith in Florida / Regional Organizer

Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: Faith in Florida

Business Address: 406 East Amelia Street

City & State: Orlando, FL Zip Code: 33463

Residence Address: 5503 Wishing Star Lane

City & State: Greenacres, FL Zip Code: 32083

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) 561-523-2286 Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: rae.whitley@gmail.com

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Applicant's Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: Rae Whiteley Date: 08/09/2024

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 Community Services Department / Office of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder  
 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL, 33401

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Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:

Commissioner's Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/29/24

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Commissioner's Signature: Mack Beal Date: 8/19/2024

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Date: 8/22/24

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Name: Rae Whitely  
Email: [Rae.Whitely@gmail.com](mailto:Rae.Whitely@gmail.com)  
Address: 5503 WishingStar Lane, Greenacres, FL 33463  
Phone: (561)-523-2286

Education:

- Santaluces Community High School, Lantana, FL
- Tallahassee Community College, Business Management, 1993
- Palm Beach Community College, Business Management, 1994
- HW International Ministries, Pastoral Counseling, Theology

Overview:

A seasoned community developer with a proven track record of empowering low-income communities through grassroots organizing and strategic leadership. Committed to fostering positive change and serving others.

Professional Background:

Mondelez International

Sales Representative, 08/1998 – 10/2017

- Exceeded sales targets and built strong relationships
- Skilled in marketing, merchandising, and business development
- Expert in revenue generation and consultative selling

Black Votes Matter

CEO, 2015-Present

- Created a national model for empowering disadvantaged communities
- Provided consulting services to non-profits and collaborated with stakeholders
- Led campaign planning and resource coordination

Trinity Counseling Center

CEO, 2021-Present

- Head of a faith-based organization offering community resources
- Provides accessible counseling services to individuals facing challenges

Faith in Florida

Congregation/Community Organizer, 2017-Present

- Building a diverse network to address systemic issues
- Working on solutions for poverty and inequality

Children's Oasis International

CEO, 2008-Present

- Raises awareness about child homelessness and mental health
- Partners with youth sports organizations to promote teamwork
- Provides support to children in the U.S., Jamaica, and Haiti

Personal Interests:

- Basketball, barbering, singing
- Motto: "Stay focused"

**Mission Statement:**

Dedicated to serving and inspiring others through faith, community engagement, and a servant's heart to create a positive impact in the United States and Jamaica. Believes in honesty, faith, and following one's passion for change.

**Family:**

- Married to Bethan Dawn Whitely, with a blended family of eight children and eight grandchildren
- Maintains regular contact with parents and siblings

**References:**

1. Dominic Grella, Mondelez International, Sales Representative, (561) 254-8486, [domonic.Grella@MDLZ.Com](mailto:domonic.Grella@MDLZ.Com)
2. Clinton Smith, Jamaican Coffee Board Chair, (876) 815-4279, [Climith1@Yahoo.com](mailto:Climith1@Yahoo.com)
3. Rev. Richard Dames, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, (561) 503-8244, [RevRdames@Gmail.com](mailto:RevRdames@Gmail.com)

(References available upon request)

# Rae Whitely

Pastor Rae Whitely is a Regional Organizer for Faith in Florida. Migrating from Jamaica, he is a first-generation American. Pastor Rae dutifully serves on various religious and community advisory boards. He has a strong desire to bring sustainable change to the lives of “the least among us”; helping to ignite the inner potential that lies within them throughout the community.

Currently, Rae humbly serves on multiple groups. These groups are as follows:

- Children’s Oasis International Inc.
- Healing Hand Ministries
- Faith in Florida
- Boynton Beach Coalition of Clergy
- UNIFY Palm Beach County
- Palm Beach Clergy Alliance
- Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
- Palm Beach County Housing Committee
- Palm Beach County Black Caucus
- Trinity Counseling Center of Florida, Inc.

His mission is simple, clear, and ordained by God: Be a “kingdom influencer” wherever the Lord leads. He humbly continues to share his faith intentionally amongst the community. Rae is married to Bethan, together they are the proud parents of 8 children and 14 grandchildren.

