

## OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Application)

### Contact Info

#### Name

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1/6/2025

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1/6/2027

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#### Occupation

Director, Behavioral Health Service

#### Business Name

Delray Medical Center

#### Position Applying For:

Member who is a State of Florida Licensed Mental Health Professional.

#### Relevant Licenses and/or Certifications: (Please upload)

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#### Additional Documents

*Are you a vendor or employed by a vendor that does business with the City?*

No

*Are you currently serving on a Delray Beach Advisory Board/Committee?*

No

*If yes, please provide details and dates.*

*Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest (including, without limitation, any potential voting conflicts, or potential prohibited conflicts) that may arise from your serving on the City advisory board/committee to which you are seeking appointment?*

*If yes, please explain:*

No

*Do you, any member of your immediate family, your employer, or your business (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) currently have any contractual relationship with, or do business with, the City, or has there been any such relationship within the past 5 years?*

*If yes, please explain:*

No

*Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any delinquent accounts with the City or owe any monies to the City?*

*If yes, please explain:*

No

*Have you ever been found to have violated, or had a complaint filed against you alleging a violation of the Florida Code of Ethics for public officers and employees, Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (or any other ethics code)?*

*If yes, please explain:*

No

*Have you ever had any complaint(s) or action(s) filed against your State certification or license?*

*If yes, please explain:*

No

#### **INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES**

*List any additional certifications or licenses which may further qualify you to serve on this committee.*

I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Master's Certified Addiction Professional (MCAP) and a Certified Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Florida

*Briefly describe why you wish to serve as a member of this committee and how your personal experience and background relate:*

I have worked in the City of Delray Beach for over 40 years both at South County Mental Health Center and Delray Medical Center. I have seen the impact of opiates and other drugs on people and their families over the course of those years. I am also a Deputy with the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office which gives me a unique perspective in this area. I know and understand the local substance abuse treatment provider community and feel I could be an asset to the committee.

*List any other community/civic involvement which you would like the Commission to consider:*

#### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

*University(s) attended:*

University of Florida, Nova Southeastern University, Kennedy Western University

*Degree(s) received:*

BS, MS, Ph.D.

*Major area of study:*

Mental Health Counseling and Healthcare Administration

*Upload your resume:*

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*My address and telephone number are statutorily exempt from public disclosure:*

No

*If yes, pursuant to which sub-section of F.S. 119.071?*

*Please agree with the following statement: I understand the duties and responsibilities of the committee for which I am applying. By signing below, I warrant the truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in this application.*

I Agree

*E-Signature of Applicant:*

Jeffrey Lefton

*Date:*

01/06/2025 12:00 AM

*Please agree with the following statement: I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.*

I Agree

Thank you,

**City of Delray Beach, FL**

# **JEFFREY B. LEFTON, Ph.D., LMHC, MCAP**

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Lake Worth, Florida 33463**

**(561) 529-0511**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

10/08 – Pres. PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, Palm Beach County, Florida  
Detective – Targeted Violence Unit, Behavioral Services Division  
Work closely with road patrol, community social service agencies, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and other referral sources to evaluate individuals that have been identified as high risk and potentially dangerous to the community. Conduct risk assessments and link to the most appropriate provider of behavioral health services. Provide training to PBSO and local law enforcement agency personnel focused on identification of persons with special needs, appropriate interventions and the Florida Mental Health Law (The Baker Act) and Substance Abuse Law (Marchman Act).

01/13 – Pres. DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER, Delray Beach, Florida  
Administrative Director, Behavioral Health Services - Fair Oaks Pavilion  
Provide leadership and direction for all aspects of behavioral health services including the planning, implementation and evaluation of psychiatric treatment programs. Responsible for human resource management, financial accountability, strategic planning, customer service, quality measures, community outreach and evaluation of current and future program needs.

- Provided leadership in the expansion of inpatient beds being utilized from 36 to 66 and the redesign and construction of an additional unit.
- Developed a Behavioral Health Emergency Department providing a safe, high quality and comfortable environment for the evaluation and triage of behavioral health patients.
- Led all phases of an anti-ligature project for the 66 bed psychiatric facility and all adjacent areas in addition to the modification of hospital rooms to accommodate behavioral health patients.
- Participate in a CMS project which evaluates all HBIPS measures in addition to other metrics including 7 day appointments, 30 day follow up and 30 and 60 day readmission rates. Consistently the highest performer compared to other participants in the national project.

