

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

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

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

A) the reappointment of three (3) At-Large members to the Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorders Advisory Committee (BHSUCOD), for the term commencing on November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028; and

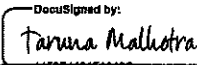
<u>Seat No.:</u>	<u>Re-Appointments:</u>	<u>Nominated By:</u>
15	Dr. Brent Schillinger	Mayor Maria G. Marino Commissioner Maria Sachs Commissioner Marci Woodward
16	Catherine Doe	Mayor Maria G. Marino Commissioner Maria Sachs
18	Austin Wright	Mayor Maria G. Marino Commissioner Maria Sachs

B) the appointment of one (1) Ex Officio member for the term commencing November 1, 2025:

<u>Seat No.:</u>	<u>Re-Appointment:</u>	<u>Nominated By:</u>
6	Captain Jonathan Pope Ex Officio representative for Fire Rescue	Mayor Maria G. Marino Commissioner Maria Sachs

Summary: On November 1, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) established the BHSUCOD Advisory Committee by approving Resolution R2022-1340. The inaugural Board consisted of eight (8) Ex Officio and nine (9) At-Large members. Through an Amended Motion on this same date, a ninth Ex Officio member was added. The total membership for the BHSUCOD is 18 members, comprised of nine (9) At-Large members, three (3) of whom must be persons with lived experience, and nine (9) Ex Officio members with knowledge, competence, and experience related to behavioral health and substance use disorders. Ex Officio members represent organizations, agencies, institutions, and municipalities whose mission is to resolve substance use and behavioral health disorders. Ex Officio members do not have set terms. At-Large members serve for a three (3) year term and may be re-appointed for up to three (3) consecutive terms. **(Summary Continued on Page 2)**

- Attachments:**
- 1. Boards/Committees Applications and Resumes (3)
 - 2. Current BHSUCOD Membership List
 - 3. Resolution No. R2022-1340

Recommended By:  9/25/2025
Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency:  9/30/2025
Deputy County Attorney Date

Summary (Continued from Page 1)

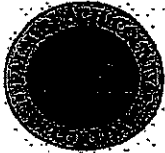
On August 22, 2025, a memorandum was sent to the BCC requesting approval for the following nominees to be appointed to the BHSUCOD: Captain Jonathan Pope, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, as a new Ex Officio member for seat no. 6, replacing Chief Charles Coyle; Dr. Brent Schillinger, a member of the Palm Beach Medical Society, for re-appointment as an At-Large member for seat no. 15; Catherine Doe, Mental Health Therapist/Mental Health Director at Compass, Inc. (Compass) for re-appointment as an At-Large member for seat no. 16. Mrs. Doe was recently appointed to this seat to complete the unfinished term of a former member and Austin Wright, Peer Specialist/Program Director at Rebel Recovery, Inc. (Rebel) for re-appointment as an At-Large member for seat no. 18. Compass was recently awarded funding through the Financially Assisted Agencies program for the “Resilience-Focused Community Care” and “Community Health Coordination” programs. Rebel is currently funded by the County through Opioid Settlement Funding for the Syringe Exchange Expansion program. Countywide (JBR)

Background and Justification: The BCC formally adopted the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Plan 2024 (Pan 2024) on October 22, 2024. On November 1, 2022, the BCC formally established the BHSUCOD Advisory Committee 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 County residents. The BHSUCOD also satisfies the requirement for a Task Force to respond to the opioid epidemic pursuant to section 17.42(4)(b), Florida Statutes (2022) (State Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund). The Community Services Department (CSD) provides support to the BHSUCOD. Furthermore, the BHSUCOD aims to improve coordination and interactions between organizations, agencies, and institutions whose mission is to address and resolve substance use and behavioral disorders in the County.

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director



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The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination.
(Answer "NONE" or "N/A" where appropriate.)

