



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE **DRAFT**

Monday, August 4, 2025

6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Assistant City Manager Jeff Oris at 10:02 am.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Ariana Ciancio, Police Department
Jeffrey Lefton, Fire Department
Joseph Mazzeo
Charles Ridley

Absent:

Stephen Posovsky

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 Joseph Mazzeo to approve the agenda, seconded by Jeffrey Lefton. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (4-0).

4. **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Suzanne Spencer, CEO of Living Skills in the Schools, 1700 Lake Ida Road, introduced herself. She stated Living Skills is a school base substance abuse prevention program, which has served Delray Beach since 1999. She is advocating for city wide focus on primary prevention in the school, which is often underfunded. She urged the committee to allocate funding to prevention efforts in schools and to individuals who are trained to deliver this type of information.

Dr. Ashley Ridley, Drug Abuse Foundation, 400 S. Swinton Avenue, introduced herself. The foundation has served Delray Beach since 1968. Their mission is to encourage and support the process of recovery from chemical addiction. She asked the Committee to keep their foundation in mind when funds are allocated.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

Assistant City Manager Oris stated since Mr. Posovsky was not in attendance, the Committee would elect a Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting. He further explained the Committee has two vacant positions and no applications have been submitted to fill the positions. Discussion ensued regarding the two vacant positions, the requirements of the positions and the possibility of reclassification of the positions. Assistant City Manager Oris requested Committee members to reach out to their networks to assist in getting the positions filled.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7A. Purpose Of The Committee

Assistant City Manager provided the adopted policy to the Committee. He explained the Committee's role is to assist with a plan on how to allocate each year's funds. He stated the City has not spent any of the funds but has allocated funds to an Approved Expenditure plan. The Committee will develop recommendations to the Commission for available and future funds which can be for grants to organization or City programs. The funds must meet the criteria set forth in the agreement.

7B. Overview Of Opioid Settlement And Eligible Funding Opportunities

Discussion ensued regarding the clarification of some terms and verbiage in the adopted policy and Settlement Agreement.

Discussion ensued on the substance abuse needs in the city.

7C. City Commission Approved Expenditures

Assistant City Manager Oris provided and discussed the expenditure plan approved by the City Commission. He stated at this time, funding has not been transferred to the designated accounts; therefore, none of the funds has been spent. The Committee could recommend additional funds to any of the program.

Discussion ensued on the approved expenditure plan and the justification for each of the programs. He explained all the programs were one-time expenditures.

7D. Discussion Of Future Dates

Discussion ensued regarding the next meeting date. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the future meetings on the first Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Assistant City Manager Oris will confirm with Mr. Posovsky that he is available on the date and time discussed.

Assistant City Manager advised the Committee they would need to make a motion to open Public Comments again.

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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Suzanne Spencer stated she would hold off speaking until the next meeting.

Dr. Ashley Ridley stated she had recently learned that the Fire Department is putting Narcan in locations and questioned if he had a list of the locations. Committee Member Mazzeo advised they are entering the locations in CAD and working with the County's GIS system. The information will be released when it's completed.

8. **COMMENTS:**

A. Staff

Lawonda Warren, Legal Advisor, advised they would receive an email, at their City email address, with a link to information review regarding Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethical considerations.

B. Committee Members

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Board Liaison

Date

Board Chair

Date