



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 – September 22, 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: Teves Bush (DJJ), Alicia Walford (Consumer), and Dr. Thomas L. Walker, II (District 8). New members introduced themselves.

**2. Roll Call**

Monica King called the roll.

A quorum was established with, Evan Goldman, Monica King, Alicia Walford, Brenda Fam, Daniel Schevis, Elida Segrera, Jarvis Brunson, Joel Smith, Maria Juarez Stouffer, and Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Teves Bush, Dr. Thomas L. Walker, present. Burton Miller attended via TEAMS.

Members absent: Robert Mayersohn, Malena Mendez, Marilyn Moskowitz and Michael Udine.

Members excused: Veda Hudge

Commissioner Staff in Attendance: Beth Talabisco for Michael Udine

Staff Members in attendance: Efrem Crenshaw, Community Partnerships Division (CPD) Director, Cassandra Evans Assistant Director of 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 August 18, 2023 Minutes**

**Motion: To approve the meetings minutes as presented by staff.**

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Elida Segrera

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**4. Chair Report**

*CSB Mission and Baker Act Pilot – Transportation of Minors*

Evan Goldman mentioned that the CSB's Strategic Planning workshop was held in June which helped to define the role of this board and its mission. It is important to recognize and honor the role that advisory board members play in alignment with what the County Commission is doing for children. Chair Goldman shared that a letter of support for the Baker Act alternative mode of transportation for minors to receiving facilities was requested and asked to be shared with the CSB Members.

## **5. Section Report**

CPD Assistant Director Evans informed members of the Board that staff are working on drafting the letter of support.

### *CSB Membership*

Ms. Evans welcomed the three new members and announced that of Tuesday, the Florida Department of Children and Families-DCF representative, Ms. Tracy Schweitzer, was approved and appointed. CSB has one more seat to fill, staff is working diligently to get a young person.

### *Children Services Administrator Introduction*

Cassandra Evans informed the Board that Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard has started as the Children's Services Section Administrator, and her biography was included in the meeting package. Dr. Hill-Howard will join the upcoming CSB Needs Assessment Committee meeting. Dr. Hill-Howard will work with individual members to learn their areas of expertise.

### *CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization and Performance Report*

Ms. Evans presented the utilization report as of July 2023. The utilization is 65.40% of the expected 83.33%. Ms. Evans and Mr. Bostick answered questions from Board members. Chair Goldman requested staff the comparison of FY23 to FY24 at this time of the year.

## **6. Committee Chair Reports**

### *Needs Assessment - Provider Presentations*

In absence of Robert (Bob) Mayersohn, Cassandra presented the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) Chair report. Three providers presentations are scheduled for the October 4<sup>th</sup> NAC. Ms. Evans informed the Boards that she connected with the Juvenile Division State Attorney to schedule an informational session. An update on the strategic plan will be presented and discussed. Ms. Evans responded Members inquiries.

## **7. Liaison Reports**

### *Advocacy*

None

### Juvenile Justice

Chief Teves Bush shared updates on the Juvenile Assessment Center. He had also met with Ms. Yolanda Brown, Court Administration Office, regarding domestic violence cases requiring secure detention placements because of the limited respite capacity. There is a new integrated safety plan process these type of cases. Chief Bush mentioned that DJJ is working to minimize civil citation missed opportunities. Sarah Gillespie Cummings added the details of the program funded by BBHC and civil citations.

Members of the board and staff discussed about this update.

Joel Smith requested Chair Goldman to invite Danny Shapiro from the School System to present the Board regarding behavior interventions.

### SNAC

Maria Juarez Stouffer shared the SNAC Early Identification Committee met with the Statewide Director of Help Me Grow and are working together to identify how to bring the program back to Broward County.

### System of Care

Elida Segrera shared updates of their funding for one coordination team for DJJ's integrated safety plan population. Elida announced that Broward County and Broward Behavior Health Coalition (BBHC) were awarded a SAMHSA grant to continue One Community Partnership (OCP4). Also announced was the opening of the children's SRT (short term residential treatment) facility.

## **8. New Business**

Ms. Alicia (Ally) Allicia Walford accepted the Advocacy liaison appointment by Chair Goldman.

Cassandra Evans asked the chair for consideration appointing the 3 new CSB members to the NAC.

## **9. Old Business**

None

## **10. Public Comment**

Shawn Preston, Vice President of ARC Broward, gave kudos to all staff. Under Cassandra's direction & despite being short staffed, CPD's mission is happening. ARC is looking forward to welcoming the new CSA Administrator, Dr. Hill-Howard and her team to their campus. Ms. Preston expressed her thanks for the mid-year reallocation of funds to the respite care

program, and she reported that utilization will 100%. Shawn thanked the one CSA staff members, who was dealing with a significant family emergency, but she was fully present during their recently monitoring.

## 11. Good of the Order

Dan Schevis congratulated the leaders for keeping the agenda lasted for two hours as it was scheduled and leave the meeting knowing that something good happened and their voice is heard.

Joel Smith thanked members and providers for attending the community fair in Deerfield Beach held on September 9<sup>th</sup> where over 700 residents and 80 providers were in attendance. Nina's Place (community food pantry) has given away more than 60K pounds of food since January. Mr. Smith announced that starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Broward Health's mobile "office" will also be at the food pantry site. Mr. Smith invited all the members to the fair.

Mr. Keith Bostick shared that Broward Addiction and Recovery Center (BARC) is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm celebration at its main location.

Evan Goldman shared information on a Faith in Florida event will happen on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. Also, community partners will convene at NSU on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm, to approach antisemitism and faith and celebrating the Hispanic Heritage month, it will be completely bilingual.

Cassandra Evans shared that CPD received the invitation for the Juvenile Sequential Intercept Mapping Part 2 for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Elida Segrera shared details of the event.

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn CSB meeting at 11:00 A.M.

**First:** Evan Goldman

**Second:** Dan Schevis

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is October 20, 2023.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated October 20, 2023, as certified by:



Monica King  
Children's Services Board Secretary