



Human Services Department

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and welcomed new members: Traci Schweitzer (DCF), and Cara Malave (At-Large Community Child Advocate). New members introduced themselves.

2. Roll Call

Monica King called the roll.

A quorum was established with, Evan Goldman, Monica King, Ally Walford, Daniel Schevis, Jarvis Brunson, Joel Smith, Malena Mendez, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Commissioner Michael Udine, and Sarah Gillespie Cummings, Teves Bush, Dr. Thomas L. Walker, Veda Hudge present. Burton Miller, Elida Segrera, and Robert Mayersohn attended via TEAMS.

Members absent: a Brenda Fam, and Marilyn Moskowitz.

Staff Members in attendance: Efrem Crenshaw, Community Partnerships Division (CPD) Director, Cassandra Evans Assistant Director of CPD, and Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, Children's Services Administrator (CSA). Keith Bostick, Deputy Director of Human Services Department (HSD) and Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney via TEAMS.

3. Approval of CSB September 22, 2023, Minutes

Motion: To approve the meetings minutes as presented by staff.

First: Daniel Schevis

Second: Joel Smith

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

4. Chair Report

CSB Mission

Evan Goldman mentioned that it is important to recognize and honor the role that members of the board play as an advisory, participating of Board meetings; and what the County Commission is doing for their children.

5. Section Report



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CSB Membership

Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard welcomed the two new CSB members Traci Schweitzer, Cara Malave; having now a full board of members.

Children Services Administrator Introduction

Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard, new Children Services Administrator (CSA), introduced herself. Her bio is included in the package.

2024 Meeting Schedule

A draft 2024 Meeting schedule was shared with the Board. Dr. Hill-Howard informed that the rooms have been booked for the CSB and NAC tentative dates for 2024.

CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization and Performance Report

Dr. Tiffany presented the utilization report as of August 31st. The utilization is 76.18% of the expected 91.67%. The report shows by service categories. Members of the board thanked the school system, board members and staff for the fabulous job done comparing to last year's utilization.

Members discussed this update.

Dr. Hill-Howard announced that CSA will be hosting a Needs Assessment on November 7th at BARC giving providers the opportunity to come to the table and have those discussions that board members are speaking of, aiming to identify needs, meaningful outcomes to better the lives of all Broward County children.

Keith Bostick thanked the board, providers, and staff for reaching the greatest outcomes and for the utilization of funds in behalf of Broward County children, families, and communities.

The Board again discussed potential strategies to ensure underutilized funds go towards children's services. Commissioner Udine was supportive of finding a mechanism to keep rollover funds.

Strategic Plan Update

CPD Assistant Director Evans presented the updated working document of the plan (see presentation) and provided a session recap, with a focus on wellness and wellbeing of the whole child/family. The presentation shows CPD's foundation, and system of care; 2020 to 2023 current funding priorities; the recommendations for 2024-2027 funding categories including 2 additional categories, Enrichment (non-clinical intervention) and Innovation (pilots), for creation and funding; bundled interventions of evidence-informed practices; outputs and outcomes; data and information systems; implementation and updates.

Members and Staff discussed about the Strategic Plan and suggestions to be considered. Monica King noted that the CSB historically funded several programs that serve the Special Needs population and inquired as to whether that fell under the "School & Work" or the "Family Support" category? And noted that the "School & Work" category was limited to K-12 when currently some program serve children young than kindergarten age.

CPD Director Crenshaw mentioned that this plan will take into consideration the members recommendations as well as the language of the document. Efrem informed that this is a five-year plan needs assessment, being approved by the board; in the short term, we have until February 2024 for our RFP, which may not include every single observation done by this board but in the long run Staff will be able to adjust any initiative if that is the case.

Members of the Board thanked Staff for a wonderful job, for listening to the board, being more flexible and more comprehensive to support families.

6. Committee Chair Reports

Needs Assessment - Provider Presentations

Robert (Bob) Mayersohn invited members of the board to attend the Needs Assessment Committees (NAC). There were 3 enlightening presentations of agency providers during last NAC meeting. Even though UCO, YWCA and Parent to Parent sometimes are offering different services they still have the same needs about flex funding, sustainability, and retention of employees. Other issues that they may have faced in the Community that are challenging for providers trying to reach their allotted funds and goals. Bob thanked all the providers who attended the meeting, that helps the board to get a better understanding of how the board and providers can work together and be more productive in the community.

Mr. Mayersohn commented that it was a discussion among the members about the initial outline of the strategic plan, which is one of the most robust, efficient, and meaningful plans lately and have flexibility to keep some of the unutilized funds to do possible pilots tests to provide sustainability. Efrem mentioned that he will share this comment with Tara Williams, Human Services Director, and work internally along with Keith Bostick to provide the board an answer regarding unutilized funds. Efrem reminded members that staff's goal is having all providers getting all the funds into the Community, and not to have money left.

Members of the board discussed about this update.

7. Liaison Reports

Advocacy

Ally Walford informed that a financial literacy bill was passed, and all students will receive a credit, having as a partner program for children that have the most cognitive disabilities and children would not be discriminated by their care.

Juvenile Justice

Chief Teves Bush shared statistics on civil citations for the month of September which included 11 domestic violence cases. Chief Bush will meet with the Public Defender's Office to find out if they can expedite some of the 904 intakes. As far as supervision, DJJ has 413 kids on probation, 90 on conditional release, 3 on post commitment location, and 1259 children in detention.

Members of the board commented about this update.

SNAC

Maria Juarez Stouffer shared as an update of the Help Me Grow program back into Broward County that is still underway and hoping to have it soon in the County.

System of Care

Elida Segreera provided an update on the Sequential Intercept that was completed last week, it was very successful. They will ensure the work groups become active, have a structure so the work continues. Regarding the Trauma Informed Initiative, in collaboration with United Way and CSC and possibly Broward County is moving forward are already selecting the first ten agencies that will be part of this at the initial cohort.

Members of the board commented about this update.

Motion: To extend the CSB meeting until 11:15 A.M.

First: Joel Smith

Second: Maria Juarez Stouffer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

8. New Business

None

9. Old Business

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Good of the Order

Chair Goldman introduced Beth Talabisco, County Commission Aid-District 3. Beth read a text message she just got regarding HCA Woodwont only receiving adult patients for a Baker Act.

Maria Juarez Stouffer shared that next Thursday, October 26th, is Read for the Record, when volunteers go to Broward County public elementary schools and read to the kids. She invited all to sign up at handsonbroward.org.

Joel Smith shared that today October 20th at 10:23 there was a prayer from McCarthy who was just Baker Act.

Monica King asked Staff the status of the letter signed regarding Backer Act; Cassandra Evans informed that some internal reviews are being done.

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn CSB meeting at 11:15 A.M.

First: Evan Goldman

Second: Joel Smith

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is November 17, 2023.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated November 17, 2023, as certified by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica King" followed by the date "11/17/23".

Monica King
Children's Services Board Secretary