



Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board
Draft Meeting Minutes February 21, 2025
9:00 am – 10:51 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members. Chairman welcomed new board members Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis, Saran Earle-Cunningham, and Veda Hudge.

2. Roll Call

Jarvis Brunson called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Monica King, Jarvis Brunson, Brenda Fam, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Brenda Fam, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Traci Schweitzer, Elida Segrera, Joel Smith, Cassandra Burrell, Teves Bush, Cara Malave, Commissioner Alexandra Davis, Yolanda Nails, Cynthia Honick, Saran Earle-Cunningham present via TEAMS.

Members absent: Malena Mendez and Veda Hudge.

Staff Members in attendance: Mr. Keith Bostick (Deputy Director Human Services Department), Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Children's Services Administrator (CSA), Sterling Parrish, Contract Grant Administrator Sr. (CSA), and Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney present.

Motion: To approve the CSB November 15, 2024 minutes.

First: Maria Stouffer

Second: Traci Schweitzer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: Maria Stouffer advised that there were more things discussed in the last CSB meeting that is not noted in the minutes such as board members, materials, presentation by the county attorney, recognition of Dan Schevis. Traci Schweitzer advised she did not give the BCPS update, and her name is spelled wrong under old business. Chairman Goldman advised we will make the changes and approve the minutes on the next CSB meeting.

Result: Chairman Goldman will move for two sets of minutes to be approved in next meeting April 15, 2025.

3. Chair Report

4. Section Report-

YESS survey results presented by Dr. Tiffany Hill- Howard. On February 4, 2025 there was a round table discussion with about 7 agencies in attendance that provided feedback. This feedback was included in the new proposal for YESS. We will also need 5 raters from the community that have expertise and knowledge in YESS or providing In- Home respite for this population. Encouraging board members who know agencies that may be able to use the service to gain access to ACCESS Broward, that is where the advertisement will be posted.

Also discussed will there be a cost reimbursement opportunity. A challenge was presented in the past where a provider has had space but there are no kids that need the space. And the provider is still incurring costs. Dr. Hill- Howard advised a resolution CSA has come up with is broadening/increasing the taxonomies, so that we can include costs such as beds. YESS is a unit-based service. So, the taxonomy would need to be available to coordinate that connection between the cost that the agency may incur and the actual service that's being provided. Also discussed staff availability and deliverables.

Utilization- Sterling Parrish- First quarter is complete. Outcome based providers have 9.9 million in total funding with 3.3 year to date expenditure. Joel Smith asked of target rate and progression of repeat providers from last year versus this year. Ideally CSA wants to see providers at 25% utilization or better. Discussed the challenges for executing contracts and being intentional and realistic about what the providers could deliver, the timing of payouts, and goals of executing signed contracts by 10/1/2025.

Baker Act Alternative Youth Transportation Pilot (BAAYTP) Decreasing the amount of trauma of transportation of Baker Acted youth between facilities. BBHC providing their MRT program, CSC providing evaluative back drop and implementation process. The goal of expanding to possibly doctors' offices and after school. Launch date possibly April 1, 2025.

5. **JAG Overview-** Deborah Scott- program created in memorial of Edward Byrne who was ambushed while on stakeout and which was fatal. There was an Anti- Drug Abuse Act established in 1986, in 2005 two programs were merged to create the Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance program. Funding to be used within a year to improve the Criminal Justice System in our communities. Funding can be used for printing and protection, rental spaces, publicity, etc. FDLE does not allow funds to be used for promotional items, vehicles, or new construction of buildings unless it is a prison. The county's allocation is around \$400,000.

6. NAC Committee Chair Reports

Maria Stouffer- Recommended that there be conversation or solicitation from the community about the Youth Emergency Shelter and Supportive Services and the challenges with the last time it was released. Possible reasons no one applied and what could be done differently. Dr. Hill- Howard implemented those changes and there will be information in today's meeting that will be shared.

7. Liaison Reports

BCPS: Brenda Fam- Discussed transportation for Baker Acted students, possibly having Mr. Bostick come as a special speaker.

DCF: Traci Schweitzer- Tammy Gonyea hired as Director of Partnerships and Prevention. A pinwheel garden will be done on April 8, 2025 for child abuse prevention. Bayes contract will be ending on April 30, 2025 who used to assist with screening kids. Five (5) DJJ staff will take over. JPO detention coordinator that that person will be housed at the detention center, and they will be responsible for the youth that are in detention, making sure that they are enrolled

Second: Joel Smith

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: On November 6, 2025, Nominating Committee selected Evan Goldman to continue as Chairman, Monica King to continue as Vice Chairman and Jarvis Brunson to continue as Secretary. Discussion into the new slate of officers and resolutions of issues going into 2025.

Board member Joel Smith voiced concerns about the direction of the board, delivery of information, content, and the complexity of info that will allow the CSB member to do their jobs. Concerns also voiced over meeting schedule, a platform of data to give more sophisticated information.

Result: Passed

Sunshine Law, Public Records, & Ethics for County Boards Presentation- Presented by County attorney Ronald Honnick.

Presentation in reference to violations under Sunshine law as an Advisory board member, and to not discuss matters that may become before the board.

4. Section Report-

Schedule of meetings for 2025 statement- Dr. Tiffany Hill- Howard

Discussion on schedule of meetings for 2025 and rational behind dates chosen.

Utilization report FY24- Sterling Parrish

Presentation on the utilization of funds for fiscal year 24 which increased by 6% from FY23. The goal of 94% was met for utilization of funds.

5. Motion: To extend meeting 15 minutes

First: Dan Schevis

Second: Jarvis Brunson

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

6. NAC Committee Chair Reports: None

7. Liaison Reports

BCPS: Brenda Fam–Repurpose and combining schools and using property for another purpose. Discussions on selling Casey Wright building due to it being a prime real estate location. Number of schools closing is down from 60 plus to zero.

DCF: Traci Schweitzer: Continuing with DSNAP efforts around the states. Record number of children in out of home care is at an all-time low.

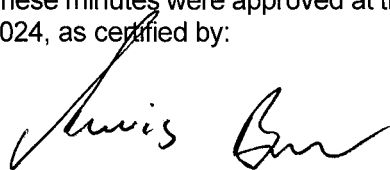
Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: Teves Busch: Circuit Advisory board is meeting on a quarterly basis, next meeting is Feb 12, 2025.

Special Needs: No business

System of Care: No business

8. New Business: None

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarvis Brunson', written in a cursive style.

Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary