

**Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for  
Exceptional Student Education**

Mental Health Sub-Committee Meeting

**Agenda**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Google Meet joining info**

<https://meet.google.com/rcg-rrxu-jxt>

**Welcome**

**Attendance:** Alina Rodriguez, (Executive Director ESE), Maria Ratti, Nisermey Ferro (Thriving Minds), Yvette Dominguez (All Kids included), Michelle Cumming (FIU), Sylvia Cardo (ASD), Lianie Cuba (Executive Director of Mental Health), Crystal Miller (EBD Clinical Chairperson), Vanessa Seron (ISS ASD), Paula Note Taker.

**May Mental Health Month – Ms. Lianie Cuba**

**-Turn Awareness into Action**, is the theme of May 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month.

-May 1<sup>st</sup> Mental Health Kickoff

-May 8<sup>th</sup> be seen in Green

-May 10<sup>th</sup> Nami walk at loan Deport Park, baseball themed.

-May 14<sup>th</sup>-Professional Development; Mental Health Forum

-May 13-15<sup>th</sup>-Parent Academy

-May 22<sup>nd</sup> -*Activate Love Day*, Kevin Love Fund will provide activities at supporting sites.

**Updates on R3 Grant – Ms. Alina Rodriguez**

-2023 Grant was given for 5 years (3million) to expand 37 School Based Mental Health Service Providers throughout the district, including Mental Health, Social Workers, and EBD Clinicians.

-SBMHSP were sent to a 3-day FIU conference with presenters discussing Trauma, Threat Assessments, Adolescent & Childhood Mental Health.

**Updates from Committee Members**

-Yvette D. shares how program benefits her son, not only his behavior but also academics.

- Maria R. request to have extended support in middle schools also for students that are not ESE.

-Vanessa S. May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Autism Speaks Walks. Also, worked with BMTs to get trained to be Behavior Technicians, also working with some to become certified.

-Michelle C. 2 Research Grants

**Review subcommittee goals**

Goals for 2024-2025

1. Brainstorm more ways to include advocacy and inclusion of disabilities in mental health education.
2. Identify the issues / challenges that hinder the successful implementation of mental health services.

**Adjourn**