



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 – January 20, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 am

1. Call to Order

Cassandra Evans called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2. Announcement of New Board Member

Ms. Malena Mendez, appointed by At-Large Community Child Advocate, will be joining us at our February CSB Meeting.

3. Roll Call

Cassandra Evans asked Monica King to call roll.

A quorum was established with Cassandra Evans, Evan Goldman, Monica King, Daniel Schevis, Joel Smith, Paige Patterson-Hughes, Robert Mayersohn, Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Sara Gillespie Cummings, and Veda Hudge. Jarvis Brunson arrived after roll call was completed. Elida Segrera and Dr. Andrea Keener attended via Teams.

Members absent: Malena Mendez, Debra Hixon, and Burton Miller

Staff Members in attendance: Efrem Crenshaw, Community Partnerships Division (CPD); Alex Morales, Children's Services Administration (CSA), Sandra Meza Hernandez, CSA.

4. Approval of CSB November 18, 2022, Minutes

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

First: Daniel Schevis

Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

5. Chair Report

Documents in the packet of each folder

The Chair indicated that the packet contains a sample of the Letter of the Appreciation sent to Providers.

The Chair introduced the meeting calendar for 2023. The September meeting has been changed to September 22 and the June meeting will be an all-day Board retreat to discuss strategic planning.

Motion: To approve the Meeting Schedule as presented by staff.

First: Robert Mayersohn

Second: Daniel Schevis

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Motion not acted upon

A discussion was held among the board members about Joel Smith's proposal to have a CSB Workshop in the month of July. Discussion was held about the board's attendance policy regarding workshop meetings. Not attending a workshop meeting is not counted as an absence.

Motion: To schedule a CSB Workshop the 3rd Friday of the month of July, location, and time TBD.

First: Joel Smith

Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Result: Passed

Appointment of Needs Assessment Committee Chair and Members

Cassandra Evans thanked CSA staff for reaching out to members to determine who is interested in serving in various capacities.

The Chair appointed Robert Mayersohn as Chair for the NAC. NAC Members from the last term Monica King, Cassandra Evans, Daniel Schevis, Joel Smith, Dr. Andrea Keener, Paige Patterson-Hughes were reappointed by the Chair. Evan Goldman expressed his interest in joining the NAC and was appointed to the committee by the Chair.

Sandra Veszi Einhorn requested to have a schedule of NAC meetings. The NAC Chair commented that everybody is welcome to attend the meetings.

Discussion on status of Advocacy Committee

A discussion was held among the board members regarding sunseting the Advocacy Committee and creating an Advocacy Liaison.

Motion: To dissolve the Advocacy Committee.

First: Robert Mayersohn

Second: Monica King

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

The Chair appointed Sandra Veszi Einhorn as the Advocacy Liaison.

Discussion to review Liaison structure - Appointment of Liaisons

Board Members discussed current liaison structure the possibility of revising this structure.

Sandra Veszi Einhorn asked that providers be invited to speak at the CSB Meetings. A discussion ensued and the members agreed that it would be helpful to hear from providers.

Robert Mayersohn asked which County Commissioner had been appointed to the CSB. No appointment had been made.

Cassandra Evans asked that the Needs Assessment Committee review the current structure and make a recommendation to the full Board for a revised liaison structure. The structure and appointment will be addressed at the next CSB meeting once the Board receives input from the NAC. The Board reviewed the current Liaison structure and asked if the current liaisons would like to continue to serve in the role.

6. Section Report

CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization

Alex Morales presented the utilization report. The report is for the first two months of the year. Utilization YTD is 11.28% and 11.42% when excluding the school district. Utilization by category shows the Rental Assistance Program and Respite (19.18%) categories are over-utilized. Alex discussed the performance of providers by service categories.

Joel Smith stated that this report is readable and understandable. Mr. Smith asked how youth in the DJJ pilot project are tracked. Staff responded that the information is being tracked but it is too early to measure the success of the initiative.

Alex Morales explained that the new RFP process will offer a good opportunity to change which services are offered within each category and ensure that families are evaluated and supported as whole to ensure that all children in the family receive the services they need.

Cassandra Evans suggested that pilot data would go to the NAC first.

Members Pending to update information in Granicus

Alex Morales reminded CSB members who have not already done so to update their information in Granicus. Members who received the email yesterday need to update their profile.

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Strategic Planning Session to Discuss FY24 RFP priorities - Advocacy, Court Supervision Drop-in Childcare, Medical Care Support Services, Mental Health Counseling (Youth Justice Population only), Respite Care with Enrichment Services, Youth Emergency Shelter Services.

