



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 June 13, 2025
9:00 am – 11:05 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members.

2. Roll Call

Evan Goldman called the roll.

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

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.

3. Motion: To approve the CSB April 15, 2025 minutes.

First:

Second: Cassandra Evans

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion:

Result: Passed

4. Chair Report - The vacancy for Commissioner Fisher has been filled by Dr. Bevlyn Sagon. 19 out of 20 members. Brenda Fam is no longer on the school board or CSB. We are waiting on a school board designee; until then, Dr. V. Hudge will fill in. A proclamation was presented for Children's Awareness Month for June. It will be annually every June that CSB will be honored for its advocacy for children in the communities. 13th of May the Executive Board met with a workshop for feedback on ways to work together in a more impactful way, to clarify expectations of staff and leadership. Went over the bylaws, and most were created before there was a children's council. Next meeting, there will be discussions about whether a subcommittee can be formed to update the bylaws.

5. Impact report- Dr. Sandra Williams and Taylor Peoples (Via TEAMS) provided an overview of the FY2024 Impact Report. The strategic plan was created in 2023. The information being given today was for the first year of implementation, which was 2024. Went over the blueprint for the strategic plan and how it focuses on the 3 populations that are funded, which are special needs, at-risk youth, and pre-school-aged children with parental support involvement. Discussed the objectives and purpose of the report, such as are the providers are meeting their

outcomes, is the target population is being reached, are any gaps in services that need to be focused on. FY 2024 highlights include 94% utilization, \$20,548,415.00 invested, and a total of 38,592 clients served. At least 84% of clients served indicated they were satisfied with the services.

6. Center for Hearing and Communication- Dr. Tracy Perez gives an overview and history of the Center for Hearing and Communication. The mission is to provide high-quality, comprehensive services to empower people affected by hearing loss, deafness, or listening challenges. Discussed the hearing loss increase of at least 74,000,000 by 2060. How to collaborate with the school board to assist with hearing screenings. Dr. Hudge suggested reaching out to coordinate student health services with the school board. The director's name is Heather Katcher, and another point of contact is Simone Hollingsworth, who is the Chief of Student Services.

7. Section Report –

- **Baker Act Alternative Youth Transportation Pilot Update-** Dr. T. Hill-Howard- As of June 12, 2025, the program has had four in the month of May. Three with Cross Creek and one with Whispering Pines. All nine schools have received a palm card with the Baker Act Pilot transportation options. Ms. Evans presented at Boyd Anderson High School at a School Resource Officer training course so that they are aware of the pilot program and what it offers. As part of the expansion, we would look at facilities that can receive those 18 and older.
- **3rd Quarter Reallocations-** Sterling Parrish- About a \$641,000 shift between contracts that are decreasing and increasing. This money is being spent to help more children and families, as well as improve utilization. The total YTD funding is \$9,911,487.00, with the expenditure being \$4,556,095.45.

Motion: To support the 3rd Quarter Funding Reallocation

First: Maria Stouffer

Second: Cassandra Burrell

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

- **YTD Utilization and Outcomes-** The total YTD funding is \$9,911,487.00, with the expenditure being \$4,556,095.45. May invoices are now in process. The presentation shows each provider and service category with their YTD utilization with quarter 3 reallocations.

Motion: To extend the meeting by 10 minutes to 10:59 a.m. by Traci S.

First: Cassandra Evans

Second: Evan Goldman

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

8. Liaison Reports

BCPS: Dr. Veda Hudge (BCPS)- School year has ended, scores have started to come in and are being reviewed preliminarily before the state in hopes the district remains an "A". It is the goal of the school board to eliminate all "C" schools within the district, so that has become our main focus. The Principals and Assistant Principals have gone through 2 days of training in preparation for the Summer Soars.

DCF: Traci Schweitzer- Deferring to next meeting when there is more time and more people present.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: Teves Bush- Deferring to next meeting for information sharing on domestic violence.

Special Needs: Jessica Rincon (CSC)- Deferring to the next meeting with information on Special Needs Advisory Coalition. They will be having a kickoff on June 20th. We are reconstructing the committee to focus on key issues such as drowning prevention

services for children with mild delays who don't qualify for services. Including a focus on parent education around hearing loss after Dr. Tracy Perez's presentation.

System of Care: None.

9. New Business: Baker Act transportation Pilot was championed by Representative Barnum and Senator Osgood for a legislative budget request of \$300,000.00, which, after the latest updates, is still supported and up for approval.

10. Old Business: None

11. Public Comment: None

12. Good of the Order: None

13. 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 February 21, 2025, as certified by:



Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary