

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-484

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: August 8, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 4, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation, Council Rules waiver and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Sarah A. Smith, 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, 2025. Council Rule 4.1101 (Appearance Before Committee), Council Rules, is hereby waived as to the requirement that the appointee, prior to confirmation, shall be required to appear before the Rules committee due to a schedule conflict for the appointee. 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. Smith holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree in social work from FSU. Ms. Smith is the director of grant management for Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare in Yulee, which provides mental health and recovery services. She resides in Duval County in council district 1.

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

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey