

**CITY OF WILLISTON, FLORIDA
TOWN HALL MEETING
AGENDA**

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: WILLISTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mayor Charles Goodman
Council President Debra Jones
Vice-President Marguerite Robinson
Councilmember Michael Cox
Councilmember Zach Bullock
Councilmember Elihu Ross

OTHERS:

City Manager Terry Bovaird
Attorney Kiersten Ballou
City Clerk Latricia Wright

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ITEM – 1 – OLD WILLISTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT PRESENTATION: ALI MIRZA.

ITEM – 2 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/DISCUSSION.

ITEM - 3 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEM – 4 – ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.

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Council Meeting Procedures for members of the Public

1. All cell phones to be turned off when entering the Council Chambers.
2. Once the audience has taken their seat and the meeting begins, there will be no talking between audience members during the course of the Council meeting. If anyone continues to talk within the audience and is called down 3 times during the course of the meeting, on the third time that person will be escorted out of the Council meeting;
3. The audience must be recognized by the President before being allowed to address the Council;
4. The member of the audience that is recognized will proceed to the podium, state their name for the benefit of the City Clerk, prior to offering comments on a given matter.
5. The audience member will be limited to not more than 5 minutes to speak based on Resolution 2012-07;
6. There will be no personal attacks made by any member in the audience toward a sitting Council member and no personal attacks made by any Council member toward a member of the audience;
7. There will be no conversation between a member of the audience that has been recognized and any other member of the audience when speaking while at the podium;
8. If an audience member wants to speak more than the allotted 5 minutes allowed then that person should make a request to City Hall so that the item may be placed on the agenda.

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In accordance with [Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes](#), notice is given that if a person wishes to appeal a decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

In accordance with [Section 286.26, Florida Statutes](#), persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Mayor through the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day prior to the meeting.

Mission statement

At Oaktree, our mission is to help give people trapped under the influence of substance abuse a second chance in life. We believe in offering the most advanced medical treatment coupled with alternative recreational therapies and vocational training to ensure our patients are reintegrated to mainstream society as economically productive participants.



Management team



Dr Syed Zaidi, MD

Clinical Director & Founder

Board-Certified Psychiatrist with over 30 years of medical experience and additional qualification in Addiction Psychiatry.

CEO & Medical Director of Addiction & Psychiatric Care LLC, Medical Director of Mental Health Intensive Case Management at Bay Pines VA Hospital, Addiction and Treatment Specialist at Windmoor Healthcare



Ali Mirza, MSc

Managing Director & Founder

Oxford educated Finance Professional with over 12 years of experience in London, Zurich and New York.
Director at UBS – Swiss Investment Bank and Financial Services Company

Personal Statement by Dr. Zaidi

"This project remains very close to my heart. After having spent more than 12 years serving Veterans suffering from substance abuse and mental illness, I want to leave a legacy through a state-of-the-art facility at East Williston. The facility will serve to be a point of contact and refuge for Veterans in the Central Florida area and around Gainesville.

I have studied substance abuse and mental illness throughout my adult life and understand how it impacts not only the patient but their families. My own son fell victim to substance abuse and consequently dropped out of medical school. I went through a painful struggle to nurse him back to sobriety. Therefore, I believe that I am uniquely placed to have a consequential impact in the lives of many people."





Market summary

- The clinical market has now evolved to require the provider to demonstrate the ability to serve multiple client behavioral issues i.e. substance abuse AND mental health.
- Demonstrating the ability to provide these multitude of services has not happened at a rate fast enough to keep up with the need, as reported by the Florida Behavioral Health Association 61.7% of adults with Any Mental Illness (AMI) in Florida did not receive treatment; National Average – 55.8%
- At OakTree Addiction & Recovery LLC, we believe that we can provide services that will fill this market gap.
- According to Florida Department of Health, suicide counts are higher than homicides in 56 of Florida's 67 counties. 84% of the State experienced more suicides than homicides in 2020.
- At Levy County alone suicides exceeded homicides by 300%. The table on the next slide shows a complete breakdown by county.

