

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
Mental Health Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2018

Present: Jesus Aviles, Alina Rodriguez, Beverly Heller, Maria Ratti, Ernie Martinez,
Sylvia Arango, Dr. Michelle Cumming

Next Meeting: February 12, 2019 - @ FIU-South, ZEB 312, 1:00pm to 3:30pm

- I. Jesus Aviles and Alina Rodriguez (subcommittee co-chairs) opened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves.
- II. The agenda for the day included (1) a review of the five 2017-2018 Mental and Emotional Health Ad Hoc Committee Goals, (2) the setting of the 2018-2019 Mental Health Subcommittee Priorities, and (3) a confirmation of time and location for our two remaining subcommittee meetings.
- III. The review of the five 17-18 Ad Hoc goals revealed that two items were addressed and the remaining three would be included in the 18-19 Subcommittee priorities:
 - 1) Addressed:
 - I. The reestablishment/fortification of the Hospital-SEDNET Notification Network
 - II. A review of our Baker Act practices and procedures (Mental Health Services Dept)
 - 2) Reprioritized:
 - I. The development of a foundational mental health training program for all stakeholders
 - II. The application of the MTSS framework to mental health services
 - III. Updating the guidelines for permitting private service providers in schools
- IV. The 18-19 Subcommittee priorities:
 - 1) That a child-focused mental health training be developed/purchased/provided like the adolescent-focused YMHA training (age 12-18) being delivered district-wide; the subcommittee is aware that *Mental Health First Aid* is developing such a training, but currently only provides courses for those servicing adults and those serving adolescents.
 - 2) That all upcoming mental health procedures align themselves with the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework utilized throughout MDCPS.
 - 3) That the guidelines for permitting private service providers in schools be revisited, addressing the confusion/concerns many school sites are having regarding who can or cannot enter a school to provide mental health related services.
 - 4) The aggressive promotion of Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports (PBIS) to parents.
 - 5) Expanding the members of this subcommittee to include individuals from the following departments/organizations: Mental Health Services, Student Services, Family Support Services, and a parent advocacy/support group.

Note: *The following departments/organizations have agreed to send representatives: Mental Health Services, Student Services, Family Support Services, and the Family Network on Disabilities-FND*

V. Next Steps:

- 1) Secure the names of added subcommittee members (Priority 5)
- 2) Share out results of subcommittee discussion with the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
- 3) At the next subcommittee meeting, present the Clinical Behavioral Services Padlet: *Student & Community Mental Health Resources* <https://padlet.com/csiegel/ClinicalBehavioralServices> (Priority 1)

Minutes collected by Alina Rodriguez and written by Jesus Aviles