APPLICANT TO COMPLETE/SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- SECTION II
- CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS
- CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME or BIOGRAPHY

SECTION I

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

☒ Advisory ☐ Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME:

BHSUCOD

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:

☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT# ☐
☒ REAPPOINTMENT ☐ NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM:

11/1/25 START DATE 10/31/28 END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM:

3 YEARS

SEAT#:

15

SEAT REQUIREMENT:

Palm Beach County Resident

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES: DUE TO:

☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR:

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES:

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SECTION II

(to be completed by applicant)

★MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last)

Brent Schillinger

ADDRESS: 1320 NW 13th St

city: Delray Beach

STATE: FL

ZIP: 33444

PHONE#: (561)707-7065

email: Bschill48@yahoo.com

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME:

Brent Schillinger MD PA

OCCUPATION:

physician

address: 3100 S federal Highway

city: Delray beach

STATE: FL

ZIP: 33483

MAILING PREFERENCE:

☒

RESIDENCE

☐ BUSINESS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY:

☐ YES

☒

NO

(conviction of a felony is not an automatic disqualifier from appointment)

IF YES - STATE THE COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, DISPOSITION OF CASE AND DATE:

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SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County? XX YES NO

If YES, please list: Palm Beach County Medical Society Services, Rebel Recovery

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: XX COMPLETED DATE: 06/12/2025

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SIGNATURE: Brent Schillinger PRINTED NAME: Brent Schillinger DATE: 06/12/202

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

DISTRICT # 1

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 8/26/25

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO

BCC MEETING: DATE

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SIGNATURE: Brent Schillinger PRINTED NAME: Brent Schillinger DATE: 06/12/202

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

DISTRICT # 5

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 8/28/25

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SIGNATURE: Brent Schillinger PRINTED NAME: Brent Schillinger DATE: 06/12/202

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # 4

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: Maxi Woodard DATE:

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO
MEETING: DATE

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Brent M. Schillinger, M.D.

curriculum vitae

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Phone (561) 278-1362

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NW 13th Street
Delray Beach, FL 33444

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Cell (561) 707-7065
Email: BSchill48@yahoo.com

undergraduate education:

State University of New York at Albany; BA, Biology, 1975

medical school:

State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY; MD,
1979

postgraduate training:

Medical Internship: Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, 1979-80
Dermatology Residency: Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, 1980-83

work history

Premier Dermatology Partners – Total Vein and Skin, Delray Beach, FL, March
2017-present

Dermatology Associates PA of the Palm Beaches, Delray Beach, FL, January
2000-February 2017

Schillinger and Schorr PA, Boca Raton, FL July 1983-December 1999

professional societies:

Palm Beach County Medical Society

Florida Medical Association
Florida Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
American Academy of Dermatology
Skin Cancer Foundation
Florida Bioethics Network

board certification:

Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners, 1980
Diplomate, American Board of Dermatology, 1983

medical licensure:

New York, Florida, California

publications:

Steinmetz-Rodriguez, C and Schillinger, BM: Marijuana, An Unusual Case of Fixed Drug Eruption, *J Am Osteopathic College of Dermatology*, 32:16-18, 2015

Annexton, M and Schillinger, BM: *Coping With Skin Care*, New York: Richard Rosens Press, 1983.

Schillinger, BM and Brody, N: Acanthoma Induction Induction in Psoriasis Patients After Short Term Goeckerman High Potency Treatment. *Cutis*: 28(5): 568-74, 1981.

Schillinger, B et al: Boric Acid Poisoning. *J. American Academy of Dermatology*: 7(5)667-73, 1982.

hospital affiliations:

Delray Community Hospital, Delray Beach, FL
JFK Medical Center, Atlantis and West Palm Beach, FL

elected and appointed offices:

Palm Beach County Medical Society, treasurer (1993), secretary (1994), presidentelect (1995), president (1996), chair (1998) and member of Board of Censors/Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, 1994-2016

Medical Community Opioids Initiative, chair, Palm Beach County Medical Society Services, August 2017 - present

Co-chair of End of Life/Bioethics Initiative, The Conversation Project, Palm Beach County Medical Society, 2016-present.

