

## **Recommendation for Indian River County Opioid and Substance Use Task Force**

### **Purpose**

The Indian River County Opioid and Substance Use Task Force will:

1. Develop and oversee a comprehensive opioid and substance use response plan, focusing on prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery efforts.
2. Recommend funding priorities based on a local opioid and substance use needs assessment, ensuring programs address current community needs.
3. Serve as an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), providing guidance on funding priorities and resource allocation.
4. Ensure coordination and collaboration across various sectors, to maximize the effectiveness of opioid response efforts.
5. Monitor and evaluate funded programs to measure impact and adjust strategies based on outcomes.

### **Membership Composition**

The Opioid and Substance Use Task Force will bring together representatives from key organizations directly involved in addressing opioid-related issues within Indian River County. Thrive, serving as the coordinating agency, will act as the non-voting member, facilitating the task force's efforts. The voting membership is composed of appointed representatives from key organizations directly involved in addressing opioid-related issues within Indian River County. The voting membership includes:

1. **Indian River County Hospital District Representative**
2. **School District of Indian River County Representative**
3. **Health Department of Indian River County Representative**
4. **Federally Qualified Health Center Representative**
5. **Cleveland Clinic Indian River Representative**
6. **Local Law Enforcement Representative**
7. **Local Emergency Services Representative**
8. **Mental Health Provider Representative**
9. **Community Resource Representative**

## 10. Substance Use Treatment Representative

## 11. Person with Lived Experience- Substance Use Disorder

### Roles and Responsibilities

- **Needs Assessment and Analysis:** Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment every five years to identify trends, service gaps, and high-risk populations related to opioid and substance use in the community. Use the findings to inform strategic planning and allocate resources effectively. In addition, perform an annual data review and update the local dashboard to keep the community informed and support continuous improvement efforts.
- **Strategic Planning and Program Recommendations:** Develop a strategic plan to address evolving community needs, establishing priorities for funding and program development. Recommend funding allocations based on current needs, best practices, and strategic goals to ensure the most impactful programs are prioritized.
- **Request for Proposal (RFP) Process:** Establish an RFP process to identify and recommend programs that align with the county's opioid response goals, ensuring a transparent and competitive selection of service providers.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish clear metrics for program success and conduct regular reviews to assess progress, adjusting as needed to meet established goals.

### Implementation and Meetings

- **Meeting Schedule:** The task force should meet quarterly to review data, discuss program effectiveness, and provide ongoing recommendations. Additional meetings can be scheduled as necessary.
- **Reporting to the BOCC:** The task force will provide the Board of County Commissioners with presentations at least once a year. These presentations will cover data findings, program outcomes, funding priorities, funding recommendations, and any other relevant updates.