



Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board
Draft Regular Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2024
9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Monica King 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 Monica King, Jarvis Brunson, Brenda Fam, Daniel Schevis, Joel Smith, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Traci Schweitzer, and Veda Hudge present. Cassandra Burrel, Cara Malave, Teves Bush, and Dr. Thomas L. Walker via TEAMS. After the roll call Brenda Fam and Veda Hudge present, and Malena Mendez via TEAMS.

Members absent: Evan Goldman, Burton Miller, Elida Segrera, and Commissioner Michael Udine.

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

3. Approval of CSB May 17, 2024, Minutes

Motion: To approve the May 17, 2024, meeting minutes as presented by staff.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Maria Juarez Stouffer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

4. Chair Report

Monica King informed CSB members she attended on behalf of CSB, last week's (June 18th) Broward County Board of County Commissioners meeting to receive, the Proclamation designating June 2024 as "Children's Awareness Month". She thanked all staff behind the scenes, Efreem Crenshaw, Cassandra Evans, and Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard. Dr. Hill-Howard informed members that Staff has extra Proclamation copies if anyone is interested since Board Members were the recipients.

5. Section Report

Mid-Year Reallocations

Dr. Hill Howard mentioned that mid-year reallocations that were voted on last CSB meeting are now public records as it was part of the June 4th County Commissioners Board meeting. This report shows providers that received a mid-year increase, as discussed, and now is public which providers received a decrease. Efreem Crenshaw clarified that while making those decisions of reallocation, it was taken into consideration that money stays out into the community, and when moving money, stays within a service category and Children's Services. Staff had discussions with all providers before making these decisions.

Members and Staff discussed this update.

RFP Update

Efreem Crenshaw gave an update on the RFP process. County Staff are still under the cone of silence. Agencies were notified if they were getting their recommended funding or would not be recommended for funding. Letters to providers went out and there is a 10-day window (ends June 24th) where those agencies can appeal, as indicated by the Admin Code.

Monica King informed that the Executive Committee recommended having a Special Meeting on July 19th, so Board Members can look at those RFP recommendations before they go to the Board of County Commissioners and Staff have enough time to prepare contracts before October 1st.

Special July Meeting

Motion: To approve and establish July 19th as the Special Meeting of the Children's Services Board to approve RFP recommendations.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Tracy Schweitzer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

Baker Act Pilot

Cassandra Evans recapped that this Board supported this policy a year ago and is still moving forward. Two committees are working together: Broward County BSO and Broward School Board are working on the transportation and logistics piece, and many committee members joined the Baker at Learning Community. Both committees are in contact with personnel who manage the contracts at BC for the current EM units. They have discussed the needs and the likelihood of those current providers being willing and able to provide those non-emergency transportation units to nine locations or two center schools as well as the seven elementary schools if necessary. Data is being consolidated and the next steps include moving through some funding, what implementation would be, and what will be the intended outcome that can be quantified and qualified.

Members discussed this update.

Quarterly Report

Dr. Hill-Howard mentioned that the report on the package is not a complete utilization report taking into consideration that it is still in the process of receiving invoices due to the mid-year reallocation.

6. Committee Chair Reports

Needs Assessment

Maria Juarez Stouffer recapped that all the presentations from the Human Services Department were very informative and helpful. She requested feedback on what items Members would like to have on the next NAC agenda meetings.

7. Role of CSB

Sunset Review

Staff from the County Administration, Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section attended this meeting: Marty Cassini, Director, Naomie Labaty, Boards Administrator, and Kilishi St. Preux, the new Boards Analyst. Mr. Cassini introduced himself and his staff and conducted the Broward County Advisory Board Member Workshop. He explained the role of the CSB and the Sunset Review (included in the agenda packet). He discussed questions from the members.

8. Liaison Reports

BCPS

Veda Hudge shared they are in the process of developing and looping through their advisory and stakeholder groups, the suicide policy, which will be finalized by next fall. During the summer, they will be doing wellness checks with students, who have safety plans, and will be working with municipalities for follow-up. She informed the state had allocated money for mental health and they are working on being very strategic about the rollover of funds to maintain the continuity of services.

Veda introduced the new Director of Mental Health Services for Broward County Public Schools, Veronica Winter, and Sharon Ford Marshall, supervisor over the family counseling grants; both introduced themselves.

Brenda Fam informed that the discipline matrix will have some revisions during the workshop next Tuesday, June 25th.

Members discussed this update.

DCF

Traci Schweitzer informed members they will have an updated mandatory training, one of which is to take a closer look at poverty situations. In October there will be 5 full days of training to give a deep insight into the adoption competency. Last week in Ocala, DCF and PD were working together on how to serve the population, lockout process, and duly served children.

Members discussed this update.

Juvenile Justice

Teves Bush informed us that the DJJ system is coming back slowly, and by July 1st, there will be a new process of authenticating yourself before getting on. He announced that Broward Faith Community Network is hosting a resource fair tomorrow Saturday, June 22nd at the Tyrone Bryant Library in Fort Lauderdale, from 8 am to 2 pm. Chief Bush will send the information to Staff to share with Members.

Special Needs

No report.

System of Care

Monica King informed members that BBHC is still in the RFP process with DCF. The Children's System of Care (HD945) plan must be updated every 3 years. Committee members will receive an e-mail as their needed involvement with the updating process.

9. New Business

None.

10. Old Business

None

11. Public Comment

None

12. Good of the Order

Cassandra Evans, on behalf of the staff, announced that Sandra Meza Hernandez, Administrative Specialist, has accepted a promotion at the Port and will be leaving the Division. Kudos to Sandra!

13. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 10:38 A.M.

First: Monica King

Second: Maria Juarez Stouffer

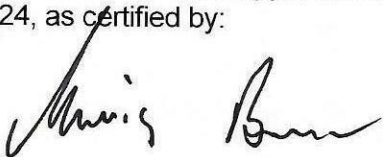
Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

The next Children's Services Board Special Call Meeting is August 16, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated August 16, 2024, as certified by:



Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary