



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 Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2024  
9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

**1. Call to Order**

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:03 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, Cara Malave, Joel Smith, Daniel Schevis, Elida Segrera, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Cassandra Burrell, Veda Hudge, and Traci Schweitzer present. Maria Juarez Stouffer and Malena Mendez via TEAMS.

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

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

**Motion:** To approve the CSB June 21 and July 19 minutes.

**First:** Joel Smith

**Second:** Elida Segrera

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**3. Chair Report**

Evan Goldman gave an overview of the meeting discussion to address the role of a Children's Services Board (CSB) member and what a Board member needs from Children's Services Administration professionals to accomplish their goals. Chairman Goldman provided Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard with the floor to give the Children's Services Section Report before the board members engaged in a discussion about their role on the CSB.

**4. Section Report**

Monitoring

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Dr. Hill-Howard gave an update that all 30 providers had monitorings conducted and the Section is working on finalizing monitoring reports with all reports scheduled to be submitted to providers no later than the first week of September.

A kudos was also given to the Section team for improving visibility among providers and providing increased technical assistance resulting in all providers meeting the threshold for outcomes and not receiving a 3% penalty.

#### Utilization

Sterling Parrish, CGA Sr. provided an update on the Section's utilization through May 2024. Discussion was had about the graphs for Board members to understand the mid-year adjustments that providers received, and that the utilization of funds does not reflect the impact of the services and the gaps in services due to changes in provider program service delivery.

#### **5. Chair Report**

Discussion was had about the historical role of a CSB member and the purpose of a CSB member today is to provide guidance to CSA staff on unmet community needs, promote CSA programs and services within individual areas of influence and broader community, partner with CSA staff to deliver technical assistance to underperforming funded providers, and work cooperatively with other local funders to address the needs of children and families that are outside the service areas funded by CSA.

Discussion was had about the CSB charter that the CSB is tasked with the needs of children's services by using data to make an informed plan to provide services to the children and their families of Broward county.

Staff shared the unique position of the CSB members to advocate for needs of children and their families to their respective commissioner as an appointed board member and as a collective front to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administration.

Discussion was had about is needed from CSA staff by the CSB to accomplish the goals and objectives of the CSB and assist CSA. There was a collective consensus that CSB members want to be better informed on funded agencies such as monthly utilization by programs with simple explanations for over or under utilization.

#### RFP Update

Attorney Ronald Honick was asked the legal ramifications of the CSB being a part of the cone of silence during the RFP review process and allowed information regarding specific providers.

#### **6. Committee Chair Reports**

None

#### **7. Liaison Reports**

Veda Hudge: The School Board of Broward County was rated as an A school grade district. Additionally, a Wellness Center is having a grand opening at McNicol Middle School. The district is looking at other community-based schools and partners to host Wellness Center for medical and mental health services. A new job description of school counselors was taken before the board so that school counselors are providing counseling services. There is a Suicide policy that will be coming to the board. The district is looking to continuing working with Broward County to get non-police transportation for youth who are Baker-Acted. Veda Hudge will also be transitioning from the CSB with her confirmation as within a new role outside of the Student Services office in the school district.

Elida Segrera: BBHC received a cut in funding of approximately \$13 million dollars.

**8. New Business**

None.

**9. Old Business**

None.

**10. Public Comment**

None.

**11. Good of the Order**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the CSB meeting at 11:17 A.M.

**First:** Monica King

**Second:** Elida Segrera

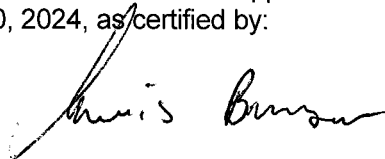
**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is October 18, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated September 20, 2024, as certified by:



Jarvis Brunson  
Children's Services Board Secretary