



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 – March 17, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Monica King called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

2. Introduction of New Board Member Maria Juarez Stouffer

Monica King thanked former CSB Chair Cassandra Evans for her amazing service with the Department of Juvenile Justice and welcomed Cassandra into her new role as Assistant Director in CPD. Monica also welcomed Maria Juarez Stouffer appointed by Commissioner Beam Furr, District 6. Maria introduced herself.

3. Roll Call

Monica King called the roll.

A quorum was established with, Monica King, Burton Miller, Daniel Schevis, Jarvis Brunson, Joel Smith, Malena Mendez, Paige Patterson-Hughes, Robert Mayersohn, Sara Gillespie Cummings, and Veda Hudge present. Dr. Andrea Keener and Elida Segrera, attended via Teams.

Members absent: Evan Goldman, Debra Hixon, and Sandra Veszi Einhorn.

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

4. Approval of CSB January 20, 2023 and February 17, 2023 Minutes

Motion: To approve the meetings minutes as presented by Staff

First: Daniel Schevis

Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

5. Chair Report



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Data sharing presentation by Sue Gallagher from the Children's Services Council

Sue Gallagher provided an update on the Community Participatory Action Research (CPAR) project. This [integrated data] project envisions the process of bringing child serving data together to serve the whole child and customizing the support that children need. CSC is part of a national learning community that is looking at integrated data systems and how to create meaningful change in communities.

The technology, the research, and evaluation partners are ready, but we are still working on legal agreements. Data sharing between partners is happening now, but this is not truly integrated. One lesson learned so far is there are ways that the data used continues to perpetuate inequities.

Since 2018, CSC has been building data structures that center community member's expertise and power to co-create non-racist systems and communities. The CPAR approach has created a coordination and gathering of context experts (youth, parents, and community members) with content experts (system professionals) who run the system. These experts work together to identify how to create change and opportunities for alternatives, improve policies, solutions, and people's experiences, in addition to capacity/leadership building process.

Funding from University of Pennsylvania and Ford Foundation helped the Broward Data Collaborative partners go through the journey of setting their focus on supporting better outcomes for youth in mental health crises, specifically those who are experiencing a Baker Act. Annually, 24,000 children are Baker Acted in Florida. Of that annual number, there were 2,000 children Baker Acted in Broward County, and 500 children recidivated (readmitted for a Baker Act).

CSC is working simultaneously with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Velatura to build health information exchange systems and care coordination for the children upon their discharge. Sue Gallagher answer questions from the members, further explaining the process.

At the conclusion of a 3-day CPAR workshop in January 2023, co-researchers shared stories, found commonalities across experiences, learned about participatory research, and began developing partnering and caring relationships. Data collection/research will take place until May 2023, then a workshop will occur to analyze data and start the development/design research products.

Keith Bostick asked if the data sets are changing, meaning how the data is captured, looked at, and interpreted in a way that honors what it "meant" to the person? Sue Gallagher explained that the project is not there yet, since it's at the data collection phase. The role and purpose of the two sub-groups were covered. The project is not wanting to just produce a report, but more so to creating an ongoing mechanism for educations, advocacy for changing, and how we are shifting the data points that speak to the experience. Keith Bostick shared about a previous project that created a video about what should happen in the experience. Jarvis provided insight into the operational steps within the focus groups.

The board posed additional questions that were answered by Sue Gallagher and Jarvis Brunson.

Election of Officers

Since Cassandra Evans is in a new role as the Assistant Director in the County's Community Partnerships Division, it created a vacancy in the President's [Chairperson] position. Monica King explained from the CSB Bylaws that when there is a vacancy at an officer level, an election must take place at the next scheduled meeting. Monica indicated that Staff reached out to Board members and that Evan Goldman expressed interest in serving in the position of Chairperson and Mr. Goldman accepted the nomination. Ms. King opened the floor to additional nominations. Floor closed without any new nominations.

Motion: To appoint Evan Goldman as the new Chair of the Children Services Board.

First: Robert Mayersohn

Second: Daniel Schevis

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

[The election of Evan Goldman as chair, created a Vice-Chairperson vacancy.]

Monica King opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson

Motion: To appoint Robert Mayersohn as the new Vice-Chair of the Children Services Board.

First: Daniel Schevis

Second: Paige Patterson-Hughes

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

Letter To County Commission regarding vacant positions on the Children's Services Board

Ms. Monica King indicated that Evan Goldman, CSB Vice-Chair, signed the letter that was sent to the County Commission, as requested by the CSB. A copy of the letter sent is in the meeting package.