Founding member Palm Beach County Medical Society Services Foundation, 2001, president 2009-2012, board member 2001-present

Chair of Medical Marijuana Task Force on Medical and Ethical Issues, Palm Beach County Medical Society, 2014-present

Chair of Cultural Competency and Diversity initiative, Palm Beach County Medical Society Services, 2009-2011

Florida Medical Association, chairman of Committee on Public Relations and Communications 1997- 2001

Florida Medical Association, Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, council member 1995-2009; vice chairman 2002-2006; chair 2006-2009

Florida Medical Association, member of Board of Governors, 1997-2002

Florida Medical Association, Public Relations Officer, 1997-1999

Palm Beach Center for Graduate Medical Education, associate director of dermatology residency program, 2002-2015

other affiliations:

Voluntary Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Education, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2020- present

Florida Atlantic University Schmidt College of Medicine, affiliate clinical assistant professor, 2018- present

Nova Southeastern University College of Medicine, clinical associate professor, 2000-present

Nova Southeastern University College of Medicine, participant in multiple international outreach programs to Peru, Dominican Republic, Jamaica.

Palm Beach County Medical Society Services Opioid Initiative, chair 2017-present.

Florida Policy Institute, board member since 2017, vice chair 2019-2023, chair 2023-present

Co-chair of End of Life/Bioethics Initiative, The Conversation Project, Palm Beach County Medical Society, 2016-2017.

Center For Applied Ethics, member of Ethics Partnership Council, Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth, FL 2014-2019

Foundcare Community Health Center, West Palm Beach, FL, volunteer physician

Arts Garage, Delray Beach, FL, member board of directors and executive board, 2012-2016

Florida Department of Professional Regulation, expert witness panel, 1994-present

Barry University, co-director of the Skin Emotion Project, exploring the link between cutaneous and emotional/psychiatric disorders, 2009-2012.

Palm Beach Consortium for Graduate Medical Education, West Palm Beach, associate director of dermatology residency training program, 2002-2010

Palm Beach County Cultural Council, member board of directors, 1996-2002

WPBT, Channel 2, Miami, FL: health and medical correspondent, 1990-2001.

WPEC, News 12, West Palm Beach, FL: producer and on air talent for "doctor-todoctor" segment on weekday morning news program, 1997-2000.

World Trade Center Palm Beach, board of directors, chair of public relations committee, 2000-2010

Florida Atlantic University, Department of Nursing, visiting professor, 1985-1995

Awards

Excellence in Medicine award, Palm Beach County Medical Society, 2015

Heroes in Medicine, physician of the year for national/regional activities, Palm Beach County Medical Society, 2013.

Voted one of *America's Best Doctors* as published in Miami Metro magazine, October 1998.

Florida Medical Association, Physician Communicator of the Year Award (shared with Dr. Brad Feuer), 1997, for *Medical Hot Topics* series, WPBF, West Palm Beach.



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BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____

☒

AT-LARGE

DISTRICT# _____

☒

reappointment

NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM: _____

11/01/25

START DATE

10/31/28

END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: _____

3

YEARS

SEAT#: _____

16

SEAT REQUIREMENT: _____

Palm Beach County Resident

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? _____

YES

☒

NO

IF YES: DUE TO: _____

Resignation

other

COMPLETING TERM FOR: _____

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: _____

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***MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT**

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) _____

Catherine E Doe

ADDRESS: 821-39th Court

CITY: West Palm Beach

STATE: FL

ZIP: 33407

PHONE#: 415-215-8386

EMAIL: Catherine@CompassLGBTQ.com

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: _____

Compass, Inc.

OCCUPATION: _____

Mental Health Director

ADDRESS: 201 N Dixie Hwy.