01/84 – 01/13 SOUTH COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC., Delray Beach, Florida

An innovative and comprehensive community mental health center offering a full range of mental health and substance abuse services, including assessment, inpatient, outpatient, case management, residential and partial hospitalization programs for adults and children.

### **Management Positions**

03/92 - 01/13 Chief Operating Officer  
03/91 - 03/92 Department Director - Adult Acute Care Services  
01/89 - 03/91 Program Director - Intake and Evaluation Unit  
05/88 - 05/89 Program Director - Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit  
09/85 - 05/88 Supervisor - Direct Services Coordinator/Case Manager II

### **Direct Service Positions**

06/84 - 09/85 Intake & Evaluation Specialist  
01/84 - 06/84 Mental Health Technician

### **Accomplishments**

- Provided leadership for the planning and development of a 20-bed short-term residential treatment facility for the severely and persistently mentally ill, resulting in what has been regarded as a statewide model due to its success.
- Directed the team responsible for the development and implementation of the Center’s

Quality Improvement program.

- Developed and implemented training program instructing staff on techniques (verbal and physical) for managing aggressive clients (Aggression Control Techniques and Techniques for Effective Aggression Management).
- Planned, developed and implemented one of the first Children's Crisis Stabilization Units in Florida. This included hiring and training a multidisciplinary staff, developing policies and procedures and managing the day-to-day operation of the unit.
- Member of the group that developed and implemented the hospital Baker Act diversion process in Palm Beach County as an alternative to the transportation waiver.
- Wrote proposals and grant applications that resulted in funding for a Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Team, a Forensic Specialist position coordinating forensic services in DCF District 9 for the State of Florida, alternative to suspension programs, a Mobile Crisis Response Team and additional Crisis Stabilization Unit capacity for Palm Beach County.
- Developed the curriculum and coordinated and provided the training for the Palm Beach County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training. The forty (40) hour training course provides law enforcement officers with the information and skills necessary to effectively handle special populations.

02/88 - 03/89 CENTER FOR COUNSELING SERVICES, Boca Raton, Florida  
*Therapist* - Private practice

**EDUCATION:**

06/80 - 12/83 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, Florida  
*B.S. Psychology*

01/85 - 08/87 NOVA UNIVERSITY, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
*M.S. Counseling Psychology*

04/03 – 08/08 WARREN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Cheyenne, Wyoming  
*Ph.D. Health Administration*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/LICENSES:**

- Licensed Mental Health Counselor - State of Florida, Department of Business & Professional Regulation (#MH3253)
- Master's Certified Addictions Professional (MCAP) – Florida Certification Board (#10466)
- Certified Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Administrator – Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- Certified Law Enforcement Officer – State of Florida
- Past Chair, Palm Beach County Baker Act Task Force
- Past Executive Board Member – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - CIT International, Inc. (current Member)
- Past Executive Board Member – Treasurer - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Palm Beach County Affiliate (current Member)
- Advisory Board Member – Palm Beach Atlantic University School of Nursing



## JEFFREY BRIAN LEFTON

### License Number: MH3253

Data As Of 1/7/2025

Profession	Licensed Mental Health Counselor
License	MH3253
License Status	CLEAR/Active
Qualifications	Qualified Supervisor MHC
License Expiration Date	3/31/2025
License Original Issue Date	01/04/1994
Address of Record	6015 ROYAL BIRKDALE DR LAKE WORTH, FL 33463
Discipline on File	No
Public Complaint	No

### Secondary Locations

No secondary locations found.

### Discipline/Admin Action

#### Emergency Actions

No Emergency Actions Found

#### Discipline Cases

No Discipline Found

#### Public Complaints

No Public Complaint Found

If a link does not appear for the case number, we do not have a scanned copy of the final order available in our database. To obtain a paper copy, please contact Public Records by clicking the link below:

[Discipline Public Records Request](#)

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Division of Medical Quality Assurance  
Public Records  
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C01  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3251

Please include the following:

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2. Name and address where documents are to be sent; and
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