Letter supporting BBHC's OCP4 grant application.

Ms. Monica King indicated that Evan Goldman, CSB Vice-Chair, signed the letter that was sent in support of BBHC's OCP4 application, as requested by the CSB. A copy of the letter sent is in the meeting package. Ms. King indicated that this grant for the community is a great initiative to work with the younger population between the ages 4 to 13.

6. Section Report

Mr. Keith Bostick congratulated Cassandra Evans on becoming the new CPD Assistant Director and indicated CPD is in the hiring process for the CSA Administrator.

Organizational Chart

As requested by the CSB Members, Cassandra Evans indicated that the updated HSD Organizational Chart for HSD, showing the separation of HIP [previous section title] from the CPD Division.

Update on Commissioner appointee

Keith Bostick indicated that the request is with Intergovernmental Affairs to pass on to the Commission.

New Quorum Requirements

Cassandra Evans announced the new board quorum requirements. From Article 7, General Provisions, which states that either the presiding member or at least three members are physically present at the meeting. Members who are not physically present may attend and participate in the meeting using communication media technology.

Members of the board discussed options, and it will be discussed further at the next Executive Committee.

CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization and Performance Report

Cassandra Evans presented the utilization report until January 2023. Utilization is at 23.02% and 23.53%, excluding the School Board. The goal is 33.33%. Cassandra informed the board that the ELC contract is nearing execution, thus having a positive impact on utilization.

Members of the board discussed the work and process of different programs.

Efrem Crenshaw stated that the reallocation plans for this year throughout the Human Services Department will be a mid-year reallocation versus quarter by quarter. That reallocation will take place after March 31st and include the invoices submitted by the April 15th deadline. Afterward, staff can analyze their six-month utilization and recommend reallocating money from lower utilizing agencies to higher utilizing agencies within the same service category. If absolutely necessary, funds may be moved to another service area. The goal is to leave no money on the table.

Expired County Identification Card

Cassandra Evans reminded members of the board to have their county ID badge renewed. Robert Mayersohn requested to re-send the email sent by staff to each member with information on how to renew their County ID. Members must still schedule an appointment, but the security officers already have the required documentation, and the process has been streamlined.

7. Committee Chair Reports

Needs Assessment

Mr. Robert Mayersohn reported that at the March 1st Needs Assessment Committee the committee requested a breakdown by BSO districts by the County's Civil Citation program. Information is in the packet.

Robert Mayersohn requested that staff send the presentations from each provider – Boys Town and Mental Health America - to all board members. Robert Mayersohn summarized the content of the 2 reports.

Joel Smith requested an update on the “pilot” program for delinquent youth in conjunction with the provider of youth justice services from Harmony and Community Based Connections.

8. Liaison Reports (Based on the recommendations of the NAC)

Advocacy

Sandra Veszi Einhorn is absent. Monica King informed that members that the packet contains a Legislative Session 2023 update.

Juvenile Justice

The duties of the Broward Juvenile Chief Probation Officer have been assigned in the interim to the Palm Beach Chief Probation Officer who is in Broward three to four days a week in the meantime. Sarah Gillespie Cummings provided an update on juvenile justice matters: Chief Gregory Starling participated in the March Circuit Advisory Board meeting where they raised a concern with prevention youth being entered and visible to law enforcement via the Juvenile Justice Information System. Other JJ matters include the need for a respite shelter and how to meet the needs of youth charged with domestic violence, in the absence of this service.

SNAC

No Report

System of Care

Elida Segrera reported that SEDNET did not meet this month. The Suicide Prevention Initiative continues and is working on offering services. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is being used. There will be a meeting to discuss service void left by the Covenant House, so children are not “stuck” in detention.

Dan Schevis asked for a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

Motion: To extend 15 minutes the CSB meeting

First: Daniel Schevis

Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

9. New Business

Joel Smith raised a concern with the care coordination teams for Baker Acted youth. Elida will provide additional information.

DCF has decided to resume child protective investigation in the 7 counties that used the sheriff's office. This impacts Broward, with a planned transition of July 1, 2023.

10. Old Business

None

11. Public Comment

None

12. Good of the Order

Joel Smith invited members to visit Nina's Place in Deerfield Beach that opens each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Since opening, more than 100 households visit weekly, and they have distributed more than one ton of food every Saturday. Next Saturday, they will provide breakfast to the homeless population or unhoused population.

13. Adjournment

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

First: Monica King

Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting is April 21, 2023.

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated April 21, 2023, as certified by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica King" followed by the date "4/21/23". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Monica King
Children's Services Board Secretary