



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

Monday, November 3, 2025

11:00 a.m.

City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mazzeo at 11:01 am.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Ariana Ciancio, Police Department
Charles Ridley, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Lefton
Joseph Mazzeo, Fire Department, Chair
Stephen Posovsky

Absent:

None

Staff present:

Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager / Board Liaison
Lawonda Warren, Legal Advisor
Jeane St. Luce, Executive Assistant

Roll was called and quorum was present.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A Motion was made by Ariana Ciancio to approve the agenda, seconded by Jeffrey Lefton. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (4-0).

4. **MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Ariana Ciancio to approve October 6, 2025, minutes, seconded by Stephen Posovsky. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (4-0).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Suzanne Spencer, CEO of Living Skills in the Schools, 1700 Lake Ida Road, commented school base prevention is an important part of the allocation of the opioid funds. She discussed the evidence-based curricula and the definition of evidence-based versus evidence-informed. She stated LSIS and other evidence-informed programs are achieving strong outcomes because they are designed to be flexible and led by licensed mental health professionals. She discussed brooding the language to state evidence-informed in order to be consistent with what is happening in schools today.

6. OLD BUSINESS:**A. Discussion With Drug Task Force**

Chair Mazzeo provided an overview of the discussion with the Drug Task Force at the last meeting. He acknowledged the hard work of the Drug Task Force on the Recommendation Plan. He stated he had some questions for Lissa Franklin from the Drug Task Force regarding the four priority investment areas of the Recommendation Plan and asked how Paramedicine priority would be executed.

Lissa Franklin commented that the task force utilized the members from all the various organizations to identify the needs of the city. The city has implemented excellent programs; therefore, they did a careful analysis of the communities' needs, existing service gaps and evidence-based practices to identify four priorities. Since the task force was under the impression they would not receive the funds, they did not state how the priorities would be implemented or funded.

Vice Chair Ridley stated the task force put together recommendations on the allocation of the funds, but administration of the funds would be the city's responsibility. Lissa Franklin stated that is correct.

Discussion ensued on the next steps in the process if the committee embraces the recommended priorities of the Drug Task Force.

Assistant City Manager Oris stated the next step would be allocating funds for each of the projects/priorities.

Chair Mazzeo stated the Drug Task Force has programs in place and the city does not have the staff or structure to execute this plan.

Lawonda Warren, Legal Advisor stated the committee's responsibility is to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

Chair Mazzeo stated the Recommendation Plan is great but how do we execute this plan.

Assistant City Manager Oris suggested if the committee agrees with the Recommendation Plan by the Drug Task Force, then the committee would present to the Commission to utilize the Recommendation Plan as a guiding document and a suggestion to make the money available to the members of the Drug Task Force and programs contained in the Recommendation Plan. If the Commission agrees, then the Committee will decide on how much funding each of the priorities or programs will receive. Once that is accomplished the Committee will go to the Commission with the recommended funding. Assistant City Manager Oris asked the committee to consider what the outside partners are going to bring to the table to amplify the funds provided.

Committee Member Lefton suggested prioritizing the programs for the first year. Lissa Franklin stated the Drug Task Force designated paramedicine programs as the number one priority.

Chair Mazzeo explained the community paramedicine program. He stated this would be a 15-year reoccurring cost to this fund and asked if the committee should provide the city with options in case, the city said no.

Assistant City Manager Oris stated it is acceptable to recommend long-term programs, but the problem will be getting long-term funding. The opioid settlement funding will not be able to fund any long-term programs. Without a long-term commitment from another source of funding, the program may not be approved to move forward. It would be up to the Commission if they were willing to make that kind of long-term commitment.

Lissa Franklin stated within a year the city would be able to see the value of the program. Assistant City Manager Oris stated that without a long-term financial commitment, the city would not be able to hire personnel for the paramedicine program.

Vice Chair Ridley commented that he believes the Commission will not agree to a long-term commitment and asked about community partners to assist in funding the position.

Discussion ensued regarding partnering with the health care district to assist with funding the paramedicine program similar to Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. Additional discussion on requesting the position for the Fire Rescue Department with the possibility of not getting it funded.

Chair Mazzeo questioned if funding for the Traphouse Pharmacist was a conflict since Dr. Ridley is the daughter of a committee member. Lawonda Warren, Legal Advisor, stated she would investigate the ethic code further. Discussion ensued on the Code of Ethics.

Assistant City Manager Oris suggested bringing the Recommendation Plan by the Drug Task Force to the Commission in its entirety with priorities for direction.

B. Formulation Of A Recommended Opioid Settlement Expenditure Plan For FY 2025-26

A Motion was made by Charles Ridley to move forward with the Recommendation Plan by the Drug Task Force with the accepted amendment of prioritizing the items, seconded by Joseph Mazzeo . All in favor, no opposed. Motion PASSED unanimously (5-0).

A Motion was made by Charles Ridley to use the priorities as set forth in the Recommendation Plan of the Drug Task Force which are as follows 1. Paramedicine, 2. Employment and Related Concerns, 3. Housing Affordability and Stability, and 4. Prevention, seconded by Jeffrey Lefton. All in favor, no opposed. Motion PASSED unanimously (5-0).

Assistant City Manager stated when the Committee’s presentation is ready for the Commission, he will get an agenda date and advise the committee.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

8. **COMMENTS:**

A. Staff

None

B. Committee Members

Committee Member Ciancio discussed the agenda moving forward.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.


Board Liaison

12/23/25
Date


Board Chair

12-22-25
Date