



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board Needs Assessment Committee Meeting
Minutes August 2, 2023

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.

Committee Members in attendance: Robert Mayersohn, Evan Goldman, Monica King, Brenda Fam, Dan Schevis, and Joel Smith in person. Paige Patterson-Hughes joined via Teams.

Committee Members absent: Dr. Andrea Keener

Staff members in attendance: Efrem Crenshaw Director of Community Partnerships Division (CPD), Cassandra Evans, Assistant Director of CPD, Sandra Meza Hernandez Children Services Administration (CSA), Keith Bostick, Deputy Director of Human Services Department (HSD).

II. Approval of minutes

Approval of June 7, 2023, Needs Assessment Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: To approve the June 7, 2023, Needs Assessment Committee minutes as presented by staff.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Monica King

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

III. Chair Report

Robert Mayersohn welcomed everybody back from summer break and a new CSB member present, Ms. Brenda Fam.

Chair Mayersohn informed that UCO, Parent 2 Parent and YWCA presentations were postponed by providers to September 6, 2023.

IV. Section Administrator's Report

FY24 RFP – Supported Employment Services

CPD Assistant Director Evans informed all the FY24 RFP for supported employment services for \$385,000 had 2 applicants. At the conclusion of the internal RFP review, neither applicant was selected. The final decision on the final allocation is still under review. It was confirmed that monies will be used in the spirit it was designated from the dais in FY 23-24, thus not returning to General Funds.

Cassandra Evans answered questions from Committee members.

CSA YTD FY 23 Utilization update and Contract Reallocation Recommendations.

Cassandra Evans presented the utilization report as of May 30th. The utilization is 49.10% of the expected 66.67%. The report shows the slight readjustments in various categories to account for the utilization as well as other needs and challenges presented by the respective providers. These readjustments were made in partnership with providers for FY23-24.

Cassandra Evans answered questions from Committee members.

Efrem Crenshaw explained that rate adjustments for RFP's services cannot be done. As such, staff are taking the knowledge of issues i.e., underutilization caused by understaffing by into account in the upcoming RFP process.

Keith Bostick, as a follow up, mentioned that the utilization of the outreach taxonomy was a significant help to increasing program participation. Mr. Bostick explained that the Human Services Division is in the process of analyzing the rates, taxonomies, and service delivery models in every program area; so, HSD anticipates more fair and equitable rates in the RFPs to come.

Staff answered questions from the members.

Chair Mayersohn suggested to invite key funders and entities to the NAC, so the funding plans can be more inclusive.

Robert reminded members that as NAC, can make just recommendations for CSB to review and approve them.

Motion: To approve the contract allocation recommendation for FY24 which includes a letter from the CSB Chair.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Joel Smith

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026

Cassandra thanked all who participated in the CSB Strategic Plan session, and she provided a session recap.

Chair Mayersohn suggested that starting September to put together a timeline and template to guide the next three (3) NAC meetings.

Keith Bostick commented that the best way to utilize the available money is through the lenses of those who are going to be impacted by it [the consumer] and what is considered important to them. CPD we also invite the usual and unusual suspects to this conversation as well. It is going to be a challenge for this Board because we're now stating that what we historically funded may not be funded going forth.

V. Public Comments

Evan Goldman introduced Nicholas Hessing, Government Affairs Manager at CSC, who is collaborating with and sharing information of what are we doing and who to become involved with.

Joel Smith publicly thanked Monica King and her team for helping him with the 2nd annual "Community Baby Shower" that was started in the north Broward to help pregnant women in their first year of motherhood. Last year there were about 240 women and this year there were about 400 women. The recipients were given bags packed with age-appropriate baby items.

Efrem Crenshaw shared that CPD webpage has been updated, is more interactive, and user friendly; it went live yesterday August 1st. He encouraged members and providers to visit the page. Efrem also mentioned that CPD will be sharing community events, so he invited members and providers to share the information with staff, so we can send out an email blast or get the information uploaded to CPD's website. This way consumers and our community know what is going on and information is shared with the network providers.

Evan Goldman shared the hosting of 1200 young people, beginning Sunday, from around the world for the JCC Maccabi Games.

Monica King shared that as of July 1st, they are the new administrator for the Healthy Families Program Model, which has been in the community for a very long time. With the support of the Florida Healthy Family Florida office and the Children's Services Council, the Healthy Start Coalition will be running the Healthy Families Home Visitation program. They are happy to be able to put that program back in the community and work with Kids in Distress, Memorial Healthcare System and Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies.

Cassandra Evans shared that CPD has a division business cards with a QR code that navigates to the webpage. NAC members are encouraged to share them in the community.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 10:29 A.M.

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Monica King.

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

The next Needs Assessment Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.