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**Proposed BHSUCOD At-Large Category and Seat Number**

<b>Seat Number</b>	<b>Seat Requirement</b>	<b>Name of Member</b>	<b>Term of Appointment</b>
13	Knowledge, Competence, Experience relative to behavioral health and substance use disorder	William Freeman	09/17/2024 – 09/16/2027
17	Knowledge, Competence, Experience relative to behavioral health and substance use disorder	Rae Whitely	09/17/2024 – 09/16/2027

## BHSUCOD Membership and Terms

<b>Ex-Officio</b>	<b>Seat #</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Angela Burns	1	PBC League Of Cities	N/A
Al Johnson, Esq.	2	15th Judiicial Circuit, State Attorney's Office	N/A
Jon VanArnam	3	PBC Health Care District	N/A
Natalie Kenton	4	FL DOH PBC	N/A
Sandra Sisson	5	PBC Sheriffs Office	N/A
Charles Coyle	6	PBC Fire Rescue	N/A
Daniel Oria	7	Southeast FL Behavioral Health Network	N/A
Patrick McNamara	8	Palm Health Foundation	N/A
vacant	9	Southeast FL Recovery Advocates	N/A
<b>At Large</b>			
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Seat #</b>		<b>Term Expires</b>
Sharon Burns-Carter	10		10/31/2024
Ariana Ciancio	11		10/31/2024
vacant	12		10/31/2023
William Freeman	13		10/31/2023
John Makris	14		10/31/2024
Brent Schillinger, MD	15		10/31/2025
vacant	16		10/31/2025
Rae Whitely - Vice Chair	17		10/31/2023
Austin Wright	18		10/31/2025

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-1340

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS; PROVIDING FOR A PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENTS, TERMS; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR SUNSHINE LAW, CODE OF ETHICS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR SUBCOMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE, SUNSET.

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health and substance use disorder are major health problems facing the citizens of Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted an Opioid Epidemic Response Plan (the Response Plan) in April of 2017 that identified strategic areas of focus as well as related action steps including appointing a County Drug Czar, designating a lead entity, and establishing an opioid response steering committee to advise and help guide the County's efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Response Plan was intended to satisfy the State's Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund requirement for an opioid response abatement plan pursuant to section 17.42 (4)(c), Florida Statutes (2022); and

**WHEREAS**, the BCC has identified the substance use epidemic including but not limited to opioids, crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine as well as behavioral and substance use disorder as high strategic priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Steering Committee was established in 2019 consistent with the Opioid Response Plan, which was intended, in part, to satisfy the State's Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund requirement for a Task Force to respond to the opioid epidemic pursuant to section 17.42 (4)(b), Florida Statutes (2022); and

**WHEREAS**, the BCC has expressed approval of a person-centered, recovery-oriented system of care focused on quality of care and long-term recovery outcome improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1: Purpose.** There is hereby established the Palm Beach County Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder (BHSUCOD) to enhance the County's capacity and effectiveness in formulating comprehensive, integrated, and effective behavioral health, substance use and co-

occurring disorders prevention, treatment, support, and recovery policies, as well as to offer recommendations regarding the County's provision of services to the citizens of Palm Beach County. The BHSUCOD will be supported by the Palm Beach County Community Services Department. The BHSUCOD will increase the coordination and interactions between organizations, agencies and institutions whose mission is to resolve Substance Use and Behavioral Disorders in Palm Beach County.

**Section 2: Membership, Appointments, Terms.**

- A. Members: The BHSUCOD shall be comprised of nine (9) at-large Members and eight (8) Ex officio Members. Members and Ex Officio Members will have equal voting rights on all matters to come before the BHSUCOD. The total membership of the Advisory Committee shall, at a minimum, represent the organizations, agencies, institutions, and municipalities whose mission is to resolve Substance Use and Behavioral Disorders. Members shall be selected for their knowledge, competence, and experience relative to behavioral health and substance use disorder. In addition, three (3) of the nine (9) Members shall have lived experience with behavioral health and/or substance use disorder. All Members and Ex Officio Members must reside in Palm Beach County at the time of appointment and while serving on the Board. Membership shall be representative of the racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of Palm Beach County.
  
- B. Inaugural Membership. The nine (9) individuals who serve as Members of the Opioid Response Plan Steering Committee at the time this Resolution is approved by the BCC, and the three (3) individuals who serve as Ex Officio Members of that Steering Committee, shall comprise the inaugural membership of the BHSUCOD, provided each individual resides in Palm Beach County. Ex Officio Members required by Paragraph C below, who do not serve as Ex Officio Members of the Steering Committee at the time this Resolution is approved, will be added to the inaugural membership of the BHSUCOD immediately on recommendation of the organization they represent.
  
- C. Ex Officio Members: the Ex Officio Members of the BHSUCOD shall be:
  - 1. One (1) member of the Palm Beach County League of Cities who represents a municipality involved in opioid litigation;
  - 2. One (1) member representing the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit;
  - 3. One (1) member representing the Health Care District of Palm Beach County;
  - 4. One (1) member representing the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County;
  - 5. One (1) member representing the Palm Beach County Sheriff;
  - 6. One (1) member representing Palm Beach County Fire Rescue;
  - 7. One (1) member representing Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network;  
and
  - 8. One (1) member representing Palm Health Foundation.