Alex Morales explained that during the June CBS retreat, we will be working on the Strategic Planning for FY24. Staff will gather input from existing providers and focus

groups prior to the retreat. This is a good opportunity to obtain guidance from the board to create help inform decisions that will lead to impactful services for the people we serve.

Board members requested information regarding the previous needs assessment processes. Members of the Board discussed the expectations for the Strategic Planning process, the need for our systems to meet the needs of the clients, how to coordinate services among County agencies, and how to find ways to invest underutilized funds within children's services.

7. Committee Chair Reports

Needs Assessment

Robert Mayersohn thanked the Board for re-appointing him as Chair of the committee. He reminded the Board that the next NAC meeting is on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Broward County Traffic and Engineering building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Advocacy

Sandra Veszi Einhorn asked board members to communicate with their commissioner and stated that we cannot rely on the Commissioner appointed to this Board to be the Board's advocate before the Board of County Commissioners.

Committee meetings have begun in Tallahassee and session starts in March. Housing is one of the top priorities for the Legislature this session. The State may consider amending the language that impacted Covenant House Florida's ability to provide emergency shelter services to youth under 18 years of age.

8. Liaison Reports

Behavioral Health

No Report

SEDNET

No Report

Broward Suicide Prevention Coalition

Joel Smith is participating in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Police and First Responders

Transitional Independent Living

Joel Smith reported that there was no meeting this month.

Integrated Data Systems

Cassandra Evans has requested that the Integrated Data Systems report come directly from the Children's Services Council. Jarvis is working on the Baker Acts process as segment of this effort.

Jarvis Brunson reported on the current status and next phase of this effort.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 7

Cassandra Evans discussed the respite dilemma and how families are finding creative ways to meet their housing needs.

The state has looked at a previous DJJ site at South Florida State Hospital as a possible solution to the respite problem. Two providers have expressed an interest in providing this service.

Discussions around a new detention facility have not gone away.

Within the juvenile justice population firearms and other weapons are a huge issue. Youth are obtaining them from family members and stealing them from vehicles. The cost of detention for 21 days for a youth is approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000.

SNAC

No Report

9. New Business

Monica King discussed the end of the COVID Emergency Medicaid rule. At the end of March many people will lose coverage. We need to be prepared as this will affect a very large number of people.

Sandra Veszi Einhorn indicated that they are looking to have a Zoom meeting to ensure they are preparing everyone for the change.

10. Old Business

- Wrap Around – TBD

Motion: To remove Wrap Around item from the agenda

First: Evan Goldman

Second: Monica King

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

11. Public Comment

Shawn Preston, Vice-President of Children's Services for ARC Broward, supported a monthly presentation by providers to present their thoughts on critical priorities and meeting the needs of service recipients in the community in an appropriate way.

12. Good of the Order

Monica King shared that BBHC asked Healthy Start to partner on a 5-year grant BBHC was awarded to work with women and substance use during pregnancy, using a peer support model to connect the women with treatment and services.

There is a collaborative that came together around black maternal health. The lead applicant was Community Care Plan. Healthy Start is working with Broward Health & Memorial and for the initial phase with a potential for 5-year funding.

Elida Segre mentioned that the children's respite center is opening soon.

Veda Hudge shared that the school board approved the creation of 8 positions around mental health with 4 focusing on suicide prevention. The school board is providing mental health first aid training to their staff. 80% of the staff must complete training by June.

Robert Mayersohn asked the Chair to invite Mayor Fisher to a CSB meeting to have an opportunity to share the Board's priorities, and ask the Mayor to help us accomplish the Board's goals.

Joel Smith discussed the success of the new food pantry, Nina's Place, at Zion Lutheran Church.

13. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn CSB meeting at 10:56 am

First: Robert Mayersohn

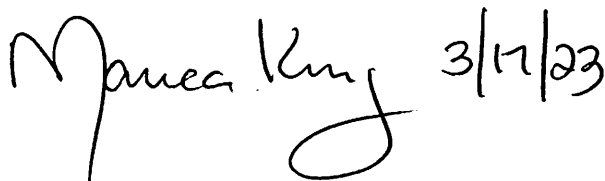
Second: Veda Hudge

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

The next Children's Services Board Meeting will be February 17, 2023. These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated February 17, 2023, as certified by:



Monica King
Children's Services Board Secretary