



Human Services Department

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
Children's Services Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 23, 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, Cassandra Burrell, Elida Segrera, Joel Smith, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Teves Bush, Traci Schweitzer, Dr. Thomas L. Walker, and Veda Hudge present. Cara Malave, and Burton Miller via TEAMS. After the roll call, Daniel Schevis and Sarah Gillespie Cummings, present.

Members absent: Brenda Fam, Malena Mendez, Commissioner Michael Udine and Ally Walford.

Staff Members in attendance: Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Children's Services Administrator (CSA) and Sterling Parrish (CSA) present. Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney via TEAMS.

**3. Approval of CSB January 19, 2024, Minutes**

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

**First:** Monica King

**Second:** Maria Juarez Stouffer

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**4. Chair Report**

Evan Goldman welcomed the new CSB member appointed by Commissioner Udine, Cassandra Burrell, and talked about the mission, responsibilities, priorities, and goals of the Children's Services Board Members. Ms. Burrell introduced herself.

Chair Goldman appointed the new Liaison Reports, as suggested by the Needs Assessment Committee:

Behavioral Health – Elida Segrera

DJJ – Chief Teves Bush

Special Needs – Ally Walford

School System - Brenda Fam and Veda Hudge

DCF – Traci Schweitzer

## 5. Section Report

### RFP Update

Dr. Hill-Howard gave an update of the RFP process, taking into consideration all the recommendations and suggestions from the Board in addition to providers. The service delivery models along with the provider handbook and taxonomy tables are updated, looking to include new providers get into business with the County to continue to do the work of services for children. The Office of Equity and Community Investment, within Human Services, is responsible for the process of procuring of the funds. Staff does not have a date when the RFP will be released and published. Dr. Hill-Howard requested members of the Board to send her an e-mail with information if they have any recommendations for raters for the applications of the eight categories of service areas. Chair Goldman requested Staff to send a job description as a rater, timeline and the 8 service areas.

Members of the Board and Staff discussed this update.

### Outcome Report

Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard presented the Mental Health outcome, included in the agenda packet, being important to focus on clients and those that our services are provided. Utilization is very important, and it is connected to who is impacted of the clients we serve. Numbers from quarter one of year 2023 (800) compared to the first quarter of 2024 (1700) shows that numbers were doubled and those that were evaluated were 1056 (1020 met the outcome). Dr. Hill-Howard mentioned that the increase is attributed to the CSA's Team being more involved in, more engaged and more understanding of the clients' needs. Demographics report will be shared next NAC meeting.

Members of the Board congratulated CSA Team.

Members and Staff discussed this update.

## 6. Committee Chair Reports

### Needs Assessment

Maria Juarez Stouffer informed that members of the NAC want to invite different County agencies, sections, and different agencies to make a presentation of their services, their challenges and the impact on the services provided by CSA.

Members of the Board and Staff discussed this update.

## 7. Liaison Reports

### Advocacy

No report.

### Juvenile Justice

Chief Teves Bush mentioned they have been meeting with a lot of Municipalities in Broward County trying to get some assistance in civil citation. Mr. Bush had met with the legal advisor

of Coconut Creek to discuss and make some changes to a policy in reference to civil citation. Next week they will have a meeting with Coconut Creek, Margate, and Coral Springs Police Departments to move forward with this issue.

### SNAC

No report.

### System of Care

Elida informed that all ITMs were submitted the previous week, all were open except for two central counties that were no speakers; for Broward County they are BBHC and South Florida. She mentioned they are struggling to end of the fiscal year being able to support the people that were already housed. Regarding OCP4, she mentioned that the contract should be finalized soon, started doing screenings, and the trainings will start then. Elida reminded everybody about the Trauma Informed initiative by lead by United Way, CBC BBHC and make sure providers get register on the different groups.

Members of the Board discussed this update.

## **8. New Business**

None.

## **9. Old Business**

### Baker Act Transport Letter

Elida Segrera mentioned that the company in charge of the transportation for the Baker Act Transport has a power-point presentation and would like to present it on the next meeting.

Dr. Hill-Howard mentioned that next week, Staff will be meeting with Jessica Duran, who is responsible for the Baker Act Transportation, to get an update on this. Elida informed there is no agreement yet.

## **10. Public Comment**

None

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

Jarvis Brunson and Joel Smith had the opportunity to meet with Veda Hudge and her team to go through some issues on the Baker Act situation and the process before the kid is sent to Baker Act.

Joel invited members to access at the Community Foundation of Broward Center for Nonprofit Excellence and find dynamic opportunities there.

Jarvis and Joel are planning an open house on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm to 6:00 pm all members are invited to see their operation; understand of how and what they do for the community.

Monica King invited Members to the event part of the Broward Aware Child Abuse Prevention series, Healthy Start Day, on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lauderhill. This is a fun event dedicated to families in Broward County. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>, they will be having their Maternal Child Health Conference where a couple of national speakers will be participating and talk about maternal mental health and respectful maternal care.

Veda Hudge informed the launching of an immunization campaign called Vaccines Count Towards Academics Success, free of charge, for families and students. Starting March 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be mobile units out at the schools and in the areas of the school; more information will be provided on the coming days.

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn CSB meeting at 10:34 A.M.

**First:** Evan Goldman

**Second:** Monica King

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is March 15, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated March 15, 2024, as certified by:



Jarvis Brunson  
Children's Services Board Secretary