



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 – May 19, 2023  
9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

**1. Call to Order**

Robert Mayersohn called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

**2. Roll Call**

Monica King called the roll.

A quorum was established with, Robert Mayersohn, Monica King, Burton Miller, Daniel Schevis, Elida Segrera, Joel Smith, Maria Juarez Stouffer and Sandra Veszi Einhorn present. Sarah Gillespie Cummings arrived shortly after roll call was completed.

Dr. Andrea Keener, Jarvis Brunson, Malena Mendez, Paige Patterson-Hughes and Veda Hudge attended Via Teams.

Members absent: Evan Goldman

Staff Members in attendance: Cassandra Evans Assistant Director of Community Partnerships Division (CPD), Sandra Meza Hernandez, Children's Services Administration (CSA), Keith Bostick, Deputy Director of Human Services Department (HSD) and Angela Rodriguez, Assistant County Attorney.

**3. Approval of CSB April 21, 2023 Minutes**

**Motion: To approve the meetings minutes as presented by Staff**

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Sandra Veszi Einhorn

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**4. Chair Report**

*Strategic Planning Meeting for June 9, 2023, CSB Meeting*

Robert Mayersohn invited all attendees to the June 9<sup>th</sup> strategic planning meeting that will be facilitated by Q&Q Research consultants. Materials will be sent ahead of the meeting.

Maria Juarez Stouffer and Sandra Veszi Einhorn expressed that they may not be able to attend the whole session. Ms. Stouffer shared with the Board a unique opportunity that has

arisen from the Behavioral Health Conference to attend a Training related to Trauma Responsive services. Ms. Einhorn has a previously scheduled engagement.

## 5. Section Report

### CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization and Performance Report & FY23 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reallocations Update

Cassandra Evans mentioned that included in the package will be the attendance report. Cassandra introduced County Attorney Angela Rodriguez, who supports our Board, and thanked her for her presence at the meeting.

Ms. Evans presented the utilization report until March 2023. Utilization is at 37.38%, but the mid-year goal is 50%. The utilization chart also depicted where monies could be moved from due to underutilization.

Monica King requested staff provide additional details regarding the underutilization in the advocacy service area. Cassandra Evans will ask Grant Administrators exact information to provide to the Board.

Cassandra recognized the need for the CSB members to vote on allocations above the 10% threshold.

Members of the Board and Staff discussed and clarified various situations considered to be a potential conflict. Ms. Angela Rodriguez stated that if a member's status has not changed since last time their conflicts were vetted with the Attorney's Office, then Members are able to move ahead as they were previously approved.

**Motion: To affirm the CSB's approval of the 10+% increase of the 10% of the following agencies: Broward Children's Center, Camelot Community Care, Healing Arts Institute and Parent to Parent of Broward County.**

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Burton Miller

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**Motion: To affirm the CSB's approval of the 10+% increase of the 10% of the following agencies: Ann Storck Center, ARC Broward, Inc., JAFCO, Kids in Distress, and YWCA South Florida.**

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Burton Miller

**Declaration of Conflict:** Sandra Veszi Einhorn

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

**Motion: To affirm the CSB's approval of the 10+% increase of the 10% of the following agency: Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.**

**First:** Daniel Schevis

**Second:** Burton Miller

**Declaration of Conflict:** Monica King and Sandra Veszi Einhorn

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

## **6. Committee Chair Reports**

### **Needs Assessment**

Robert Mayersohn informed that 5 providers presented at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Needs Assessment Committee (NAC).

Mr. Mayersohn reported that specially within respite, the model used does not align with the population. The presentation package was shared.

Cassandra Evans informed that the following provides are scheduled to present at the June 7<sup>th</sup> NAC: ARC, UCO, Ann Storck, Legal Aid, Parent to Parent, and YWCA. Additionally, and invitation to NAC & CSB meetings.

## **7. Liaison Reports**

### **Advocacy**

Sandra Veszi Einhorn reminded all Members to meet with their respective County Commissioner to express the importance of the the funding of children's services through the Children Services Board and the Children's Services Administration.

Sandra provided a update and shared the Capitol Connection 2023.

### **Juvenile Justice**

Sarah Gillespie Cummings shared that the Department of Juvenile Justice is still in the hiring process for the Chief Probation Officer's position. The Assistant Chief position is also vacant. Interim Chief Starling shared that Broward is one of the three Counties identified to receive funding for a new juvenile detention center. From the Circuit Advisory Board, there has been a concern raised regarding the issue that youth served through a diversion program are popping up in the Juvenile Justice Information System.

### **SNAC**

Maria Juarez Stouffer referred to the question posed last month: if there is a wait list for services through Early Steps or FDLRS. For Early Steps there is a 45 day wait list from day of referral to the appointment date. For FDLRS, fiddlers or child, there is a 4-month delay. Early Steps shared that had recently hired few new case managers so wait time is less that it use to be.

Robert Mayersohn asked if there was a plan to address the wait list. Veda Hudge was having technical issues and replied by Teams that she will provide the written report of the information requested offline. Cassandra will follow up with her.

## **System of Care**

Elida Segre reported that BBHC is working on making changes to improve the system of care to be able to respond to the community's needs. Elida also informed that BBHC is working on additional trauma informed related training.

## **8. New Business**

Maria Juarez Stouffer shared that Children Services Council approved \$20 million in funding the family support programs on May 18, 2023.

Cassandra Evans informed the Members that Broward County provided an additional \$250,000 to 211/988 for new technology and marketing and outreach.

## **9. Old Business**

None

## **10. Public Comment**

None

## **11. Good of the Order**

Monica King shared that Healthy Start is waiting the Governor's signature on a portion of a \$9.5 million appropriation for family based services.

Joel Smith shared that Deerfield Beach Cares received a three year grant for \$100,000 a year for a Youth Development & Leadership Academy.

Robert Mayersohn reminded all that May is National Water Safety month, and the Aiden Perry Scholarship Foundation provides life-saving buoys to parks with a willingness to expand to HOAs and other areas in the community.

Cassandra Evans reminded all the that May is Mental Health month. Commissioner Rich will present a proclamation to BBHC and South Florida Wellness on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cassandra reminded all that CSB Member, Jarvis Brunson, is hosting his annual Walk In My Shoes 5K on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Quiet Waters Park beginning at 7:00am.

## **12. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn CSB meeting at 10:23 A.M.

**First:** Dan Schevis

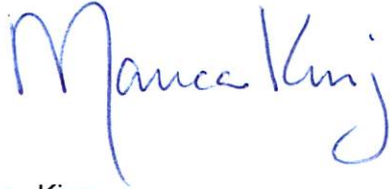
**Second:** Sarah Gillespie Cummings

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None  
**Result:** Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is June 9, 2023.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated June 9, 2023, as certified by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail on the "j".

Monica King  
Children's Services Board Secretary