CITY: LaKe Worth Beach

STATE: FL

ZIP: 33460

MAILING PREFERENCE: _____

RESIDENCE

☒

BUSINESS

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YES

☒

NO

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<u>R2024-05302</u>	<u>C&P Ryan White</u>	<u>HIV CM/MH/Support</u>	<u>3/1/25 - 2/28/26</u>

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CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: X COMPLETED **DATE:** 3/17/2025

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SIGNATURE: Catherine Doe **PRINTED NAME:** Catherine Doe **DATE:** 7/17/2025

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) **DISTRICT #** 1

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] **DATE:** 8/26/25

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO
BCC MEETING: DATE

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Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County?

YES

X

NO

If YES, please list:

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING:

X

COMPLETED

DATE:

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SIGNATURE: Catherine Doe PRINTED NAME: Catherine Doe DATE: 7/17/2025

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

DISTRICT # 5

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE: 8/28/25

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APPOINTMENT MADE:

YES

NO

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<i>Garden Program Assistant</i> | Berkeley, CA
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Center for Somatic Psychotherapy

San Francisco, CA

Therapist Trainee/ Intern

September 2011 – August 2012

- Counseled individuals, including assessment, treatment planning, and termination
- Supported clients facing challenges including depression, anxiety, and impacts of trauma, including LGBTQ+ clients
- Strengthened clinical skills in weekly trainings and individual and group supervision

New Tomorrows Domestic Violence Shelter

Irving, TX

Case Worker

June – August 1999

Assistant Children's Coordinator

July – August 1998

- Developed and facilitated summer children's program for clients ages 1 to 16 years
- Counseled mothers and children to help stabilize in a time of crisis

EDUCATION, FOOD SYSTEMS & ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

Consultant: Food Systems, Education & Horticultural Therapy

Alabama and Florida

Consultant

February 2016 – Present

- Increase resilience in food systems and communities through program innovation, consultation and education
- Coordinated all aspects of a mobile greenmarket for a local CRA
- Provided attachment-focused, outdoor oriented programming for youth and families

E.A.T. South

Montgomery, AL

Education Director

November 2015 - February 2016

VISTA Supervisor

July 2015 - February 2016

Hampstead Farm Manager

July 2013 - October 2015

- Managed a 2-acre urban farm, and sold through weekly farmers market and CSA
- Structured systems for education team and revitalized education advisory committee
- Taught farm-based classes, field trips and workshops, and hosted on-farm events

Green Gate Farms

Austin, TX

Assistant Production Manager/ Intern

January 2008 – August 2009

- Assistant managed production for 65 member vegetable CSA and farmstand
- Taught workshops for all ages, led educational farm tours, and supervised volunteers

Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, UCSC

Santa Cruz, CA

Assistant Garden Production Manager

October 2006 – November 2007

- Developed lesson plans and instructed first-year apprentices in farm production
- Worked with a close team of instructors to facilitate community life for 38 adults
- Collaboratively developed diversity workshops and a communication workshop

Hesperian Health Guides (formerly Hesperian Foundation)

Berkeley, CA

Project Associate, Workers' Guide to Health and Safety

January 2002 – November 2005

- Fostered relationships and gathered feedback from worker groups in the Americas
- Researched and documented success stories, and coordinated art development

EDUCATION

M.A. in Counseling Psychology, Concentration in Somatic Psychology California Institute of Integral Studies	2009 – 2012 GPA 3.97
• Training included elective coursework on working with the LGBTQ+ community • Faculty-appointed member of Collaborative Learning Committee • Elected student representative to Somatics Program Committee	
B.A. in Political Science Williams College	1997 – 2001 GPA 3.61
• Tyng Scholar • Highest honors for senior thesis	
EMDR Trained Therapist EMDR Institute	2020
Training in LGBTQ-Affirmative CBT Yale School of Public Health	2021
Certificate in Horticultural Therapy Horticultural Therapy Institute	2014 – 2015
Certificate in Ecological Horticulture Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at UC Santa Cruz	2006

