

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners Children's Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2023 9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

## 1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and welcomed new members: Marilyn Moskowitz, Brenda Fam, and Commissioner Michael Udine.

## 2. Roll Call

Monica King called the roll.

A quorum was established with, Evan Goldman, Robert Mayersohn, Monica King, Burton Miller, Daniel Schevis, Elida Segrera, Jarvis Brunson, Joel Smith, Malena Mendez, Commissioner Michael Udine, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, and Veda Hudge present. Brenda Fam arrived shortly after roll call.

Members absent: Maria Juarez Stouffer and Marilyn Moskowitz.

Staff Members in attendance: Cassandra Evans Assistant Director of Community Partnerships Division (CPD), Luis Arvelo CPD, Keith Bostick, Deputy Director of Human Services Department (HSD) and Angela Rodriguez, Assistant County Attorney (via TEAMS).

### 3. Approval of CSB June 9, 2023 Minutes

Motion: To approve the meetings minutes as presented by staff. First: Robert Mayersohn Second: Daniel Schevis Declaration of Conflict: None Discussion: None Result: Passed

### 4. Chair Report

### Committee and Liaison Appointments

Chair Evan Goldman invited Brenda Fam to join the Needs Assessment Committee.

Strategic Plan Session Debrief

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Evan Goldman thanked staff for professionally facilitating CSB's Strategic Planning workshop. At this meeting the eight dimensions of wellness and the seven domains of well-being were discussed. Chair Goldman provided a session recap.

## 5. Section Report

# CPD Community Outreach and Marketing

CPD Assistant Director Evans informed all that CPD's outreach and marketing efforts to increase its community presence. CPD now has division business cards with a QR code that links to the CPD website. Cassandra shared also that CPD is also attending community events to share the resources available at Broward County.

## CSB Membership

Ms. Evans welcome the new members and informed of the remaining vacancies (District 8, Consumer of Services, Florida Department of Children and Families). Cassandra also shared that Dr. Andrea Keener recently resigned.

## CSA Staffing update

Ms. Evans mentioned that the children services section has done great work with just a few staff members on the team. Ms. Evans serves as the interim Board Coordinator. The Children's Services Administrator, Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard will join the team August 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Hill-Howard will attend the September Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) and Board meeting. There are two (2) Contract Grants Administrator positions and one (1) Contract Grants Administrator position to be filled soon.

# <u>CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization and Performance Report and Contract Allocation</u> <u>Recommendations for FY 24</u>

Ms. Evans presented the utilization report as of May 30<sup>th</sup>. The utilization is 49.10% of the expected 66.67%. The report shows the slight readjustments in various categories to account for the utilization as well as other needs and challenges presented by the respective providers. These readjustments were made in partnership with providers for FY23-24.

Ms. Evans replied to an inquiry related to a comparison of FY 22 to FY 23. She conducted an analysis for End of Year (EOY) FY21-22, there was a total of \$979 million allocated with a utilization rate of 70%. For Quarter 3 FY22-23, the utilization rate is 65%. For FY22 \$4 million was returned and for FY23 \$1.6 million is projected to be returned.

### Strategic Plan 2023-2026 Updates

Ms. Evans provided a session recap (see presentation), with a focus on wellness and wellbeing of the whole child/family.

Mr. Bostick commented that HSD/CPD are taking steps to look at mattering outcomes. It is key to look at what matters from the lens of those who receive the services. We must do a better job of aligning the factors that impact families and the social determinants of health.

# 6. Committee Chair Reports

# Needs Assessment - Provider Presentations

Robert (Bob) Mayersohn informed that on September 6<sup>th</sup>, NAC will continue with the providers presentations: UCO, Parent 2 Parent and YWCA. Bob invited members of the board to attend the NAC meeting to listen as the providers speak to their needs and challenges.

Ms. Evans explained the proposal for CSA's funding for year 2024, which was done in consultation with the providers in their anticipated utilization for this upcoming fiscal year as well as their ability to expend additional dollars if allocated.

