



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 – March 15, 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**

Monica King called the roll.

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

Members absent: Commissioner Michael Udine

Staff Members in attendance: Cassandra Evans, Community Partnerships Division (CPD) Assistant Director, 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 February 23, 2024, Minutes**

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

**First:** Dan Schevis

**Second:** Veda Hudge

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**4. Chair Report**

Evan Goldman recognized Monica King, CEO Broward Healthy Start Coalition, as the winner at the 211 Non-Profit Awards category "Collective Impact for Youth." He announced there are two Board vacancies, one for the appointee of Commissioner Bogen, and one for Consumer of Services, and requested Members of the Board to share this information to their contacts for applying to those open seats.

Robert "Bob" Mayersohn former CSB Vice-chair received a certificate of appreciation for all the years of dedicated service on the Board. Bob thanked all Members, who collectively have

done so great things and have been strong advocates to improve the quality of life of the Broward County's children.

## **5. Section Report**

### Utilization Report

Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard presented the CSA's final numbers of utilization for quarter one of the nine services, recognizing the work that providers are doing for the lives of children in our county. The utilization is 24% of the expected 25%. She presented the Outcome-Based Providers as well as the Special Appropriations Q1 utilization, which shows 25% of current utilization.

Staff answered questions from Board Members. Members discussed this update.

### RFP Update

Dr. Hill-Howard gave an update of the RFP process. She reminded members of the Board to send her an email if they have any recommendations for raters for the applications of the service areas categories (included in the presentation). The RFP was released on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>, an e-mail on behalf of CPD was sent to members, to please share it. An estimated amount for the RFP with the nine services is \$13,150,953. The process will be closed April 10, 2024. Dr. Hill-Howard informed that the only update made was slightly changing the name for Mental Health and Mental Health Counseling (which used to be Youth Justice Population) will now be Behavioral Health and Intervention; however, those names will still be under Mental Health. She invited members to a hybrid workshop that will take place at 1:00 pm at the Commissioners Chamber where Staff will go over all the chapters of the RFP for each division within Human Services departments. The workshop will be recorded and uploaded on the County's website.

Staff answered questions from Board Members.

## **6. Committee Chair Reports**

### Needs Assessment

Maria Juarez Stouffer shared the Committee had worked out the schedule of presentations for next NAC meetings, which will begin in April.

NAC approved two motions for recommendation to utilize the \$385,000 allocated to the creation of the new service category for supported employment: one is to use \$250,000 to focus on data driven for Baker Act transportation pilot program in Broward County; and \$135,000 either for teen pregnancy and teen maternal health or another area of service. Cassandra Evans shared an update on this recommendation to utilize the \$385,000 and mentioned that CSB will need to motion the reallocation of these funds and approve to put the \$250,000 under the innovation category. For the remaining \$135,000, after doing some research, as well as presented by a member of Joel Smith, was the need of addressing violence in the community, so Staff would like to put forth the proposal, a reduction of community violence with the intend to serve 75 or higher number of youngsters.

Board Members and Staff discussed this update.

**Approval on the allocation of \$385,000 for supported employment in the innovation program category for Baker Act Transport in the amount of \$250,000 and the reminder \$135,000 for the reduction of community violence.**

**Motion:** Approval of the recommendations presented by Staff to utilize the \$385,000 allocated.

**First:** Traci Schweitzer

**Second:** Malena Mendez

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**7. Presentation by Dr. Carl Dasse, Director of Community Research & Partnering, CSC.**

Dr. Carl Dasse introduced himself and thanked the Board for allowing him to make the presentation. Dr. Dasse presented the Broward Children's Strategic Plan-BCSP supported by the Children's Services Council. The strategic plan has 35 active committees that cover different areas, it is working on research, capacity, ways to improve the needs of the services provided that are funded by the County. The BCSP Committee Supports include planning, strategy, design, connection, development. Dr. Dasse's explained the BCSP funding policy and guidelines the quarterly Chairs meeting (presentation is included in the agenda packet for reference).

Members of the Board commented about this presentation.

**8. Liaison Reports**

BCPS

Veda Hudge thanked Staff for sending the protocol to use for the liaison reports and requested guidance from the Board, on how to provide the correct information and what areas is the need to report. If the information to update is under Veda's area, she will provide it, if not, one of her colleagues will come and present.

Veda is part of a group that will analyze attendance, students' absence, reasons for preventing them to assist to classes, how to incentive kids to go to school, and attendance fees. She mentioned that secondary principals in middle and high schools will be trained with the new attendance systems.

Veda informed that herself and a Lieutenant from their special investigation unit, will be part of the County delegation to Tampa, to visit the Baker Act's crisis center to talk about its funding and the community served.

DCF

Traci Schweitzer also requested clarification on what to report to the Board. Members gave some suggestions.

Traci informed that April is child abuse prevention month. During this month they will be hosting some events, including a therapy on April 8<sup>th</sup>. April 9<sup>th</sup> is a wear blue day. There will be a conference on child abuse prevention with conjunction with the school social works.

Juvenile Justice

Chief Teves Bush introduced Angela Mitchell, the new Circuit 17 Coordinator. He informed the legislative updates and changes, especially when using guns and conditional release. Chief Bush mentioned that all the Chiefs across the state will be chairing the Circuit Advisory.

Special Needs

No report.

System of Care

Elida Segrera shared data and demographics on the suicide prevention report; as well as some data regarding overdoses, which had decrease since 2023. She informed that CSC and BBHC are working on a project to try to fill the gaps on the case management of youth. They are working on a pilot program with children that are in intake status with the BYRP grant. In terms of legislation, Elida informed that bill 70 was approved which is a mental health specific bill emphasizing involuntary outpatient treatment. ITNs will reopen for profits for all regions except for Palm Beach, Orlando and Broward.

Members of the Board discussed this update.

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Old Business**

None

**11. Public Comment**

None

**12. Good of the Order**

Cassandra Evans shared that CPD will be part of the County delegation to visit the Baker Act's crisis center in Tampa on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Monica King shared that Healthy Start is hosting a maternal -child health conference on April 12<sup>th</sup>, which is focused for professionals, nurses, home-visitors and case managers; national speakers will be talking about the support to pregnant women and new moms, so they have a healthy baby.

**13. Adjournment**

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

**First:** Dan Schevis

**Second:** Monica King

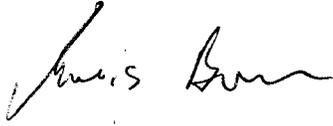
**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is April 19, 2024.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated April 19, 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" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jarvis Brunson  
Children's Services Board Secretary