Market Summary

County	Suicide	Homicide	County	Suicide	Homicide	County	Suicide	Homicide
Florida	3113	1,524	Hillsborough	187	93	Sarasota	78	10
Alachua	33	17	Holmes	7	1	Seminole	60	19
Baker	4	1	Indian River	31	6	Sumter	16	6
Bay	41	11	Jackson	12	3	Suwannee	10	2
Bradford	6	3	Jefferson	4	1	Taylor	4	3
Brevard	117	42	Lafayette	0	0	Union	5	1
Broward	222	165	Lake	72	21	Volusia	118	34
Calhoun	1	3	Lee	130	48	Wakulla	5	1
Charlotte	37	1	Leon	41	25	Walton	9	0
Citrus	38	6	Levy	6	2	Washington	5	3
Clay	29	17	Liberty	1	0			
Collier	60	7	Madison	3	3			
Columbia	16	6	Manatee	67	22			
Miami-Dade	215	242	Marion	85	26			
Desoto	3	4	Martin	29	9			
Dixie	5	2	Monroe	25	3			
Duval	158	166	Nassau	20	4			
Escambia	66	38	Okaloosa	40	14			
Flagler	25	0	Okeechobee	6	6			
Franklin	0	0	Orange	132	120			
Gadsden	5	8	Osceola	37	19			
Gilchrist	5	0	Palm Beach	171	90			
Glades	2	0	Pasco	103	19			
Gulf	4	1	Pinellas	175	44			
Hamilton	5	6	Polk	94	44			
Hardee	2	1	Putnam	22	8			
Hendry	5	5	Saint Johns	46	10			
Hernando	36	7	Saint Lucie	40	27			
Highlands	22	8	Santa Rosa	48	7			

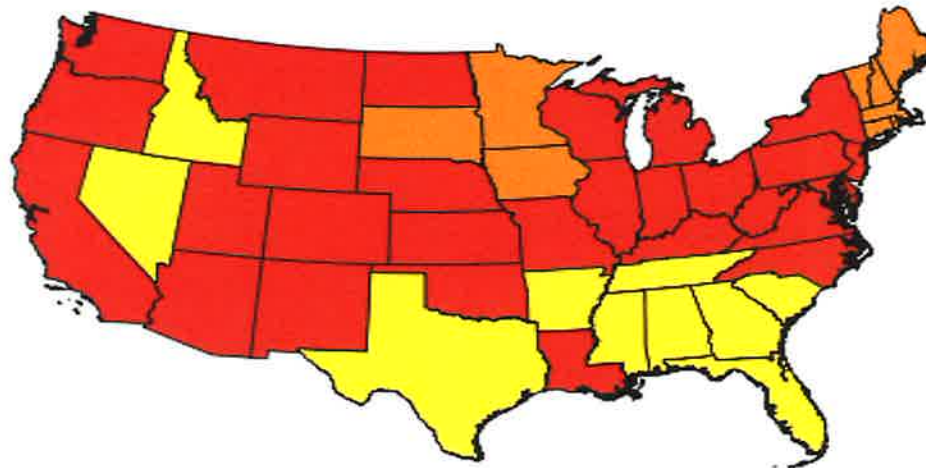
Market Summary – Florida Incarceration Stats

Access to Care Ranking vs Adult Incarceration Rates

- In 2015, The Sentencing Project ranked the states based on the number of people incarcerated in state prisons per 100,000 residents.
- Comparing state-by-state rates of incarceration with the access to mental health care ranking shows a strong positive correlation between rates of adult who are in the criminal justice system and lack of access to mental health care.
- 6 out of the 10 states with the least access to mental health care also have the highest rates of incarceration:

• Florida • Alabama • Arkansas • Mississippi • Texas • Georgia

States with the least access to mental health care



States with the least amount of access to care

States with the most amount of access to care

Market Summary – Florida Substance Abuse Stats

- Florida's rate of drug abuse and drug-related deaths is higher than the national average and there are about 3,000 deaths per year from drug use. In fact, there are more drug-related deaths in the state than there are deaths by gun violence or car accidents.
- Approximately 8% (or 1.5 million) of Floridians are using illicit drugs at any given point in time.
- 7,579 people died from a drug overdose in Florida, making Florida number two in the nation for overdose deaths behind only California. This number is a 37% increase from 2019.
- Florida's opioid overdose death rate has tripled since the year 2000 and the number of accidental drug overdose deaths more than doubled between 2014 – 2016.