# Motion: NAC's recommendations to approve a letter of support for the Contracted Allocation Recommendations FY24 which includes a letter of support from the CSB Chair First: Dan Schevis Second: Elida Segrera Declaration of Conflict: Brenda Fam and Veda Hudge Discussion: None Result: Passed

Mr. Mayersohn commented the next steps of the Strategic Planning will be worked on the during the next three-monthly meetings. Staff will prepare a structured guide to refine the information gathered from the workshops to guide the development of a 3-year funding plan for the Spring 2024 RFP release.

# 7. Liaison Reports

### <u>Advocacy</u>

None

### Juvenile Justice

Sarah Gillespie Cummings shared that Chief Teves Bush and Assistant Chief Sharpe are still in learning and training. Sarah shared the Circuit Advisory Board concerns: 1) youth who participate in prevention programs are visible to when conducting a search on the general search. DJJ is continuously working on a "fix" that portion of the Florida Statute; 2) an increase of young people who are eligible for civil citation but are diverted instead; and 3) the dismantling of the PROMISE program.

# <u>SNAC</u>

Chair Goldman shared the update he got from Maria Juarez Stouffer. Early Identification/Transitions: a) Update to referral process for Early Steps/CDTC screenings. Early steps have a direct line and method for handling 0–36-montholds. b) Working with the Early Learning Coalition to further develop parent navigators c) Pediatric Associates, the Largest pediatric provider in Broward County, has begun implementing ASQ screenings within their routine screenings for their patients due to their participation in this Impact Team. d) Work towards bringing the Help Me Grow program back into Broward County is underway.

Members of the board discussed about this update.

#### System of Care

Transportation of Minors

Ms. DeCambre thanked the Board for the invitation and recognized the support received from BSO and Deputy Director Bostick. Ms. DeCambre presented the 2022 Broward County Transportation Pilot Project for Minors. The Board and staff discussed presentation.

Mr. Bostick stated that this project is already budgeted with BSO. And since there is no current taxonomy nor service delivery model, this pilot would y kind of funds, go before the Commission to ask them for supplemental funding as this would be as an advocacy support role.

Motion: Jarvis Brunson made a motion to empower the CSB Chair to sign a letter of support of this proposal on the alternative mode of transportation for minors under the Baker Act to receiving facilities.

First: Jarvis Brunson Second: Monica King Declaration of Conflict: Brenda Fam and Veda Hudge Discussion: None Result: Passed

Motion: CBS Chair to send a letter to the Commissioners to address the protection of the CSA underutilize funds stay with our mission to serve children in Broward County. First: Joel Smith Second: Robert Mayersohn Declaration of Conflict: None Discussion: None Result: Passed

#### 8. New Business

Dan Schevis requested members to stay abreast of Medicare and Medicaid changes that impact services for children and families who live in poverty.

Evan Goldman shared that the Jewish Federation is working on an initiative with the state attorney's office for the young people who committed antisemitic delinquent acts.

Jarvis Brunson asked for an update on the Broward Data Collaborative's work with BBHC (from Elida).

Monica King informed all that the ELC has a waitlist of approximately 1500 children due to end of COVID funds. Member asked that the unutilized CSA funds be considered to cover this service need at this CSB provider rather than be returned to the General Fund. Staff will follow up with ELC.

#### 9. Old Business

None

### **10. Public Comment**

None

#### 11. Good of the Order

Veda Hudge introduced the mental health coordinators by region.

Joel Smith invited all to the community fair on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith also shared that Jarvis Brunson was appointed to Vice President of Operations for Deerfield Beach Community Cares.

Robert Mayersohn, as an elected official, offered to work as a liaison to keep the city commissions updated.

#### 12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn CSB meeting at 11:00 A.M. First: Evan Goldman Second: Robert Mayersohn Declaration of Conflict: None Discussion: None Result: Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is September 22, 2023.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated September 22, 2023, as certified by:

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Monica King Children's Services Board Secretary