

Indian River County Florida

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Children's Services Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes - Final

March 10, 2026

Committee Members

Miranda Swanson, Administrator Health Dept. Ex-Officio
David Bailey, District 1 Appointee
Michelle Morris, District 2 Appointee
Katie Mieras - District 3 Appointee
Jeffrey Andros- District 4 Appointee
Mariam Michael, District 5 Appointee
Amber Cerda – Member at Large
Hon. Rebecca White, Judge Circuit 19 Ex Officio

Bob McPartlan, DCF – Ex Officio
David Moore, IRCSSuperintendent
Doug DeMuth – Financial Appointee
Eric Flowers, Law Enforcement Ex Officio
Eric Seymour – Member at Large
Frank Isele – Hospital District Ex Officio
Lyndsey Samberg – Member at Large

Commissioner Susan Adams, BCC Liaison – Chair (Non Voting)

CSAC STAFF:

Cindy Emerson, IRC Community Services
Ms. Maya Miller, IRC Community Services
Megan Kendrick, IRC Human Services
Robert Catapano, Human Services
Kassi Dadufalza, Human Services
Ashley Baker, Children Services

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Katie Mieras called the meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL**

15 Voting Members / 9 for Quorum

Members Present

Bob McPartlan, DCF – Ex Officio, Vice Chair
Eric Flowers, Law Enforcement – Ex Officio
Miranda Swanson, Administrator Health Department – Ex Officio
Hon. Rebecca White, Judge Circuit 19 – Ex Officio
David Bailey, District 1 Appointee
Michelle Morris, District 2 Appointee
Katie Mieras, District 3 Appointee
Doug DeMuth, Accountant/Financial Appointee
Amber Cerda, Member at Large
Eric Seymour, Member at Large
Lyndsey Samberg, Member at Large

Members Absent:

Commissioner Susan Adams, BCC Liaison – Chair (Non Voting)
David Moore, IRSD Superintendent – Ex Officio
Frank Isele, Hospital District – Ex Officio
Jeffrey Andros, District 4 Appointee

Also Present:

Cindy Emerson, IRC Community Services
Ms. Maya Miller, IRC Community Services, Recording Secretary
Megan Kendrick, IRC Human Services
Robert Catapano, IRC Human Services
Kassi Dadufalza, IRC Human Services
Ashley Baker, IRC Children Services
Leah Finsie, IRC GIS
Bhavya Bellala, IRC GIS

3. **QUORUM WAS MET**

A quorum was established with 11 of 15 voting members present.

4. **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by **Bob McPartlan** and seconded by **Michelle Morris**, to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye 11 :

Opposed 0 :

6. **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Cindy Emerson, Community Services Director, handed the meeting over to Megan Kendrick to provide updates on the following areas. Kassi Dadufalza introduced herself to the committee.

- **Community Impact:** Updates on professional development opportunities and the Grant writing workshops that took place. Leah Finsie with IRC GIS provided an update on the new CSAC Data Viewer map which provides data by funding priorities and children/families served.
- **Communication and Engagement:** Highlights of current community engagement initiatives through the social media challenges and introduction of new committee members. Robert Catapano, Ashley Baker and Megan Kendrick provided updates regarding all of the activities which took place during Children's Week, including the Annual Golden Impact Awards. Announcement of the next Community Forum – April 22, 2026, at 3PM.
- **Fiscal Responsibility and Governance:** Overview of the Return on Investment and Parent Feedback and overview of the current drawdown report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Site Visit Update – Committee members shared their insights and feedback on completed site visits and CSAC staff encouraged members to attend the remaining sessions.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Quarter 1 Executive Summary as reported by Ashley Baker.
- Community Partners Presentation Schedule as presented by Mrs. Kendrick. Sheriff Flowers provided brief updates regarding Teen Court; an official Teen Court hearing hasn't happened as of yet.

9. **CSAC COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- Law Enforcement Data Update – Sheriff Flowers provided updates on law enforcement data with school-aged children that the Sheriff Office covers for January & February 2026.
- School District Data Update – None.

10. **CSAC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Needs Assessment Subcommittee – Next meeting April 29, 2026
- Grants Subcommittee – Next meeting March 24, 2026

11. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

No public comment.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

No further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21PM by Vice-Chair, Katie Mieras.

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2026, 3:00PM.

Prepared By Recording Secretary: Ms. Maya Miller