A woman with curly hair is sitting at a desk in a modern office, working on a laptop. She is wearing a dark patterned shirt. On the desk, there is a white coffee cup and a small potted plant. In the background, there are several pendant lights hanging from the ceiling. In the foreground, a large clock is visible on the left side, showing the time as approximately 10:10. The overall scene is bright and professional.

Project overview



Project Proposal

Our proposal is to convert the former middle school in Williston, Florida into a state-of-the-art medical facility providing inpatient & outpatient addiction and mental health treatment.

Not only will we give our patients a second chance in life but also reinvigorate the former school building and support the local community through our employment & engagement program.

Service Offering

The Company

- Oaktree Addiction & Recovery, LLC. provides clinical services for substance abuse and mental health. The following modalities are specialized to target addictions and co-occurring disorders.
- It is our belief that substance abuse disorders impact the entire family. An individual may experience binge use to severe dependency and can be brought into remission through conscious decisions and focused behavior changes on the part of our clients. We view chemical dependency and other addiction disorder as an illness, which if left untreated, can be progressive and often fatal. Our multi-disciplinary team is highly trained in the areas of medical, psychological, and addiction. Our professional team will provide a safe and trusting experience.
- Our program is designed to provide a supportive and solution-oriented therapeutic process tailored to the individual. Treatment intensity, focus, and length will be proportionate with the client's needs. The overall goal of the program is to provide a safe therapeutic environment that encourages and promotes recovery. Our program strives to provide a degree of flexibility to meet the individual needs of the patient.
- Oaktree Addiction & Recovery, LLC believes that detoxification involves much more than simply medically withdrawing a patient from alcohol or other drugs. Detoxification, whether done on an inpatient, residential, or outpatient basis, is the initial therapeutic encounter between patient and clinician. Our facility will provide a comprehensive program that follows on from medical detox to inpatient treatment, Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient treatment. Irrespective of the substance involved, a detoxification episode should provide an opportunity for biomedical (including psychiatric) assessment, referral for appropriate services, and linkage to treatment services.
- Inpatient Medical Detoxification is the responsibility of medical team, medical director and quality assurance risk management team.

Service Offering

Our programs will be tailored towards individual needs, drug usage and treatment history. The non-exhaustive list of services being offered would include:

Inpatient Detox	Medical and ancillary care by qualified medical doctors	Nursing support by LPN's, RN's and ARNP's
HEP C and STD Testing, pre-counseling and post-counseling as needed	Substance Abuse Therapy	Mental Health Therapy
Psychiatry Ancillary Services	Holistic Treatment Approach	CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)
REBT(Rational Emotional Behavioral Therapy)	Grief and Loss Counseling	Relapse Prevention
Group Therapy	MET Therapy	Family Therapy
Individual Therapy	Art Therapy	Expressive Therapy
Equine Therapy	Life/Job Skills Training	Comprehensive Case Management
Psychoeducation	Anger Management	Stress Management
Emotion Regulation	Crisis Intervention	Dual Diagnosis
Workplacement Programs	Training Resolution	

Where do our patients come from?

- We expect our patients to come from the following sources:
 - Referral Source: This would involve Physicians, Hospitals and Treatment Facilities / Agencies.
 - Individuals and Families: Patients would contact us through our digital market channels or by hearing about us through personal contacts
 - Managed Care Companies and Single County authorities
- At the end of the treatment period we expect our patients to return to their county of domicile either within Florida or outside Florida.

Employment and Community Engagement Program

- Once the site is fully operational, we expect to have at least 50 employees to support our operation. This would make us one of the major employers in East Williston alongside the tax revenue that will be generated from a financially stable organization.
- Furthermore, we agree to budget USD 100,000 as a donation to the City for the phased construction of the community park which should include a basketball court.
- Should we establish our roots here then we would want to have a long-term engagement with the community in the shape of an athletic sponsorship program and / or other initiatives that we might take in the future.
- Our site will be secure and fenced that blends into the local environment and is architecturally palatable. We are happy to consult and incorporate the views of the City on this matter.
- We would reassure the community that the residents of our facility are medically vulnerable patients that have mostly come through professional medical referrals. Admission is voluntary. We are **not** building a detention center for housing criminals.



Thank you