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Stigma and Mental Health PBC HIV Care Council Retreat, July 2025	
Multi-Intervention Community-Based Approaches to Behavioral Healthcare for HIV+ LGBTQ+ New Immigrants LGBTQ+ Quality of Care Conference, November 2024	
Somatic Therapy with LGBTQ+ Clients Training for Compass LGBTQ+ Mental Health Collaborative, July 2024	
How to be the Mental Health Professional on an Interdisciplinary Team After Florida Standard Of Care Changes: Challenges and Options LGBTQ+ Quality of Care Conference, November 2023	
- Presentation focusing on coordinated care teams serving transgender individuals	
LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency Trainings Center for Family Services, May 2023 USCRI Unaccompanied Minor Program, August 2022	

Part 3: Special Skills and Involvement

Please respond to the questions below. If you need more space, continue to a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the application. Please attach a current resume.

What special skill, educational background, perspectives or life experience do you think you will bring to the BHSUCOD? Include personal, professional or volunteer experience. If you were a previous BHSUCOD member or ex-officio member, what new experiences would you bring?

My experiences seeking mental health support for myself, and how essential this has been in my life, led to my interest in training to offer support to others. I have accessed mental health support in different forms for over 20 years now, and it is hard for me to imagine what my life would look like without this support, though individual therapy, community-based support, and 12-step program. I was the second member of my family to find support in a 12-step program and the first to access mental health therapy. Lived experience as a member of the LGBTQ+ community also informs my approaches to building community as well as therapy. Each individual, family and community face unique and shared barriers to accessing behavioral health and substance use support, and also come to the table with strategies and resources. I am committed to supporting individuals and our communities in creating and accessing these opportunities in meaningful ways.

I completed a Masters in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in Somatic Psychology in 2012. I later completed training in therapeutic methods including EMDR to be able to better support community members recovering from many types of trauma. For the last 5.5 years I have offered individual and group therapy at Compass Community Center for clients with HIV within the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. I work with community members who identify as straight, LGB, cisgender, transgender, who come from a variety of ethnic, racial, economic and spiritual/religious backgrounds, and many community members who are first generation in the US from Latin America and the Caribbean. I provide services in English and Spanish. This work has reinforced my belief in the need for community-based behavioral health and substance use treatment options, meeting each person where they are, supporting them in identifying their own needs and goals, and working collaboratively to build the life and community they envision.



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TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT#
☒ REAPPOINTMENT ☐ NEW APPOINTMENT
TERM: 11/01/25 START DATE 10/31/28 END DATE
LENGTH OF TERM: 3 YEARS
SEAT#: 18
SEAT REQUIREMENT: Person with Lived Experience Palm Beach County Resident

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IF YES: DUE TO: ☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER
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NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Austin P. Wright
ADDRESS: 15234 Lakes of Delray Blvd., Apt 270
CITY: Delray Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33484
PHONE#: (561)646-7701
EMAIL: austin@rebelco.org

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Rebel Recovery FL
OCCUPATION: Director of Syringe & Harm Reduction Services
ADDRESS: 400 N. Congress Ave, Suite 130
CITY: West Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33401

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☒ RESIDENCE ☐ BUSINESS

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AUSTIN P. WRIGHT, BSW,
C.R.P.S

OBJECTIVE

Seeking reappointment as a member of the Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Substance Use, Behavioral Health, and Cooccurring Disorders Advisory Board.

EDUCATION

2005 - 2009 *Collins Hill High School* *Swansee, GA*
Graduated. Received diploma.

08/09 – 05/11 *Georgia Southern University* *Statesboro, GA*
Pursued a BA in Business with a minor in Music Performance.

- Awarded Southern LEAD Scholarship from Georgia Southern University for academic year 2009-2010, for strong academic background and participation in valuable co-curricular activities.

08/18 – 07/20 *Palm Beach State College* *Lake Worth, FL*
Graduated with an AA and AS in Human Services.

- Maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout my academic career at PBSC
- President of the Students 4 Recovery Club from 2019-2020
- Helped plan and present numerous Overdose Response and Naloxone trainings on campus.
- Supplied the Lake Worth Campus Food Pantry with Narcan for students, faculty, and staff.

