



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 April 15, 2025
9:00 am – 11:01 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members. The chairman also welcomed new board member Dr. Yelena Revere.

2. Roll Call

Jarvis Brunson called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Monica King, Jarvis Brunson, Cassandra Burrell, Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Malena Mendez, Dr. Yelena Revere, Traci Schweitzer, Joel Smith, and Veda Hudge present via TEAMS. Teves Bush, Cara Malave, Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Elida Segrera, Yolanda Nails, Cynthia Honnick, and Saran Earle-Cunningham were present via TEAMS.

Members absent: Brenda Fam

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

Motion: To approve the CSB November 15, 2024, and February 21, 2025 minutes.

First: Traci Schweitzer

Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion:

Result: Passed

3. Chair Report- CSB meeting being held on a different schedule due to Good Friday Holiday/ Passover, wishing well from the Chairman. Elevate what's happening in the community. Congratulated and acknowledged community events. Discussing CSB statute and identifying 4 key areas- Priority of services on behalf of children in Broward County, that we are the principal of knowledge and wisdom for the community regarding the needs of children, to be an advocate for children's services, and to provide those important funding recommendations to the county.

Joel voiced concerns about the package received from CSA not having quality information,

a board member's name being misspelled, and wanting more detailed information in CSB packets. Joel S. also said he will not be approving the minutes or approving any proposals that will be presented during today's meeting.

Vice Chair Monica King mirrored the same concerns about not receiving a more detailed agenda packet before the board meeting.

4. Section Report –

Mid-Year reallocation- Dr. Tiffany Hill- Howard discussed that continuous numbers are coming in for Year-to-date utilization. Information with the providers, programs, original contract amounts, along with increases and decreases to the original contracts.

Joel Smith voiced concerns “that there is no explanation, and asked if the board were stupid, and what are the issues for the underutilized providers if those are valid needs for the kids in our community, why are the providers underperforming? And is there a systemic problem with finding kids?” Chairman Goldman wanted it noted on record that that type of language is not allowed in this meeting.

Motion: To support the Mid-Year Funding Reallocation

First: Cassandra Burrell

Second: Monica King

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: Secretary Jarvis Brunson called roll to record; Joel Smith opposed.

Result: Passed

Utilization and Quarterly Report – Sterling Parrish- Projected utilization percentage is based on whether they received the increase or decrease as of today's date.

Baker Act Pilot Update – Cassandra Evans- The pilot is set to launch 4/15/2025. Meeting with the implementation team as well as the plot site team for kick-off. Run from April until September 30.

- 5. Legislative Updates- Intergovernmental affairs-** Marty Cassini- Successful in getting \$300,000 into the Senate budget and \$200,000 into the House budget for the Baker Act Pilot Program.

- 6. Integrated Family Safety Plan-** Overview given by Yolada Brown and Donna Lavalley.

- 7. NAC Committee Chair Reports:** None, NAC meeting for 4/2/2025 was cancelled.

8. Liaison Reports

BCPS: Veda Hudge- BCPS is facing budget challenges due to declining enrollment as well as the end of federal funding. Conversations are being held in reference to filling staff positions. Redefining schools and renaming schools in alignment with the vision. In May, schools are preparing and preparing to make sure that we give the proper accommodation and all those things for our final testing, which will determine school grades.

DCF: None.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: None.

Special Needs: None.

System of Care: None.

- 9. Old Business:** None

- 10. New Business:** None

- 11. Public Comment:** None

12. Good of the Order: None

13. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 11:01 A.M.

First:

Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated February 21, 2025, as certified by:

Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary

