

Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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Mayor Michael Udine and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners Broward County Governmental Center 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 421 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mayor Udine and Members of the Broward County Commission:

As the Chair of the Children's Services Board (CSB) and pursuant to the Broward County Advisory Board Policies, we are pleased to support funding recommendations as presented by the Human Services Department Community Partnerships Division, Children's Services Administration for Mental Health Services for Fiscal Year 2022. The CSB unanimously voted to support the recommendation at its meeting on October 15, 2021.

This funding allocation will help address critical needs in our community for Mental Health treatment for children and provide support services to their families. Approving this action will ensure the most effective and efficient use of currently budgeted resources to serve the greatest number of children by providers who have a proven record of accomplishments. These services were all competitively procured in accordance with established Division protocols.

The CSB strongly supports this recommendation and hopes that it will meet with the Commission's approval.

Please know that the CSB recognizes all that the Broward County Commission does to improve quality of life for children in our community. We greatly appreciate the Commission's steadfast support for services that adhere to high standards and lead to positive outcomes for children.

Sincerely,

Karen Swartzbaugh

Karen Swartzbaugh, Chair Broward County Children's Services Board

cc: Bertha Henry, County Administrator Tara Gaudin, HSD Director Darrell Cunningham, CPD Director LaToya Davenport, CSA Administrator