08/20 – 05/24 *Florida Atlantic University* *Boca Raton, FL*
Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

- Maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout academic career at FAU
- Provided Overdose Response & Naloxone trainings and harm reduction education to FAU Med students, Social Work students, and FAU Faculty and Staff.
- Distributed Narcan on campus during FAU-sanctioned events and activities.

- Coordinated with FAU's Collegiate Recovery Community in an ongoing effort to have Naloxone readily available to students on campus and in the dorms.

08/24 – Present *Florida State University*

Tallahassee, FL

- Pursuing a Master of Social Work in FSU's Advanced Standing Online MSW Program.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

03/18 – Present *Rebel Recovery Florida*

West Palm Beach, FL

03/18-05/21 *Peer Support Specialist*

- Provided peer support services to those living with substance use disorders.
- Provides education and linkage to community providers for treatment services.
- Responsible for documentation of all direct services and engagements with clients as well as any community outreach services.
- Began managing the Naloxone Distribution Program at Rebel Recovery, one of the leading distributors of Naloxone in Florida, in 2019.

06/21-Present *RADD Program Director/Syringe Specialist*

05/24-Present *Director of Syringe and Harm Reduction Services/FLASH Site Supervisor*

- Founded and developed Rebel Recovery's RADD Program (Resilience Against Drug Deaths), as a partner in the U.S. Center For Disease Control and Prevention's OD2A (Overdose Data to Action) Program
- Oversees all direct harm reduction services, overdose prevention and naloxone distribution, and community education.
- Organizes, develops, and presents Overdose Response and Naloxone trainings, Harm Reduction trainings, and Motivational Interviewing trainings to community members, agencies and organizations, and community service providers throughout Palm Beach County.
- Facilitated Florida's first implementation of the Drug Policy Alliance's "Safety First: Real Drug Education for Teens" drug education curriculum for high school students in Palm Beach County.
- Hosted a podcast/web series facilitating conversations with community members around their experiences and beliefs surrounding drugs and drug use.
- Facilitated quarterly focus to gather data on stigma and biases held among community members, using this data to evaluate the efficacy of the podcast episodes and to inform us in our future direction of services, education, and advocacy.

- Manages the agency's Naloxone/Narcan distribution program and is responsible for tracking and reporting data to DCF monthly (number of kits distributed, overdose reversals reported, trainings facilitated, etc.).
- Manages and supervises the daily operations of FLASH (Florida Access to Syringe and Health Services), Rebel Recovery's syringe service program.
- Responsible for assuring that grant deliverables for RADD and FLASH programs are met in an effective and timely manner, and regularly evaluating and reporting on the efficacy of the programs' multiple components.
- Responsible for assuring that Rebel Recovery's harm reduction programs remain funded by seeking funding opportunities/grants, developing working relationships with current and potential funders, and writing grant proposals.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND AWARDS

2021-Present **Adjunct Faculty of Faces and Voices of Recovery**

- Facilitates virtual trainings over Zoom for behavioral health service providers around the country.

10/2022-Present **Board Member "At-Large" of the Palm Beach County Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and Co-occurring Disorders Advisory Committee**

- The advisory committee was established in October of 2022, following legislation passed by the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners, granting the board with authority to advise County Commissioners on the allocation of Opioid Settlement dollars awarded to Palm Beach County, as well as other behavioral health funding that is funneled through the county.
- Appointed to a 3-year term as a sitting member-at-large of the advisory committee.

10/2022- Present ***Appointed as a chairman of the Prevention and Education Subcommittee for the PBC Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and Co-occurring Disorders Advisory Board***

11/2022 **Received Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition Champion Community Award for my work in the community developing the RADD Program.**

RELEVANT TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

03/2019 **Helping Others Heal Certification**

Peer support training to become a Certified Recovery Peer Support Specialist in the state of Florida.

05/2019 **WRAP I Certification**

Certified in WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan)

09/2019 **WRAP II Certification**

Certified as a WRAP I trainer and facilitator.

06/2021 **Certified Recovery Peer Specialist (CRPS)**

Certified as a Recovery Peer Specialist in the State of Florida.