Ex Officio Members shall be recommended for membership by the organization they represent, and membership shall occur simultaneously with that recommendation.

D. Appointments and Terms: At the inaugural meeting of the BHSUCOD, there will be a random selection designating three (3) Members to serve a one (1)-year initial term, three (3) Members to serve a two (2)-year initial term, and three (3) Members to serve a three (3)-year initial term. Following a Member's inaugural membership, Members shall be appointed at large by the BCC, and serve staggered terms of three (3) years, with a limit of three (3) consecutive three (3)-year terms. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term, and shall not count toward the member's term limits. Ex Officio Members are not term limited. All Members shall serve at the pleasure of the BCC.

E. Attendance: Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting. Members removed pursuant to this paragraph shall not continue to serve on the Advisory Committee and such removal shall create a vacancy. Attendance requirement does not apply to Ex Officio Members.

**Section 3: Officers.** A chair and vice-chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the BHSUCOD and shall serve for a term of one year, but not to exceed two consecutive terms in any one office. The duties of the chair shall be to:

- A. Call Advisory Committee meetings and organize the agenda for the meetings;
- B. Preside at Advisory Committee meetings;
- C. Establish subcommittees, appoint subcommittee chairs, and charge subcommittees with specific tasks;
- D. Serve as primary liaison with staff; and
- E. Perform other functions as the Advisory Committee may suggest.

The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the chair's absence, and such other duties as the chair may assign.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chair, then the position shall be assumed by the vice-chair for the remainder of the term. Any remaining officer vacancies shall be filled through a majority vote of the Advisory Committee.

**Section 4: Roles and Responsibilities.** The BHUSCOD shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

- A. Collect information related to substance abuse disorders in the County and provide that information to the BCC, along with recommendations on responding to the opioid epidemic, as provided in section 17.42, Florida Statutes (2022).
- B. Submit to the BCC by October 1 of each year the BHSUCOD Annual Report or Response Plan Update, which shall evaluate mechanisms for behavioral health and substance use disorder services and recommend any changes that may improve the quality, long-term recovery outcomes, and coordination of these services.
- C. If requested by the BCC, provide recommendations on positions the BCC may take on local, state and federal legislation.

**Section 5: Sunshine Law, Codes of Ethics**

The BHSUCOD is subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. Reasonable public notice of all meetings, including subcommittee meetings, shall be provided, as required by the Sunshine Law, and all meetings shall be open to the public and minutes shall be taken. Records are subject to public disclosure.

Members of the BHSUCOD shall comply with the State's Code of Ethics found in Chapter 112, Part III of the Florida Statutes, as well as Palm Beach County's Code of Ethics codified in Sections 2-254 through 2-260 of the Palm Beach County Code.

**SECTION 6: Meetings**

The BHSUCOD shall meet monthly, or as needed, as determined by a majority of the membership.. A quorum, as established by ordinance, must be present for the conduct of all meetings. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

**SECTION 7. : Subcommittees**

The BHSUCOD shall be as self-sufficient as possible in that there is no budget for its function. To this end, to carry out its duties, the creation of subcommittees is encouraged.

**Section 8. General Provisions** All members shall comply with the Uniform Policies and Procedures governing advisory bodies as set forth in Resolution No. 2013-0193, and any amendments thereto. Members will be provided a copy of the resolution and are expected to become familiar with the various requirements, including the provision for automatic removal for lack of attendance, conduct of meetings, and compliance with state and local laws pertaining to financial disclosure and other requirements.

The BHSUCOD is not established to duplicate efforts that County programs and departments were established to address.

No member shall represent the BHSUCOD before any governmental body or public or private entity or group unless approved to do so by a majority vote of the BHSUCOD.

**SECTION 9: Effective Date, Sunset Provision**

This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida. The BHSUCOD will sunset five years from the effective date unless the Board extends its service through official action.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner McKinlay, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sachs, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor	-	<u>Aye</u>
Gregg K. Weiss, Vice Mayor	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Maria G. Marino	-	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner David Kerner	-	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Maria Sachs	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Mack Bernard	-	<u>Aye</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Joseph Abruzzo

By: 

Clerk of Court & Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM &  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: 

Assistant County Attorney

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By its Board of County Commissioners

By: 

Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: 

Reginald K. Duren, Assistant  
County Administrator