



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 August 15, 2025
9:00 am – 11:05 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members.

2. Roll Call

Evan Goldman called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Yolanda Nails, Joel Smith, Jarvis Brunson, Monica King, Dr. Bevlyn Sagon, Cassandra Burrell, and Traci Schweitzer. Dr. Veda Hudge, Commissioner Davis, Teves Bush, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Elida Segrera, and Cynthia Honnick present via TEAMS.

Members absent: Malena Mendez, Saran Earle- Cunningham, Dr. Yelena Revere, Sarah Gillespie Cummings.

Staff Members in attendance: Cassandra Evans (Community Partnerships Division Director), David Watkins (Community Partnerships Division Assistant Director), Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard (Children's Services Administrator), Sterling Parrish (Contract Grant Administrator Sr. CSA)

3. Motion: To approve the CSB June 13, 2025, and July 9, 2025, minutes.

First: Traci Schweitzer

Second: Cassandra Burrell

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion:

Result: Passed

Chair Report –The Board honored the life and service of colleague Kara Malave. Members reflected on her two decades of advocacy, leadership, and her role as a champion for foster youth—a reflection of Cara Malave as a CSB member and FLITE organization.

4. Committee Report

Needs Assessment (Maria Juarez Stouffer)- Workforce shortages continue to affect the Human Services field, especially therapy and home-visiting services.

CSC is addressing these concerns through salary adjustments, cost-of-living increases, and developing practicum partnerships with FAU, FIU, and Nova.

5. **Presentation by Broward Partnership for Kids (CSC)- Dr. Choi, Carl Darcy, Sue**
Youth Summit 24 months.
6. **Section Report** – Introduction of Assistant Director David Watkins with a brief overview of the history and of Human Services.
BAAYTP- No transport over the summer, still at four transports. Looking to extend and expanding services. Overview of the Human Services Provider Orientation for September 10, 2025.
Slated for August 21st, BOCC is our Third Quarter reallocation along with the FY26 NPO agenda. Discussed the ongoing monitoring initiatives with Contract Grant Administrators (CGAs) visiting providers.

Motion: Continuation of BAAYTP

First: Traci Schweitzer

Second: Jarvis Brunson

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

7. **YSO presentation (FLITE)**- YSO presented findings from 40 youth screenings, noting varied mental health histories, academic challenges, and communication gaps across the system.
8. **Legislative Updates (Intergov)** Provided state and federal updates. The 2025 state session experienced significant disagreement, resulting in delayed budget passage. No property tax cuts were approved. Permanent August sales tax holiday established. Appropriations included \$587,000 for the Nancy J. Cotterman Center and \$300,000 for the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition. Key bills included SB1490 (Children's Medical Services), SB1156 (family caregiver compensation), and SB738 (childcare licensing). Federally, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act introduces major fiscal impacts, tighter eligibility for Medicaid/CHIP/SNAP, an increased Child Tax Credit, and the creation of the 'Trump Account' for children born 2025–2028.

9. Liaison Reports

BCPS- Smooth opening week of school; staffing replacements in progress.

DCF: Preparing for the summit taking place in September. A total of 52 staffings were completed in the past year, 29 of which were new staffings. The average age was 15 years old, but the full range was 5 to 17 years old. 25 of those were community, four were adjudicated youth in the dependency system, 15 were with biological parents, eight were with adoptive parents or were in the dependency system, and 28 were in arrangements. There were twelve children who had an open abuse investigation. 10 did not. Two are out of the home court order, and two had special conditions for the caregiver being unavailable. One had special conditions for a child on child, and two had a parent who needed assistance.

Umm. And then two of the children were determined incompetent to proceed.
16 were on intake status.

Nine had no DJJ involvement, and at two of the youth were on probation.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: Overview of the questionnaire for when a kid comes in on a DV case, juvenile assessment center, results show that out of 40 of those random questionnaires, youth with prior incidents of violence reported or not reported there were. There were 21 of those cases out of the 40, which is about 52%. Out of those 21 youth with prior violence reported or non-reported, had no mental health issues. That was about 25%. That was about 10 kids. Youth, they corrected on medication and being treated for mental health issues were

about 20%. That was about eight of those forty kids. Youth Baker acted and not on medication. It was about 13%, which is about 55 youth, never Baker acted and on medication was about 10%. So that was about four youths and youths with no prior incidents.

Never Baker acted. And not on medication. That was about 30%. About 12 were no, Baker acts, and no medication.

Special Needs:

System of Care: Out of the 125 youth served, 90% had no arrest rate during enrollment. Which is five times lower than the national average.

10. New Business: Cassandra Burrell- A grant launched with focus areas in healthy and thriving communities, social and economic mobility, education and youth enrichment, as well as the arts. There are no set demographics.

11. Old Business: None.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Good of the Order: None.

14. Adjournment: 11:05 a.m.

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 11:05 A.M.

First:

Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated November 21, 2025

Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary

