

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-519

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 8, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 7, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Heather Rios, to the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee, as a Peer Specialist representative, in accordance with Section 84.202, *Ordinance Code*, for a first full term expiring on June 30, 2026. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested due to a September 30th deadline for applications for the initial Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants and the need for organizational and training meetings to prepare for the grant cycle.

Background Information: Ordinance 2023-350-E created a new Chapter 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), *Ordinance Code*, which established the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee. The OSUD Committee is established to act as an advisory body for the City of Jacksonville and to review, evaluate, and score grant applications to fund projects and programs aimed at combatting the opioid crisis utilizing the proceeds from an estimated \$80,000,000 in settlement funds to be allocated to the City over the course of the next 18 years.

Section 84.202, *Ordinance Code*, outlines the composition of the Committee which shall consist of seven voting members, three of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council and three of whom shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council. The Mayor and Council President shall each appoint one member to the Committee from each of the following categories: (i) Mental Health Professional, (ii) Peer Specialist, and (iii) Healthcare Professional.

Ms. Rios is a Florida Board certified Recovery Support Specialist. She is currently the HOME Program Specialist for Molina Healthcare, and she worked previously as the lead peer support specialist for Gateway. Ms. Rios also volunteers for Rethreaded, Hotdogs for Hope, and the Well Church.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey