



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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introduction of New Board Member Malena Mendez

Cassandra Evans welcomed Ms. Malena Mendez, appointed to an At-Large Community Child Advocate position, on the Board. Each CSB member introduced themselves.

3. Roll Call

Cassandra Evans called the roll.

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

Members absent: Monica King, Debra Hixon, and Sandra Veszi Einhorn.

Staff Members in attendance: Efrem Crenshaw, Community Partnerships Division (CPD); Alex Morales, Children's Services Administration (CSA), and Sandra Meza Hernandez, CSA. Keith Bostick, Deputy Director of HSD, attended via Teams.

4. Approval of CSB January 20, 2023 Minutes

Motion: To defer the approval of the meeting minutes to the March meeting since the Board Secretary is not present.

First: Robert Mayersohn

Second: Evan Goldman

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

5. Chair Report

Meeting Calendar

The Chair reminded Board Members to add to their calendars the July 21st. meeting from 9 -11 A.M. at the Broward County Transit Building.

Discussion and appointment of Children's Services Board Liaisons

Cassandra Evans stated that the Board wanted to streamline the Liaison reports, ensuring that helpful information is received to facilitate the decision-making process. The Needs Assessment Committee recommended the following liaison roles:

System of Care
Juvenile Justice Circuit 17
SNAC

E. Segrera
C. Evans
TBD

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the Needs Assessment Committee.

First: Robert Mayersohn

Second: Dan Schevis

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

Board Members discussed the SNAC Liaison. It was determined that a decision as to who would serve as the SNAC liaison would be deferred until the next CSB meeting.

Process for Request and distribution of Information

Ms. Cassandra Evans indicated that in order for the CSB to have a structured process for handling requests for information from members, staff would forward all requests for information to the Needs Assessment Committee for review and approval before complying with the request. The Board members concurred with the process.

6. Section Report

Update on Commissioner appointee

Mr. Alex Morales reported that there are no new appointments to the Committee. Neither has the County received a letter from the Chairperson of the School Board appointing one of its members to the Committee. The County Commissioner position also remains vacant.

CSA FY 23 YTD Utilization and Performance Report

Alex Morales presented the utilization report for the first quarter of the fiscal year, October to December. Utilization is at 16.94% and 17.29% when the school board is excluded. The goal was 25%. Alex reported that Independent Living/Rent Assistance (37.10%) and Respite (29.44%) ended the quarter with high utilization. Substance Abuse/Dual Diagnosis utilization was very low.

Dan Schevis requested Alex to provide a timeframe so for reallocations.

CPD Director Crenshaw stated that the County is in the process of analyzing the need for reallocations and it is possible that they may not occur until the second quarter.

Mr. Keith Bostick stated that this year's utilization is higher than last year's at this time and we have less providers who are underutilizing.

Alex Morales presented the demographic report for the first quarter of the year. County programs served 3,264 youth in the first quarter, 31.75% of the estimated annual total of 10,280 youth to be served. Mr. Morales provided a breakdown by age, race, and ethnicity of those served as well as a report on outcome achievement.

Strategic Planning Resources

Mr. Alex Morales reported that in preparation for the Board's June retreat, that he will be sending an email to Board members with information regarding past strategic planning efforts and information related to Medicaid rates and covered services.

Alex reported that staff has begun inviting providers to make presentation to the Needs Assessment Committee as requested by the Committee.

Members Pending to update information in Granicus

Alex Morales shared the good news that almost everybody is updated. Only one member is pending to update their information in Granicus

Expired County Identification Card

Alex reported that County staff had sent an email 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 relayed that at the March 1 Needs Assessment Committee the committee received a report on the County's Civil Citation program. Mr. Mayersohn requested that staff send the presentation to all Board members. Mr. Mayersohn discussed the content of the report with the Committee.

Provider presentation will begin at the next NAC meeting. The goal is to learn more about what the successes and needs are.

Motion: To send a letter from the CSB Chair to Mayor Fisher and the Board of County Commissioners requesting that they make appointments to fill the vacancies on the CSB.

First: Robert Mayersohn

Second: Joel Smith

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

BBHC presentation

Ms. Tiffany Lawrence, Senior Director of Children System of Care for the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition introduced herself and made a presentation to the Board

regarding the progress of One Community Partnership 3 (OCP3) and the proposed application for One Community Partnership 4 (OCP4). Ms. Lawrence discussed the details of the OCP-3 program and how it has impacted the community.

Ms. Lawrence discussed the proposed services under an OCP4 grant application. The OCP4 grant application will focus on children ages 4 to 11 years of age who are at risk for or have been diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) along with their families/caregivers. OCP4 will aim to expand mental health screenings for these children for early identification of behavioral health needs. Children who are identified as having a behavioral health need and their families will be referred to Wraparound and receive equitable, developmentally appropriate supports based on their individual needs.

Tiffany Lawrence explained to the Board that, for this grant, Broward County applies for the grant and contracts with BBHC for the services. Only governmental agencies are eligible to apply.

Motion: To send a letter from the CSB Chair supporting BBHC's application for OCP4 grant.

First: Joel Smith

Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

8. Liaison Reports

Advocacy

Sandra Veszi Einhorn is absent and will have a full report next month.

Behavioral Health

No Report

SEDNET

No Report

Broward Suicide Prevention Coalition

No Report.

Transitional Independent Living

Joel Smith reported that there was no meeting this month.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 7

Cassandra Evans discussed the respite issue and provided information about a potential location.

Ms. Evans discussed the new vision statement for the Department which was unveiled on February 1st.

Ms. Evans discussed the overutilization of 911 and the underutilization of other resources in the community. There are efforts under way to ensure a better system is implemented to triage these calls and either provide an answer or transfer the caller to the appropriate resource.

SNAC

No Report

9. New Business

None

10. Old Business

None

11. Public Comment

None

12. Good of the Order

Robert Mayersohn shared information from Parkland's Youth Ambassador Program. A survey of the emerging needs of youth in the community was completed. The top three needs were safety in school, substance abuse/vaping use, and mental health awareness.

Joel Smith shared that Nana's Place in Deerfield Beach place had been open since January 7th. Every week more than 115 households attend and they have distributed more than one ton of food every Saturday. It is open 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and everybody is invited. Joel will send Alex the flyer in 4 languages to share with the Board.

CPD Director Crenshaw notified the Board that on February 7th at the County Commission meeting the Administrative Code was amended and, as a result, there are now 6 divisions under Human Services. The Housing Option Support Solution Division, (HOSS-D) was created. The Community Partnership Division will now be comprised of Health Care Services and Children Services Administration. Joel Smith requested an organizational chart, which will be sent to the Board once the County has the new one.

Cassandra Evans commented that we came upon the 5th anniversary of the MSD tragedy that changed Broward County and urged the Board to continue working hard for the community.

13. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn CSB meeting at 11:01 A.M.

First: Cassandra Evans

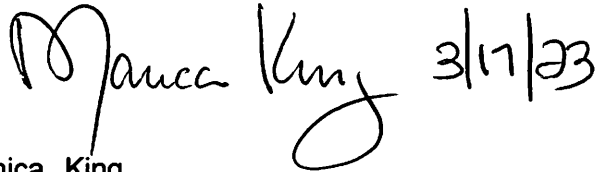
Second: Robert Mayersohn

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica King" followed by the date "3/17/23". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Monica King
Children's Services Board Secretary