07/2021 **Mental Health First Aid Trainer Certification**

Nationally Certified as a Mental Health First Aid Trainer.

12/2021 **Motivational Interviewing Trainer Certification**

Nationally Certified as a Motivational Interviewing Trainer.

01/2023 **Trauma Informed Care Training**



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TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT#

TERM: 11/1/25 REAPPOINTMENT ☒ NEW APPOINTMENT

LENGTH OF TERM: N/A START DATE N/A END DATE

SEAT#: 6 YEARS

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Ex Officio

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES: DUE TO: RESIGNATION ☒ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR: Chief Charles Coyle

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: N/A

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NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) JONATHAN R. POPE

ADDRESS: 5064 CANDLEWOOD COURT

CITY: LAKE WORTH STATE: FL ZIP: 33467

PHONE#: (561) 398-6638

EMAIL: JPope@pbc.gov

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

OCCUPATION: CAPTAIN - EMS QUALITY MANAGEMENT

ADDRESS: 405 PIKE ROAD

CITY: WEST PALM BEACH STATE: FL ZIP: 33411

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☐ RESIDENCE ☒ BUSINESS

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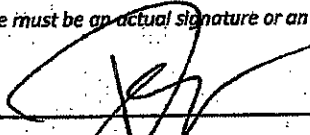
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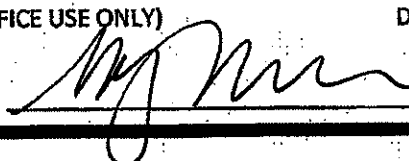
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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: JONATHAN R. POPE DATE: 08/22/2025

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # _____

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 8/26/25

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO

BCC MEETING: _____ DATE _____

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SECTION II - continued (to be completed by applicant)

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: _____ NONE _____ X _____ NOT APPLICABLE/(Governmental Entity)

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Contract/Transaction No.	Department/Division	Description of Service	Term
Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)	Parks & Rec	General Maintenance	10/01/00 - 09/30/2100
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County? _____ YES _____ X _____ NO

If YES, please list: _____

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SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # _____ 5 _____

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ 8/28/05

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO
BCC MEETING: _____ DATE _____

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JONATHAN POPE

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JPope@pbcgov.org

EXPERIENCE

CURRENT

CAPTAIN, EMS CQI COORDINATOR PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

As the Fire Department EMS CQI Coordinator I oversee the Continuous Quality Improvement program, ensuring high standards of emergency medical services through data analysis and protocol evaluation. I identify areas for improvement, implement training, and monitor performance metrics to enhance patient care outcomes. This role collaborates with EMS teams and Hospitals to maintain compliance with regulations and optimize service delivery.

2019 – 2025

LIEUTENANT, PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

As a Lieutenant I responded to medical emergencies and ensured proper patient care was provided. I did the daily management of resources and personnel assigned to Rescue. I supervised and directed Paramedics and EMTs assigned to Rescue on emergency calls. I trained new employees and paramedics in protocols and proper patient care procedures. I implemented department goals and objectives. I established work priorities for Rescue. I set up and lead EMS related training at the station level for Engine and Rescue crews. I documented and reported any injuries and incidents which involved my crew. I performed written performance evaluations for probationary employees and new paramedics. I prepared clear, accurate, concise, and complete reports and logs pertaining to my position. I have continued my education in Fire and EMS to provide the best possible service for the citizens of Palm Beach County.

2018 – CURRENT

ADJUNCT EMS INSTRUCTOR, PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

As an adjunct instructor I proctor and instruct new employees and paramedics with materials provided. I assist in the testing process for the programs. I maintain the schedule provided. I review and revise curriculum to meet current updates set by the Medical Services Division. I maintain a safe, effective, and professional classroom environment. I protect the privacy of student records and other sensitive information. I provide students with timely feedback regarding performance of skills or tests being evaluated. I appropriately document student progress. I strive to work well with students and other faculty in a collaborative manner.

