



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 – January 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**

Monica King called the roll.

A quorum was established with, Evan Goldman, Monica King, Daniel Schevis, Jarvis Brunson, Joel Smith, Malena Mendez, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Teves Bush, Traci Schweitzer, Dr. Thomas L. Walker, and Veda Hudge present. Sarah Gillespie Cummings, and Commissioner Michael Udine attended via TEAMS. After the roll call, Brenda Fam, Cara Malave present, Elida Segrera, and Burton Miller via TEAMS.

Members absent: Ally Walford and Marilyn Moskowitz.

Staff Members in attendance: Efrem Crenshaw, Community Partnerships Division (CPD) Director, Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Children's Services Administrator (CSA), Sterling Parrish (CSA), Brandon Johnson (CSA), Paulette Herron (CPD) and Keith Bostick, Deputy Director of Human Services Department (HSD) present. Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney via TEAMS.

**3. Approval of CSB November 17, 2023, Minutes**

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

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Malena Mendez

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**4. Chair Report**

Chair Goldman welcomed our County Human Services Intern, Cristal Mallet and informed that Robert Mayersohn is in a new role which created a vacancy in the Vice-Chairperson's position.

**Motion: To appoint Monica King as the new Vice-Chair of the Children Services Board.**

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Malena Mendez

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**Declaration of Conflict:** None  
**Discussion:** None.  
**Result:** Passed

Evan Goldman asked for a nomination for the new Secretary.

**Motion: To appoint Jarvis Brunson as the new Secretary of the Children Services Board.**

**First:** Joel Smith

**Second:** Veda Hudge

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None.

**Result:** Passed

## 5. Section Report

### CSA FY 23 End of the Year Utilization and Performance Report

Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard presented the final utilization report as of end of the year 2023. The utilization is 89% (\$17,195,777.29) of the expected 100.00% (\$19,351,659.00). The report was broken down by service categories, which included the contract amount, expenditure, variance and utilization rate. The report was also by Outcome-Based Providers (as per our Service Delivery Models-SDMs), Special Appropriations Providers and Utilization of those services.

Efrem Crenshaw mentioned that CSA left 4.1 million dollars unspent at the end of the FY22 compared to end of FY23 CSA 2 million dollars unspent and pointed out the improvement from one year to the next and the engagement of the Staff and the Board.

Members of the Board and Staff discussed this update.

### RFP 2025

Dr. Hill-Howard informed that the RFP process will be coming out late winter, early spring and is taking into consideration all the recommendations and suggestions from the Board in addition to providers. CSA also had a provider 's forum where had conversations with families, staff members, knowledge experts. She mentioned that CSA had provided updates to the handbook and taxonomies. And after 8 years there is a great update for taxonomies rate increase, this way, now, there will be a better chance of providers getting into business with the County.

There will be no changes in any services, as per the Strategic Plan approved by the Board, considering our Service Delivery Models, the outcomes and monitoring the providers. We will be able to see the outcome updates once the RFP has been made public.

Members of the Board and Staff discussed this update.

## 6. Committee Chair Reports

### Needs Assessment

Evan Goldman informed that the Needs Assessment Committee is in capable hands with Maria Juarez Stouffer as the Chairperson. Ms. Juarez Stouffer informed that the Annual Performance Report was presented to the Children Services Council and gave details of the programs, outcomes, impacts and visualization.

Efrem Crenshaw mentioned that the CSB Needs Assessment is the space where providers can have their presentations and suggested that it would be a great opportunity for the NAC Chair to invite the Childrens Services Council to present their information to the Board.

Members of the Board and Staff discussed this update.

## **7. Liaison Reports**

### Advocacy

No report.

### Juvenile Justice

Chief Teves Bush mentioned they are working on the language/updates of some House-Bills related to aftercare services, use of firearms, electronic monitoring and legislation to adopt their graduated matrix about who have violated probation.

Chief Bush had reached out to their statewide volunteering mentoring coordinator to get some clarification about the Governor De Santis \$1million mentoring program which will go toward providers.

### SNAC

Maria Juarez suggested to Dr. Carl Dasse-CSC to the NAC meetings to share the SNAC monthly updates. Dan Schevis commented that per Bylaws CSB is allowed to invite presenters that can provide information as long as that person understands that it's a matter of sunshine record and advise them on that.

Ms. Juarez informed that Help Me Grow program had their kickoff meeting and focusing on bringing the program back to Broward County. SNAC is working on a collaboration with Family Central to establish a special needs swim work group to increase access to water safety instruction for children with special needs. And they are also developing a housing and employment resource packet, a job fair for people with special needs as well.

Members of the Board discussed this update.

### System of Care

Elida Segrera gave updated on the Trauma Informed Initiative that had its first admission and are working with all the receiving facilities to get training to explain the protocol

process. She reminded as well about the BYRC2, and referral requirements are a little more flexible than BYRC1.

## **8. New Business**

Evan mentioned that part of the agenda packet is the letter regarding Backer Act, endorsed by CSB, which Chair Goldman will sign enthusiastically and gave some detail information about the program.

## **9. Old Business**

None

## **10. Public Comment**

None

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

Joel Smith shared that last Saturday at Nina's Place (community food pantry) usually gives away more than 3000 pounds and last Saturday they gave away 15500 pounds, which shows the people needs.

Joel mentioned also that they are hosting, with the BC School Board, an educational health and wellness townhall meeting with the purpose of asking the district leaders to share with the community what the different departments of the school district are doing.

Mr. Smith shared that Jarvis Brunson is facilitating their 7<sup>th</sup> Iteration of the Community Bike Club where 15 were expected and 28 participated.

They are starting a 10-week program of conversational English for the Haitian American population. Monica shared that they are working also in a similar program a 6-week intensive English class for 25 women patients that they are been working with.

Ms. King informed the Board that it is Black Maternal Health Week, and they want to bring awareness on that issue to the community.

Sarah Gillespie Cummings referred to the minutes of a previous meeting regarding the request of underutilized funds to remain within the Children's Services. Efreem Crenshaw said that Staff will draft the letter and it will be approved by the Board to be submitted to the Commission.

## **12. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn CSB meeting at 10:19 A.M.

**First:** Evan Goldman

**Second:** Joel Smith

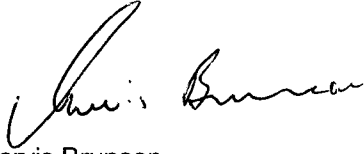
**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is February 23, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated February 23, 2024, as certified by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jarvis Brunson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jarvis Brunson  
Children's Services Board Secretary