



Human Services Department

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration**

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
Children's Services Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2024 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 all Board Members.

**2. Roll Call**

Jarvis Brunson called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Monica King, Jarvis Brunson, Cassandra Burrel, Daniel Schevis, Elida Segrera, Joel Smith, Malena Mendez, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Dr. Thomas L. Walker, Traci Schweitzer, and Veda Hudge present. Brenda Fam, Cara Malave, and Sarah Gillespie Cummings via TEAMS.

Members absent: Burton Miller, Commissioner Michael Udine and Teves Bush.

Staff Members in attendance: Cassandra Evans, Community Partnerships Division (CPD) Assistant Director, Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Children's Services Administrator (CSA), Sterling Parrish (CSA), Sandra Meza Hernandez (CSA) and Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney present.

**3. Approval of CSB March 15, 2024, Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the meeting's minutes as presented by staff.

**First:** Monica King

**Second:** Jarvis Brunson

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**4. Chair Report**

Evan Goldman referred to the responsibilities, commitments, and goals of the CSB Members and mentioned that it is important to recognize the providers' accountability in alignment with what the County Commission is doing for children.

Members of the board supported and commented about this report.

**5. Section Report**



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Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard acknowledged Monica King for all the work she is doing with the Black Internal Health Consortium, and the proclamation she received on Tuesday for Black Maternal Health Week.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and BBHC is spearheading that proclamation as well. June is National Children's Awareness Month and there will be another proclamation recognizing the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of children.

### RFP Update

Dr. Hill-Howard gave an update of the RFP process. County Staff are still under the cone of silence. The application process closed April 10, 2024. May 6 through May 22 is the window for applicant interviews and the funding recommendations will be May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Sunset Review Process

Cassandra Evans informed that every four years the Intergovernmental Affairs/Board Section office reviews our boards to look at their purpose as well as an opportunity for changes to the board. In the agenda package it is an overview of this process. She requested members to keep updated their information within Granicus, since this portal will be used to share all the feedback and information from Board Coordinators and Membership. After feedback is tabulated, and if any action is needed, a draft will be sent to the Board Administrative Code if necessary until we reach a point of agreement. At the end, the Advisory Board itself will vote on affirming those changes, then it will go to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Dr. Hill-Howard will be sending members the email with a link for the feedback or any kind of suggestions in terms of the structure or functions of the board. Members must submit the information until May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the internal process would be until the month of November.

## **6. Committee Chair Reports**

### Needs Assessment

Maria Juarez Stouffer recapped the need and interest to listen and learn to all the presentations from different areas of all Human Services Department. During the last NAC meeting, the committee had the following informative and helpful presentations and discussions about the County services:

Community Partnerships Division (CPD)- Healthcare Services Section,  
Crisis Intervention and Support Division (CISD) Justice Services and Nancy J. Cotterman Center,  
Human Services Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (HOSS-D).

### Presentation Family Success Administration Division (FASD) by Kristi Hill, Assistant Director (refer to attached provider presentations)

Presenter provided an overview of this section, programs and services provided to families in Broward County. A question-and-answer period followed presentation.

## **7. Liaison Reports**

### BCPS

Veda Hudge informed that there has been a change in leadership, the new Superintendent is Dr. Howard Hepburn, and the Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning is Dr. Angela Fulton. Veda informed that next couple of weeks, there will be Town Hall meetings in different districts, where public or stakeholders can voice or hear the community's concerns or issues. She is working also on scheduling for CSB meetings, a couple of presentations in May from the school system. Ms. Hudge shared that they are required by the state to have 80% of the employees training mental health first aid and they are pushing to go over that percentage by the summer. She gave details of the new pilot program, for 20 schools to have their students screened on site for mental health services.

### DCF

Traci Schweitzer shared details about many events hosted during April that is child abuse prevention month, such as the community garden and the conference on child abuse prevention with conjunction with the school social works. She also gave details of the Hope Florida's program to help families and develop a plan to be self-sufficient, which is starting to move on to phase two.

### Juvenile Justice

Sarah Gillespie Cummings informed that the DJJ system is being down for a couple of weeks, and it is impacting a lot of services; work is being done to fix this problem. She gave details of the Circuit Advisory Board, that is being chaired by all the Chiefs across the state.

### Special Needs

No report.

### System of Care

Elida informed and gave details of bill 70, which is a mental health specific bill emphasizing involuntary outpatient treatment, that has moved and there is a funding of 50 million dollars.

## **8. New Business**

None.

## **9. Old Business**

None

## **10. Public Comment**

None

## **11. Good of the Order**

Chair Goldman invited members to the event hosted by Broward County Government, AJC and US Federation "Standing Together: A Community Response to Antisemitism" which will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jewish Community Center and the keynote speaker is Congressman James Clyburn. Evan will be sharing information thorough staff.

Cassandra Evans publicly thanked Children's Services Administration Section, particularly Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard and the leadership of Sterling Parrish, on what we can do for children and their wellbeing. There will be a proclamation for the National Children Awareness month, members of the board can support this proclamation.

Jarvis Brunson invited members to the "Walk-In my Shoes 5k Run/Walk" at the Quiet Water Park on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will benefit youth and families served by Change Me Foundations Programs.

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn CSB meeting at 10:40 A.M.

**First:** Dan Schevis

**Second:** Monica King

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is May 17, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated May 17, 2024, as certified by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarvis Brunson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jarvis" being more prominent and the last name "Brunson" following in a similar style.

Jarvis Brunson  
Children's Services Board Secretary