2014 – 2019
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC, PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

As a Firefighter/ Paramedic I provided proper patient care for both basic and advanced life support under the supervision of a Lieutenant. I participated in equipment maintenance. I provided life safety operations on fire scenes through fire suppression and emergency medical care. I also performed salvage and overhaul on fire scenes. I have an elementary knowledge of hazardous materials and gases. I also mentored new employees when they were assigned to my station.

EDUCATION

2001-CURRENT
ASSOCIATE DEGREE, PALM BEACH STATE COLLAGE

After high school my focus was on architecture and drafting, I changed my focus to Fire and EMS when my career interests changed. I have both an A.S. and A.A. degree and various other certifications.

2001
DIPLOMA, PALME BEACH LAKES COMMUNITY HIGH

General diploma received. I had a focus on architecture and drafting. I was part of several extracurricular clubs.

SKILLS

- Strong communication skills
- Organization
- Ambitious
- Professional
- Self-motivated

Palm Beach County, Florida Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, Substance Use and Co-Occuring Disorder (BHSUCOD) Membership Roster							
Angela Burns	1	Designated Seat for League of Cities	Palm Beach County League of Cities	N/A			
Cheo Reid	2	Designated Seat for State Attorney Office	15th State Attorney's Office	N/A			
Jon VanArnam	3	Designated Seat for Health Care District	Health Care District				
Natalie Kenton	4	Designated Seat for Florida Department of Health	Florida Department of Health	N/A			
Sandra Sisson	5	Designated Seat for Sheriff's Office	Palm Beach County Sherrif Office	N/A			
Charles Coyle	6	Designated Seat for Fire Rescue	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue	N/A			
Daniel Oria	7	Designated Seat for Southeast Behavioral Health Network	Southeast Behavioral Health Network	N/A			
Patrick McNamara	8	Designated Seat for Palm Health Foundation	Palm Health Foundation	N/A			
Lissa Franklin - Vice Chair	9	Designated Seat for Southeast Florida Recovery Advocates- Lived Experience	Southeast Florida Recovery Advocates	N/A			
Sharon Burns-Carter	10	Person with Lived Experience with Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder	Rales Jewish Family Services	10/31/2027			
Ariana Ciano	11	At-Large	Delray Beach Police Department	10/31/2027			
Suzanne Spencer	12	At-Large	Living Skills in Schools	10/31/2026			
William Freeman	13	Person with Lived Experience with Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder	People of Purpose	9/16/2027			
	14	Person with Lived Experience with Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder		10/31/2027			
Brent Schillinger, MD	15	At-Large	Palm Beach Medical Society	10/31/2025	10/31/2025		
Catherine Doe	16	At-Large	Compass	10/31/2025	10/31/2025		
Rae Whitely - Chair	17	At-Large	Faith in Florida	9/16/2027			
Austin Wright	18	Person with Lived Experience with Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder	Rebel Recovery	10/31/2025	10/31/2025		

Last Updated on 08/25/2025

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:

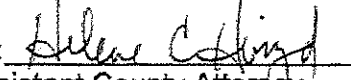
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Joseph Abruzzo

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Clerk of Court & Comptroller
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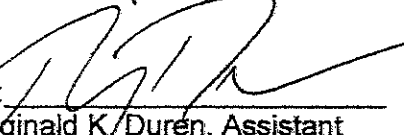
PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida

By its Board of County Commissioners

By: 

Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: 

Reginald K. Duren, Assistant
County Administrator

From P. 25 of the BCC Minutes, November 1, 2022, AMENDED MOTION

MOTION to adopt the resolution with the addition of a ninth Ex Officio member from the Southeast Florida Recovery Advocates (SEFRA). Motion by Commissioner McKinlay, seconded by Commissioner Sachs.

Discussion

UPON CALL FOR A VOTE, the motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Mayor Weinroth, Vice Mayor Weiss, Commissioner Bernard,
Commissioner Marino, Commissioner McKinlay, and Commissioner Sachs

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioner Kerner